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The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
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Case reference: PAX91.323780

Date: _12th November 2025_____

Re: 10 year planning permission for Ballinlee Wind Farm consisting of 17 no. wind turbines, a permanent 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.

To Whom It May Concern,

We , Brian and Siobhan Finn write in connection with the above listed planning application at Ballincurra, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

We wish to object strongly to this proposal and ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

Some of our summarised observations and concerns are as follows:

No.1 Visual and Landscape Impact

Our dwelling of 31 years is located within 1Km of one or other of the 17 planned for giant turbines. These 160m high constructions will dominate the southern and western directions from where we live. The construction company Greensource have acknowledged the effect that the turbines have on visual disruption in their planning application/EIAR but totally underplay the damaging effect that the turbines will have on people (receptors) living within this 1Km range.

This dramatic change in the local landscape alters the character of my locality for eternity and is contrary to the Co.Limerick Development Plan policy which is formulated to protect rural landscapes.

No.2 Construction Traffic

I live on the L51217. Although not designated on the planned for construction road/route to be used for delivery of the turbines, the substation associated with this project is located at the end of this cul de sac. It is beyond doubt that some construction traffic and maintenance traffic will use this small road into the future. This road constantly requires repair, maintenance and upkeep and the public water pipe which runs along this road also requires constant repair due to heavy vehicles that presently use the road. Any increase in heavy vehicle traffic will further exacerbate these issues and add to the problems that presently exist for the residents of this road.

No.3. Residential/Population Density

The location of this windfarm needs to be questioned. There are in the region of 179 homes within the 1Km boundary and 279 homes within the 1.5Km boundary of this vast project. Taking an average of three people (receptors) per dwelling that's a total of 837 people living in very close proximity to these giant turbines. The vast majority of these residents do not wish to live in this new situation if the windfarm gets permission. They did not look for this and are in fear of noise pollution and shadow flicker which are invariably associated with all wind farms. The size and number of these turbines heightens the fears of the residents. People with anxiety tendencies and autistic tendencies of which there are quite a large number will find it particularly difficult.

We strongly urge that this development will be rejected for the reasons outlined above.

Thank you for considering this submission

Kind Regards

Brian Finn

Siobhan Finn

I/ We strongly urge that this development be rejected for the reasons outlined above.

I/we request that for an Oral Hearing in relation to this wind farm application, for the reasons outlined above. In particular the proximity and impact this will have on Lough Gur, an architectural and archaeological site of international importance, and the impact on our Golden Vale's High Value Landscape. Furthermore the scale of the project and the pattern of population distribution which will have widespread impact on our local community.

Kind Regards,

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