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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this submission not just as a formality, but as a deeply concerned member of the Bruff community. The proposal to construct 17 industrial-scale wind turbines in our area has caused enormous worry, stress, and genuine fear for the future of our homes, our children, and the place we love. While I fully support renewable energy, this development threatens to permanently change our community in ways that no amount of mitigation can undo.

For many of us, our homes are our only major asset—built or bought with decades of hard work. The prospect of towering turbines overlooking these homes brings a real risk of significant property devaluation. This is not a minor concern; it threatens people's financial stability, retirement plans, and the ability to pass something on to their children. No family should be left facing such losses for a project they did not ask for and do not benefit from.

Families in Bruff want their children to grow up here, to stay close to their roots, and to build homes of their own. But large-scale turbines inevitably create planning restriction zones that make it harder—or in some cases impossible—for locals to secure permission to build. This threatens the natural growth of the community and risks turning Bruff into a place where young people are pushed out by planning decisions made to accommodate an industrial wind farm rather than local needs.

Shadow flicker is more than an inconvenience; it is an intrusion into daily life. Yet the assessments typically only consider the windows of a house and ignore gardens, patios, and the outdoor spaces where families spend so much of their lives. The idea of strobing shadows sweeping across a child's play area or a family's garden is deeply upsetting. Our gardens are not luxuries—they are extensions of our homes, especially in rural Ireland, and they deserve the same consideration.

The developer has projected over 170 heavy vehicle movements per day during construction is alarming. Our rural roads are narrow, fragile, and simply not designed for this level of industrial traffic. We fear not only physical road destruction but the danger posed to pedestrians, school children, farmers, cyclists, and ordinary road users. Even when restoration is promised, the community is often left with roads that never return to their original condition. We will be the ones living with the damage long after the project is finished.

One of the greatest treasures of the Bruff area is its wildlife: bats, birds, and the many species that rely on our hedgerows, fields, and woodlands. The construction of turbines, access routes, cable trenches, and associated infrastructure threatens to shatter these habitats. We are at real risk of losing parts of our local ecosystem forever. Once a habitat is destroyed, it cannot simply be put back.

Perhaps the most emotional concern of all is the potential impact on the health and wellbeing of our children. Noise, low-frequency sound, and shadow flicker are not just nuisances—they can be genuinely distressing, especially for children with sensory difficulties or special needs. Parents in our community are terrified of what constant disturbance could mean for their children's sleep, behaviour, concentration, and overall wellbeing. No family should be forced to endure such uncertainty in their own home.

The people of Bruff are not opposed to renewable energy. We are opposed to developments that put disproportionate strain on rural communities—developments that risk our homes, our health, our roads, our wildlife, and the future of our children.

This proposal does not respect the scale, character, or wellbeing of our community. The potential harms are too great, too permanent, and too personal.

For all of these reasons, I respectfully and strongly urge the planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed wind turbine development.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the voices and fears of the people who call Bruff home.

Kind regards,

Doreen Farrell.