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**The Secretary,
An Coimisiun Pleanála
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Re: 10-year planning permission for Ballinlee Wind Farm consisting of 17 no. wind turbines, a permanent 110kV substation, underground electric cabling systems between the wind farm site and connection point at existing Killonan 220/110kV substation, and ancillary development. Located in Ballincurra, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

OBJECTION TO BALLINLEE WIND FARM Case Reference: PAX91.323780

Dear Secretary of An Coimisiun Pleanála

My name is Aidan and I am 10 years old. I am in fourth class at Scoil Dean Cussen, Bruff, Co. Limerick and I am not happy to hear that a big windfarm might be built close to my school and to my home.

These are the reasons that I think this windfarm is ridiculous and should not be built here.

Number 1. See my pictures below .

Our town is a small town in a lovely green area. It is very near Lough Gur and Grange Stone Circle. These are ancient historical sites.

- In case you don't know, Grange stone circle is the largest Stone Circle in Ireland, 45 meters in diameter with 113 standing stones!
- Lough Gur is one of Ireland's most important archaeology sites. Humans have lived there for 5 thousand years.
- There are megalithic tombs there, my favourite is called the Giants Grave.
- The lough gur shield was found by there too. It was made in the Bronze age and is roughly 2725 years old. It is now on display in the National Museum of Ireland, so worth a look.

- Not only that but my mum told me that there are two Giant Irish Deer in Trinity College Dublin. They were both found in Lough Gur and Wikipedia says Lough Gur has the highest and most well preserved number of Giant Irish Deer finds in the world!
- Bruff is also a famous town because Thomas Fitzgerald left from Bruff in 1852 and he was the great grandfather of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th president of the United States!

Why would anyone want to build massive turbines here and ruin this very special place? No tourists will want to come here anymore and it won't be a special place to live. You should come visit before any turbines are built because nobody will want to visit our area when there is 17 gigantic turbines , 40 meters higher than the spire in Dublin.

Number 2.

I am not against good advances being made. I study STEM (Science Technology, Engineering Maths). I am interested in technology and space. In the tech world new things are happening at a very fast pace and I think technology will make these wind turbines, out of date in a short time. I read that in China, wind energy is being captured by kites now. These kites harness wind energy without disturbing humans, animals or ruining the environment to build them. Has the damage done to the environment shipping these over here, transporting them, wrecking our hedgerows getting them here, pouring tons of concrete to hold them up been factored in? When these 17 turbines are no longer used which could be before they even get operational, disposing of them will cause even more damage to our environment. These don't sound environmentally friendly to me.

Number 3.

Our school is a green flag school and we had an engine idling campaign last year. We do lots of things to protect the environment already. We have recently put solar panels on top of our school and the roof of our house at home. At home we grow our own vegetables and harvest rain water for our garden, we are looking into harvesting rain water for our whole house now. We are doing all of this without damaging anyone or anything. People and towns should be helped to be more environmentally friendly. I wonder if the owners of these windfarms care about the environment or do they only care about making money? Have you check out their green credentials?

Number 4.

Some of my friends in school are worried about turbines being very close to their homes and I worry about them too. For example, they took a picture of my best friend's house and put it in their application and it shows 5 or 6 turbines behind his house. Why does somebody else get to decide what happens to my friends' home and his life? He is a child, and children have rights too. Has anyone asked him or any of the other kids what they think? We need you to protect children's rights and our health and sleep and mental health. People say there is no proof that turbines cause health problems. I say ask the animals. Wild animals won't live near turbines so humans should not be forced to either.

Why would anyone take the risk of damaging children? If the government really wants to turbines, build them out at sea. We are living on an island after all.

I have lots of other things to say about birds and noise during construction and water displacement , but I have run out of time.

I really hope you can do something to stop this happening.

From
Aidan McCarthy



Grange Stone Circle



Lough Gur Shield Bronze Age



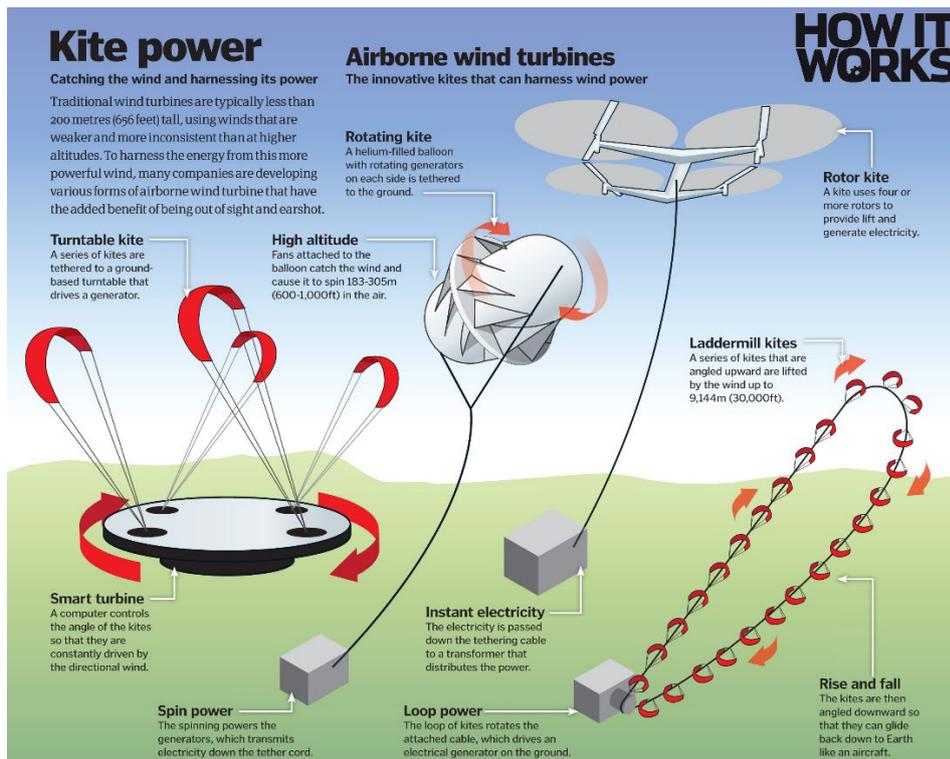
The Giants Grave Megalithic Tomb Lough Gur



Giant Red Deer found in Lough Gur



JFK great grandson of Thomas Fitzgerald Bruff



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