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An Coimisiún Pleanála.  
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Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Ballinlee Wind Farm – Co. Limerick

Reference: An Coimisiún Pleanála Case Ref. PAX91.323780

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a parent to object to the proposed installation of 17 wind turbines in the Bruff Athlacca area. While I understand and support the need for renewable energy, the location and scale of this development make it completely unsuitable for a family area like ours.

I am writing to formally object to the proposed 17-turbine windfarm in the Bruff/Athlacca area. I am a farmer whose property lies along the planned cable route for this development, and I have significant concerns about the direct impact this project will have on my farm and family life.

The construction and installation of the turbines and associated cabling will cause major disruption to everyday farming operations. The heavy traffic associated with construction will interfere with the movement of tractors, livestock, and other essential machinery. Farm work is seasonal and time-sensitive, and such disruption could result in delays that affect crop yields and livestock care.

Noise and vibration from turbines, especially during their operation, will also impact the welfare of my cattle. Stress caused by constant noise can lead to lower milk yields, slower weight gain, and general health issues, directly affecting the economic viability of the farm. Noise from the construction of a cable route can negatively impact dairy cows, especially during the last three months of pregnancy and the calving season. Loud or persistent noise can increase stress levels in pregnant cows, potentially leading to complications, lower birth weights, or premature calving. New born calves may experience difficulty bonding with their mothers, which can reduce colostrum intake and early survival. Stress from noise can also reduce milk yield in lactating cows. Careful scheduling and noise mitigation during these critical periods are essential to protect animal welfare and farm productivity.

As a family farm, this project will also severely restrict the ability of my young children to play safely and for our family to carry out normal daily routines. The presence of large construction vehicles, ongoing maintenance traffic, and the turbines themselves will create a hazardous environment, making ordinary farm life and family life much more difficult.

Additionally, the cable line and construction activity will impose long-term restrictions on building and land use on my farm. Future expansions, improvements, or modifications will be limited, restricting the growth and sustainability of our family farm for generations to come.

In summary, the proposed windfarm will cause significant disruption to farm operations, endanger livestock welfare, and negatively affect family life on my property. I therefore strongly object to this project and request that planning permission be refused.

Yours sincerely,

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Karen and Gerard Murnane.