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I wish to make an observation on the planning application by Greensource/Ballinlee Green Energy (Case reference: PAX91.323780) for a 17-turbine wind farm project located in Ballincurra, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

The proposed development will have an irreversible impact on an area in County Limerick known for its rural character and pastoral charm.

It is hard to believe that anyone would contemplate an industrial project such as the one proposed by Ballinlee Green Energy in an area of prime farmland.

Development of the wind farm will cause massive disruption on our roads and upon completion, people in the area will have their lives blighted by these massive industrial machines for decades. Should they decide to move, they will find that the value of their homes greatly reduced and the proceeds from such sales nowhere close to the value of comparable houses in other parts of the country.

The project will disturb wildlife in the area particularly waterfowl wintering in the Corcasses near Camas North once the turbines are in place.

I have observed barn owls in the area. If this project goes ahead, they will suffer from the added pressure on their environment. The only reason they are not likely to be killed by the turbine blades is that they would probably not remain in the area; nevertheless, those blades may be expected to kill plenty of birds and bats.

Ballinlee/Greensource claim to have engaged with the community but refused to hold a public information meeting and elected to meet members of the community on an individual basis. This does not suggest good-faith engagement with the community.

Ballinlee/Greensource's undertaking to cover the hardstands with "soil to match the existing" landscape upon decommissioning is not credible.

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