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Case Reference: PAX91.323780

Date: 16TH November 2025,

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, Ballingayroure, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camass North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

To whom it may concern,

I **Brian Tierney** write in connection with the above listed planning application at Ballincurra, Ballingayroure, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camass North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

I am writing to formally **object to the above planning application for the construction of a wind farm at the above locations.** While I recognise the importance of renewable energy and the need to transition towards sustainable sources, I believe this particular proposal is unsuitable for the following reasons:

1. Harm to Local Wildlife and Habitats

- **Bird and bat fatalities:** Large turbines are known to cause significant bird and bat collisions, especially for raptors, migratory species- geese, and low-flying bats common in rural areas.
- **Habitat loss and fragmentation:** Construction access roads, excavation, and cable trenches destroy or fragment habitats used by mammals, ground-nesting birds, reptiles, and insects.

2. Impact on Landscape Character and Visual Amenity

- **Significant visual intrusion** in a rural or scenic landscape where the natural views are part of the area's identity. It will feel intrusive and stop our beautiful landscape as this was one of the reasons we choose our home
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- *Industrialisation of the countryside, changing the character of the area and reducing its value for residents, visitors, and walkers.*

3. Noise and Health Concerns

- *Low-frequency turbine noise (infrasound) will disturb me and my neighbours, particularly in such a quiet rural location of ours, where these wind turbines are trying to be built in areas such as mine.*
- *I get up early in the morning approximately 5am so a good night's sleep is imperative to me, so as I can carry out my duties in a hospital that I work in.*
- *Noise from the substation, including humming from transformers and switching equipment.*
- *It may cause tension and arguments between family members –as there are anxiety issues in a family member and this will certainly cause a lot of disruption in my family unit, as keeping things calm in my houses*
- *hold is imperative.*

4. Ecological Damage During Construction

- *Heavy machinery and traffic will disturb wildlife and cause soil compaction.*
- *Drainage and watercourse disruption, potentially harming amphibians and wetland species, which we are surrounded with fortunately for all wild life in my area.*
- *Vegetation clearing needed for trenching, crane pads, and turbine bases.*
- *CARBON FOOTPRINT- all this equipment is been transferred over 1000's of miles and then concrete which is not carbon free – increasing carbon emissions.*

5. Impact on Agriculture

- *Loss of grazing or farmland due to access roads, cabling routes, and turbine foundations.*
- *Disruption to livestock from noise, shadows, and constant activity.*
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6. Shadow Flicker and Light Pollution

- *Shadow flicker will affect both humans and animals, causes stress and or behavioural changes in humans, livestock and wildlife.*
- *Lighting at substations creates night-time disturbance.*

8. Better Alternatives Exist

- *Turbines are more suitable offshore or in less ecologically sensitive areas.*
- *Local energy efficiency investments can reduce need for new turbines.*
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- *In conclusion, I respectfully request that the planning authority refuse this application on the grounds of landscape harm, residential impact, and environmental concerns. I urge the council to seek alternative renewable energy solutions that are more appropriately sited and less harmful to local communities and the environment.*
- *I recognise the importance of wind energy in meeting Ireland's National renewable energy targets and addressing climate change. However, this development is unsuitable for these locations and fails to take proper account of the environmental, social and cultural impacts on the local area.*
- *This wind farm would permanently alter the rural character of the area and expose nearby residents to health and amenity risks, devalue local properties and threaten the long term sustainability of our community. For these reasons, I ask that the Board refuse planning permission.*
- *I strongly urge that this development be rejected for the reasons outlined above.*
- *Thank you for considering this submission and objection.*

Kind Regards,

Brian Tierney.

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