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I wish to object to the granting of planning permission to Ballinlee Green Energy Ltd, case reference PAX91. 323780.

I have lived in this vibrant rural community in the Golden Vale for over 60 years. People commute from this locality to Limerick city, Charleville, Mitchelstown and further afield for work. This is not an isolated area. These gigantic turbines, if allowed to be erected, will destroy the visual amenity outside our back door. The spire on O'Connell Street in Dublin is 120 meters high. The proposed height of these monstrous turbines is 160 m.

The area near the proposed erection site of turbines 1 to 5 inclusive, is a flood plain and can be flooded for up to 6 months at a time, depending on the rainfall. When it floods, this area becomes home to many wildlife birds including swans, sea gulls, ducks, and other species. How many of these wildlife species will be killed by these rotating turbines?

The noise generated by these turbines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, will be unbearable and cause health issues and sleep deprivation. Shadow flicker is also a big concern.

The roads here are not designed or built for the size of construction traffic that will be inflicted on us, if this project gets the go ahead. We live on R516, and the road is 5.2 meters wide in front of our house. With the volume of trucks going in both directions and the weight of the loads they will be transporting, this road and verge will be ruined, further

destroying the environment for the wildlife and creating a real danger for children and everyone living on the road.

As 3 of these proposed turbines would be within 1 km of our home, the value of our property and that of all our neighbors, will be greatly reduced. No one will move into this area. Are Ballinlee Green Energy Ltd prepared to compensate us for our loss? We have spent our working lives paying a mortgage and now face having a worthless property.

What effect will the construction of these turbines have on the water table in our locality? Will private wells and water schemes be affected, and if so, who will be responsible for making good any issues that may arise?

I am secretary of the Boherard Group Water Scheme which supplies 37 homes with water, in this locality. We have a ground water source which is approximately 50 meters deep. Our pumphouse is about 1.25 km from the nearest proposed turbine. How can Ballinlee Green Energy Ltd ensure that any work e.g. excavations, blasting and foundations for these turbines will not affect the quality and volume of water we now receive?

Boherard Group Water Scheme was established in the mid 1960's. There is about 3.5 km of watermain piping in the soft margin of the R516 and R511. If the planning application is granted, there will be a huge increase in the number of heavy goods vehicles on these rural roads. The underground water pipes will inevitably leak from the additional weight of these vehicles as the HGV's will be forced into the verge, when they are passing each other. Who is going to pay for the repairs which will need to be carried out?

I feel very strongly that this development should be rejected, for the reasons I have outlined.

Kind regards,

Seamus Clifford