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To whom it concerns:

I am writing to object to the planning application by Greensource/Ballinlee Green Energy (Case reference: PAX91.323780) for an industrial wind farm development located in Ballincurra, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

The proposed project will completely alter a part of Limerick that consists mainly of prime agricultural land suited mainly to rearing cattle and horses. Wind turbines that cast shadow flicker and emit continuous noise are known to have a detrimental effect on dairy and beef farming as well as any horse-related activity, be it training, breeding or leisure riding.

In addition to this, the Corcasses in North Camas, provides habitat for a variety of waterfowl that breed there as well as those that inhabit the Corcasses as wintering grounds such as whooper swans, various kinds of ducks, rails and waders. In addition to the risk of birds being struck by the blades, the mere presence of wind turbines in the vicinity, will make the Corcasses less attractive as bird habitat. Assurances that these birds can be accommodated with alternative roosting wetlands ring hollow.

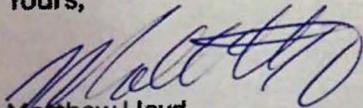
Seventeen wind turbines in the vicinity will alter the rural charm and character of the area for the rest of my life as well as that of many other local people who live closer to the proposed development. Contrary to the messages put out by the promoters, the turbines will be visible from the hill over Lough Gur and from many parts of the county. These massive obtrusive structures have no place in the area.

While is it true that a view won't feed a family, the destruction of a view should not be allowed to blight the lives of the residents of this special part of County Limerick. People who are driven to move away will find it difficult to sell their houses and cannot be expected to realise the value of the property prior to the development.

Considering the tonnage of materials required for the construction of access roads and turbine bases, it is difficult to believe that the lands will be restored to their original condition after the turbines become obsolete.

I urge you to reject this application.

Yours,

  
Matthew Lloyd