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The Secretary
An Coimisiun Pleanala
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Submitted by: Seamus Hourigan, Ballinstona North, Dromin, Co. Limerick V35 KC91

Re: The proposed development known as Ballinlee Green Energy Limited, for 17 no. wind turbines, a permanent 110kv substation, grid connection and ancillary development. Located in Ballincurra, ,Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare and other townlands in County Limerick.

An Coimisiun Pleanala - Case Ref: PAX91.323780

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I'm writing to formally object to the above referenced planning application (Case ref. 323780).

I understand the need for renewable energy, and I understand the need for addressing climate change.

Community Engagement:

The closest turbine to my home will be approximately 1250 metres, we got no notification or letter from Ballinlee Green Energy Limited regarding this project Case 323780. No Community Engagement whatsoever.

Our Amenity Our Health:

We enjoy fabulous views of the Golden Vale from our home, we can see the beautiful Galtee mountains, the Ballyhoura mountain range & we can see Knockfierna. We have a fabulous sunset view from our home which will now be destroyed by 17 industrialised turbines up to 160 meters high if they are granted. Shadow flicker will cause disturbance to my family and our enjoyment in the garden. Our spectacular views of Rathcannon Castle will be diminished.

17 visible turbines will light up the dark sky with beacon lights. The proximity of a massive windfarm to my home would result in an unpleasant living environment.

The Proposed Wind Farm poses unacceptable risk to our health, safety and wellbeing.

We are going to be significantly impacted by all elements of this development from the construction stage that's going to bring congested traffic with large volumes of HGVs through Bruff, Dromin and Athlacca. Excavation noise and blasting noise will create significant disturbance for us and the excavation will cause excessive dust pollution into the air. The proposed Mast is very close to my home, this will create constant wind turbulence. We live in a very peaceful rural area; enjoyment of our home will be destroyed. The Visual impact is inconsistent with landscape Policy Objectives in the County Development Plan.

Impact On Property Value:

17 large turbines near our home with 11 turbines less than 2.5kms away will devalue our property. Our house is our financial bond for my family and if this project is granted it will make our home worthless.

I am concerned about obtaining planning permission in the area for my children and the generations to come.

Traffic Congestion- My Commute to work:

The roads in our area are not suitable or capable of taking the volume of heavy trucks. I use the R512 north bound to commute to work daily, the proposed grid connection route will play a large disruption to my daily commute. This disruption will cause extra stress on us and our family.

Wildlife:

The Bruff-Dromin-Athlacca area is part of the migratory path and wintering grounds for Whooper Swans. These birds are highly sensitive to disturbance and habitat alteration. Wind turbines have been shown to:

Disrupt flight paths, increase risk of collision mortality, cause long-term habitat displacement. The proposed development lies within proximity to wetlands and agricultural fields commonly used by Whooper Swans for feeding and roosting.

Visual Impact & Dominance:

The Golden Vale is a significant cultural and historical landscape, and this proposal would begin to change this character, diminishing its cultural value.

Failure to cumulatively assess the project alongside the Garrane Wind Farm CASE Ref 323635. Insufficient cumulative assessment between Ballinlee and Garrane Windfarms.

Visual Distraction:

17 Large Industrial wind turbines will be a total distraction to drivers especially along the R512 in Uregare where it's an accident hot spot.

Conclusion:

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that An Coimisiun Pleanala **refuse** this application. This application is not appropriate or in the Public Interest and should be refused.

Yours sincerely,

Seamus Hourigan