

Letter of Objection

Planning Application reference 323635

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Objection to Planning Application 323635 – Proposed Wind Farm and associated ground works on behalf of Garrane Green Energy Wind Farm Ltd at the Townlands of Garrane, Ballynagoul & Cregane, Co Limerick.

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I wish to object to the proposed wind farm and associated ground works by Garrane Green Energy Wind Farm Ltd ref case code 323635. My dwelling is just 1.2 KM from the proposed wind farm.

I am objecting on the grounds of
Environmental and Ecological Impact & Visual and Landscape Intrusion & Impact on local Roads and infrastructure & Noise-Shadow Flicker-Health Concerns.

Reason for Objection

Environmental and Ecological Impact

The proposed wind turbines and associated groundworks will have a big impact on the habitats of many Bird species both native and migratory and also many mammals -hares/foxes/badgers/bats/etc from the erecting phase to operation phase to maintenance thereafter due to noise level / Vibration and wind turbine bird collision from the 9 x 170M wind turbines. The building of substation and concrete bases as well as disturbance from the lorries/ Diggers/ Dumpers/Cranes when laying extensive internal roadways as well as two bridges. Will seriously affect local habitats and in particular wild life on and around Charleville Lagoons a well-known wild life sanctuary home to many wet land rear bird species. The disturbance to local landscape / drains etc, on the Zone A floodplain could cause serious issues and increase the risk of more severe flooding in the future which could affect homes / farm land and M 20 Cork to Limerick main roadway adjacent to Maigue bridge adjacent to Site entrance 2 to Wind Farm Entrance

Impact on Local Roads and infrastructure

The construction of approx. 5 km of internal road ways as well as 9 wind turbine concrete bases and 2 bridges as well as a substation will require a big volume of heavy lorry loads of stone and concrete as well as other material. There are many serious implications for traffic coming from M20 Limerick direction into Charleville which is already extremely busy or from Cork direction again through Charleville town to the L1537 Ballygoul to Bruree road. This minor road with many acute bends is unsuitable for HGV traffic – two cars going in opposite directions cannot pass each other presently on many parts of this road not to mention the extreme volume of HGV during construction phase and will cause disturbance and would be a serious health & safety risk to all local households and farmers.

Visual and Landscape Intrusion

Wind Turbine height of 170m x 9 would alter the beautiful rural landscape. These turbines will seriously alter the magnificent view and will dominate the skyline. Will be very visible from Charleville and surroundings villages / numerous houses / roads and scenic viewpoints much far beyond. They will be a distraction to motorists / tourists etc on the N20 and other roads.

Noise, Shadow Flicker, Health Concerns

As my residence is only 1.2 Km from the wind farm I am fearful of the health implications and wellbeing it may cause to my family members from noise from turning wind turbine blades to light flicker which would be unbearable both of whom could seriously affect our sleep pattern / health.

Conclusion

For the above reasons I would kindly request An Bord Pleanála to reject the planning application of Garrane Green Energy Wind Farm Case ref 323635

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