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**To:** An Coimisiun Pleanala,

**Re:** Objection to the Proposed Balinlee Wind Farm, County Limerick.

**Applicant:** Balinlee Green Energy Ltd.

**Planning Reference:** PAXX91.323780

**Date:** 13/11/2025

I wish to object to the proposed development by Balinlee Green Energy Ltd. for the construction of a wind farm comprising 17 turbines and associated infrastructure at Balinlee, County Limerick. I acknowledge the need for renewable energy sources, but this proposal is not suitable for this area for many reasons.

The proposed development is too large for this rural setting, within close a proximity of too many homes, schools and businesses. The height, number and size of these turbines will have a huge negative impact on the beautiful area we live in. It will take the peace, quiet and beauty of the area that we love. I enjoy the beautiful view we have from our home. I sit in the evening and watch the sun set over Balinlee. We won't be able to enjoy these views any longer if these towering turbines are installed.

I work from home, and this development will have an impact on my ability to continue to earn a living here. The additional noise and road traffic during development will disrupt my quiet working environment. I am also concerned that the constant noise from the turbines will impact my ability to work. We will have 5 turbines within 2km of our home.

The development will impact the wonderful wildlife that are flourishing in this area. We have had a family of foxes living behind our house for the past 14 years. We see them regularly. My kids look every year to see if new babies have arrived. We have bats living near us and we see them each evening as dusk arrives. They fly up and down along by our hedge. At this time of the year, we see pheasants. They come in around our garden and are beautiful to watch.

And only since this summer, I have been lucky enough to see a barn owl flying along by our home, heading in the direction of Balinlee.

These animals, along with many others, deserve to have their habits preserved.

I have 4 children of school going age. I feel the impact of the large traffic volumes that the development of these turbines will create will make the area unsafe for my children. I walk and run around the area of Balinlee daily. This will no longer be possible if this development goes ahead. The area will be too dangerous. This will have negative impacts on my physical and mental health. The high volumes of HGV's passing through the area is not acceptable.

The value of our homes will be impacted. There is significant evidence to show that the value of homes near wind turbine farms fall sharply. We should not have to bear the financial burden of a decision we had no control over. The decline of the area is then inevitable as people move away from these huge

turbines. This could have negative impacts on our children's future as they will no longer have a vibrant area to live in. I am concerned that the companies who own this wind farm will object to future planning in our area for their own benefit. This will have huge impacts on our future here.

I am concerned that there is no up to date planning guidelines for wind turbine farms. These wind farms are being planned in vast quantities in areas that are not suitable and are not wanted. The golden vale area where we live is known for it's rich farming lands. Using this land as an industrial area is bad planning. No planning permission should be granted to any wind farms until a full review of their actual benefits vs risks is completed along with reviewing where the best locations are.

Lastly, Balinlee Green Energy declined to have any open conversations with the community on this planning project. There was no real consultation with the people who will have to live with these structures into the future. All knowledge of this project was kept under wraps for as long as possible to avoid objections being made. This shows a lack of concern by Balinlee Green Energy Ltd. for the people living here.

These concerns, along with the many health impacts are the basis for my objection.

I strongly urge that this development be rejected for the reasons outlined above.

Signed:  
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