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Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Ballinlee Wind Farm – Co. Limerick

Reference: An Coimisiún Pleanála Case Ref. PAX91.323780

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of my family to formally object to the proposed installation of 17 wind turbines in the Bruff area. While we fully support the transition to renewable energy, this particular development is not appropriate for our community. Its scale, location, and the disruption it will cause make it unsuitable for a small, family-centred rural area like ours.

We chose to raise our young children here because of the peace, safety, and sense of community that Bruff offers. This is where we hoped to build a secure, happy life surrounded by nature and good neighbours. The noise, construction, and increased traffic that this project will bring will make it extremely difficult for families—especially those with babies and small children—to live comfortably.

We are especially worried about the heavy traffic associated with this development. Deliveries of turbine components are expected to take place at night, involving convoys of large trucks on narrow country roads. The noise, vibration, and bright lights from these night time deliveries will disturb families' sleep and frighten small children, shattering the peace of what is now a quiet, safe place to live. The increase in traffic also raises serious safety concerns for families who walk or drive along these roads daily.

As local business owners, we are deeply concerned about how this will affect our livelihood. Our business depends on local families and new people moving into the area. If this development goes ahead, it will discourage new housing and drive people away, leaving fewer customers and fewer opportunities to keep our business going. When people stop building homes or moving to the area, small local businesses like ours suffer first — and that has a lasting effect on the entire community.

This project will make it harder for young people to see a future here. Many families, including our own, have worked hard to build a home and a stable life in Bruff. The presence of 17 enormous turbines towering over the countryside will not only devalue properties but also take away the very reasons why people choose to live and raise families here in the first place.

The environmental damage is another major concern. The area is home to Whooper Swans, a protected species whose main habitats and flight paths overlap with the proposed sites for

turbines T1 to T5. These swans are extremely sensitive to noise, light, and movement, and placing turbines so close to their feeding and resting areas could displace them entirely.

We also have Red Squirrels in the area — another legally protected species under UK and European conservation law. The construction and operation of the turbines would lead to habitat loss, fragmentation, and disturbance, further threatening their already vulnerable population. Losing these animals would not only harm biodiversity but also take away something truly special for our children and future generations.

Beyond the environmental and economic effects, many residents feel that the consultation process has not been fair or transparent. People feel ignored, and that decisions are being made without proper local input or understanding of what this means for families and small businesses.

For the sake of our children, our livelihoods, and the future of this community, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse permission for this development. Renewable energy must be pursued responsibly and fairly — not at the expense of the people, wildlife, and families who already live and work here.

Yours sincerely,

Tiernan Ryan.