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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.

Our home is situated just over 950 metres from one of the proposed turbines. That is far too close to a family home with young children. The noise, movement, and constant presence of such large structures would create an environment that is neither safe nor suitable for children to grow up in.

One of our main concerns is shadow flicker from the proposed turbine positions. While our home itself will remain protected from this effect, our gardens will be directly exposed to repetitive flashing light as the turbine blades rotate during parts of the day. Such disturbance is known to cause stress, anxiety, and discomfort, and for young children, it can be particularly unsettling. It is deeply troubling to think that our outdoor spaces—where our family spends time together—could be negatively affected in this way.

Outside, the situation is no better. The garden — where our children currently spend most of their time playing — will be overshadowed by the visual presence and noise of the turbines. Between the low-level hum, the movement of the blades, and the constant awareness of what's looming overhead, it will no longer be a safe or relaxing place for them to play. Every parent wants their children to have the freedom to play outdoors, but this development would take that away from us.

In addition to this, the turbines' proximity raises serious concerns about noise disturbance, particularly at night. Young children need a calm, quiet environment to sleep well, and the low-frequency sounds from turbines—combined with the flashing lights and moving shadows—will make restful sleep impossible. This is not something families should have to endure in their own homes.

The emotional and psychological impact of such a change cannot be ignored. We moved to this area to raise our children in a peaceful rural environment surrounded by nature. The installation of 17 industrial-scale turbines would permanently alter that landscape and destroy the sense of safety and wellbeing that is so vital for families with young children.

While renewable energy is important, it should not come at the cost of children's health, safety, and quality of life. Families deserve protection from developments that would make their homes and gardens unliveable.

For the sake of our children and the future of this community, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse permission for this development.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Browne.