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Co. Limerick  
V35 PW14

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 irreversibly 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. Whatever 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. Proposals to provide alternative roosting grounds for whooper swans that have roosted in the Corcasses for millenia are patently unrealistic.

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 promotors, 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.

The proposed wind farm will blight the lives of the residents of this special part of County Limerick. People in the immediate area can expect to experience shadow flicker and noise but will find it difficult to sell their homes as values decline given the proximity of industrial activity.

The volume of materials required for the construction of access roads and turbine bases mean that the local roads will be overwhelmed with heavy goods traffic, posing a safety hazard and further disrupting the lives of local people. Considering the tonnage of materials required for the construction of access roads and turbine bases, it is difficult to believe that the sites will be restored to their original condition after the turbines become obsolete.

I urge you to reject this application.

Yours,

Patrick Lloyd