

Ballynanty Farm  
Carronview  
Ballynanty  
Bruff  
Co Limerick  
V35 TH22

16/11/2025

To whom it concerns

**Observation/ Objection to Greensource Wind “farm’ Ballinlee, Co Limerick: Ref 323780**

We object to the above planning application and make the following observations,

**Lack of consultation, information or engagement with the local community by the developer**

We live and farm in Ballynanty, Bruff. We listen to local media, we follow local social media, our children play sports locally, we are members of the IFA, our family has lived and worked here for 4 generations. We are active, engaged members of the local community and yet the first we knew of these plans was when a planning sign went up at the end of the road applying for permission to put up wind turbines in our view that are three times the height of Kilmallock church and, surprisingly given the complete lack of any engagement/ consultation, to dig up the road running through our farm land and put a high power cable down it.

A quick check online suggests that Greensource has “engaged’ with the local community around Bruff via the work of their Community liaison officer doing art competitions/ exhibitions with children in Bruff primary school/ the Hunt museum in early 2024. This type of tick box “engagement” with the local community is not respectful engagement: Getting local primary school children to agree that fossil fuels are running out and bad is not engagement. Engagement would be providing proper, accurate, information, meeting people who live and work in the area, and in our case, own the land, that Greensource has decided to impact. Greensource claims on their website that their strength is ‘developing strong relationships by upholding the principles of respectful interaction with landowners, communities and local authorities, this is not true, unless it only applies to the people who have agreed to lease their land to them.

**No permission for access to our land under the road**

We own the land on both sides of the road in Ballynanty (road number L1412, folio numbers LK 26870 and LK 59998F and therefore maps show that we own the land underneath the road: We have never been approached to give permission for this land to be surveyed/ dug up / a cable put under it and we will not give permission for a private company and individuals to do so for their own profit.

### **Disturbance and Destruction of the Environment & Biodiversity**

Alongside the negative impact on the area immediately surrounding the turbines, which we object to, the route apparently planned for the cable, through our land, will be passing the heritage limestone walls and ancient hedgerows on our farm. The exceptional biodiversity - wildflowers, birds, animals - of our, organic, farm was noted by Farming for Nature in 2024 (when their representative described it as a "jewel of biodiversity"). We believe that, getting through the large amount of limestone rock at the surface in Ballynanty and the heavy machinery and excavation required would damage these walls as well as the pipes and land drainage channels passing from our land under the road. Greensource has never made any contact with us about any of these issues.

Further, there is a flock of Whooper swans that fly past our house at dawn and dusk every day of Autumn and Winter. They are en-route from Lough Gur to the wet land near Athlacca (the site of the wind turbines it seems) flying the same course, year after year.

These are the same swans whose habits and habitats were considered so important by the Department of Agriculture that in 2014-2020 that we were excluded from joining GLAS (Green Low-carbon Agri-environment Scheme) farming scheme, despite being Organic farmers who met all other criteria for the scheme. The reason for this was that the Whooper swans' grazing area (our farm that they fly over) had to be undisturbed by agricultural activity (ie machinery and livestock) for 5 months of the year (which was not viable for us). The construction of these huge turbines, their connection via miles and miles of cabling to the grid and their operation will last much longer than 5 months and will have a far bigger negative impact than our tractor moving bales or cattle in a field. It surely can't be that one government department (the Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine) have such concern for the habits and maintenance of habitats of indigenous wildlife in our unique area but then another government agency, within a few years, would allow such a huge, destructive impact on the same birds and environment? (And not for the greater good, or for a strategic development by a state body but rather to allow a private company in Adare and a private, foreign supplier and private landowners to profit ... and then, because this is where they've managed to find some landowners who agree to lease them their land, now they have to justify the location, despite it previously being considered an important habitat).

### **Devaluation of our property and the impact on succession of our fourth generation Farm**

The route for the cable passes every acre of road frontage that we own, we have three sons who will farm the area in the future (as the last three generations of our family have). From what we understand - and as outlined above, there has been no engagement or information from Greensource whatsoever, leaving only rumour and apprehension for people about what is about to happen to the quality of their lives, their views, their businesses - the cable would 'sterilise' all of the area it passes through for planning permission. Not only does that negatively impact the value of our property it also affects the future viability of the farm unit: as the cable bisects the farm and would, apparently, rule out future farmers, our children, applying for planning permission to build and live on the farm. A cable would also stop, or hugely increase the cost of, a road underpass for livestock between our fields on opposite sides of the road in the future. This again damages the value of our property and the potential for the continued development of the farm by our sons.

To conclude, the wind turbines seem to be being suggested for our area because they are convenient for an Adare company but without actually impacting their own back yard (why not

have the turbines up around Adare/ Adare manor etc if there is no issue with them?) And because they've got a few landowners more concerned about profit for themselves than the local environment and the quality of life of their neighbours. Giant wind turbines should be up the side of barren mountains or out at sea. Not pock marking the countryside at random, next to peoples houses and without any sort of national level strategic plan to improve or enrich the country or local area but rather wherever private companies and landowners seek to get way with them (and tick a box at national level regarding alternative energy).

Regards,  
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