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The Secretary  
An Coimisun Pleanala  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1

**RE: Planning Observation Case Number 323780**

**Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Construction of 17 Wind Turbines (160m height, 70m blade diameter) by Ballinlee Green Energy in the Bruff, Dromin, and Athlacca Area, in County Limerick**

Dear Secretary,

We wish to formally object to the proposed wind farm development in the Bruff, Dromin, and Athlacca Area for the following reasons:

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### **1. Health Grounds – Impact on Our Autistic Son**

We are the parents of a 19-year-old son who is autistic and highly sensitive to loud and persistent noises. While we acknowledge expert claims that modern turbines produce less mechanical noise than older models, what is conveniently overlooked is the sound generated by the wind passing through the blades.

We live just one kilometre from the nearest proposed turbine. The low-frequency humming produced by wind interacting with the blades is not unlike the deep vibrations felt in the chest when exposed to loud rock music. This type of sound is extremely distressing for our son and poses a serious risk to his wellbeing.

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### **2. Lack of Strategic Planning in National Wind Farm Deployment**

We strongly object to the apparent lack of joined-up thinking in how the government is supporting wind farm development nationally. The current approach allows developers to enter communities, provide minimal consultation, and often mislead or divide residents.

We question why wind farms are not being located in more suitable areas such as on our shorelines – there are plenty shore area that are not populated, and not tourist beaches. Why aren't they being used?

Is it down to cost and the necessary road infrastructure? Why then not choose the Bog of Allen, where land is available along with a robust road system. in a less densely populated area or similar in an offshore

We also question the actual output of existing wind farms and whether they are delivering on their intended energy targets. It seems like successive governments care more about being seen by Europe to have some form of green policy, without ever thinking strategically about it.

While we fully support the need for a green energy strategy, the current model being promoted is, in our view, deeply flawed and unsustainable.

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### **3. Inadequate Community Consultation**

We object to the lack of meaningful consultation by the developers in our community. Despite living just over one kilometre from the nearest turbine, we received no direct communication. Meanwhile, individuals living many miles away—who are less likely to object—were informed.

This raises serious concerns about the integrity of the consultation process. Offering meetings with only one or two individuals from the same household does not constitute genuine community engagement. Such closed-door discussions suggest an attempt to avoid broader scrutiny and dissent.

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### **Conclusion**

We urge the relevant authorities to reconsider the proposed development in light of the serious health, strategic, and procedural concerns outlined above.

Thanking you for your consideration.

Yours Faithfully,

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