

**To:**

The Secretary,  
An Coimisiún Pleanála  
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**Garroose,**  
**Bruree,**  
**Co Limerick.**  
**V35E367**

**Date 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

**Case no: 323635**

**Re: Objection to Proposed Wind Farm Development: Garrane Green Energy windfarm**

Fee €50 enclosed

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed wind farm development comprising of nine turbines, each with a tip height of 170 metres, a rotor diameter of 150 metres, and a hub height of 95 metres, together with the proposed upgrade of existing access tracks in the vicinity of Garroose, Bruree, Co. Limerick.

My husband and I purchased our home in Garroose only last year. We chose this area because of its peaceful rural character, beautiful countryside views, and the sense of tranquillity that has always defined this community. The proposed development would have a devastating impact on our home, our quality of life, and the local environment.

**1. Residential Amenity and Property Value**

The scale and proximity of the proposed turbines will significantly reduce the visual and residential amenity of our property. The industrial nature of these turbines will dominate the landscape, resulting in the devaluation of our home – an investment we have only just made.

**2. Noise and Health Concerns**

I am already a very light and poor sleeper, a fact documented in my medical records. The noise generated by turbines, particularly at night, will further impact my health and well-being. This is a serious concern, especially as we are planning to start a family soon and are

deeply worried about the long-term effects of noise and vibration on our home environment.

### **3. Environmental and Wildlife Impact**

The area around Garroose and Bruree is home to a variety of local wildlife, including birds and small mammals. The construction and operation of turbines of this scale will disrupt these habitats, displace animals, and alter local biodiversity.

### **4. Traffic, Safety, and Disruption**

The proposed upgrade of access tracks and the associated construction traffic will lead to increased heavy vehicle movements on our narrow rural roads. This poses serious safety risks to residents, walkers, and pets. My family and I regularly walk our dogs along these roads, and this project would cause daily disruption and anxiety.

### **5. Cumulative and Social Impact**

This proposal, if approved, would destroy the peaceful rural character of our community and cause significant emotional and social distress to local residents. The mental strain and uncertainty caused by this proposal have already affected my ability to sleep and my general well-being.

### **6. Alternatives**

Wind energy is an important part of Ireland's renewable future, but developments of this magnitude should be located offshore or in remote upland areas, as originally intended for wind energy policy in Ireland. This would allow for renewable energy generation without sacrificing the peace, safety, and environmental integrity of rural communities like ours.

In light of the above, I respectfully urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to **refuse permission** for this proposed wind farm development. The scale, location, and impacts of this project are wholly inappropriate for a rural residential area such as Garroose, Bruree.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objection.

Yours faithfully,

**Jacqueline and Kieran O Rourke**

Garroose, Bruree, Co. Limerick