

17<sup>TH</sup> November 2025

O'Brien-May Family  
Chestnut Grove  
Grange  
Kilmallock  
Co Limerick  
V35 HE36

The Secretary,  
An Coimisiún Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1  
C01 V902

**CASE REFERENCE: PAX91.323780**

**Re: 10 year planning permission for Ballinlee Wind Farm consisting of 17 no. wind turbines, a permanent 110kV substation and ancillary development within the townlands of Ballincurra, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane, Ballynanty, Cahirguillamore, Rockbarton, Grange, Ballynagallagh, Skool, Friarstown, Rockstown, Rochestown, Carriganattin, Stonepark, Ballynagarde, Ballymacgreese, Glen, Knockbrien, Ballyneety, Scart, Ballyogartha, Carrigmartin, Cahernarry (Cripps), Drombanny, Ballybrennan, Coolyhenan, Knockananty, Ballysimon Commons, Tullovin and Milltown, Co Limerick**

***TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN***

We, Denis, Bríd, Ross & Paul O'Brien-May write in connection with the above listed planning application. We wish to strongly object to this proposal and request that the Board refuse planning permission.

Our main summarised observations and concerns are as follows:

**ROAD NETWORK AND CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC IMPACTS**

The EIAR (Chapter 16 and Appendix 2A – CEMP) lacks detail regarding traffic management, prolonged traffic disruption, noise and road deterioration. The proposed cabling route will pass our house, and we are concerned about the effect of ground works near our property. These works may bring noise vibration and more than likely disruption to land drainage.

The proposed cabling route runs along an already heavily trafficked roadway. As a household that includes a disabled driver, we are particularly concerned that the construction works will significantly deteriorate road conditions and impede safe access and egress from our property. Furthermore, Chapter 16 of the EIAR provides inadequate detail on mitigation measures to address these impacts. The commitments outlined do not demonstrate how disruption to road users—particularly those with mobility needs—will be effectively minimised during the construction phase. More robust, specific, and enforceable mitigation measures are required.

### **WATER QUALITY & DRAINAGE RISK**

As members of a local water scheme, and for residents who rely on private wells, we are concerned that Chapter 9 (Water) and Appendix 2E (SWMP) do not adequately address these matters. Construction-related hydrogeological disruption can alter the natural flow of groundwater, potentially affecting the sources of private water supplies, particularly those dependent on wells or springs. The low-lying lands near our property already experience flooding, and major cabling roadworks will only worsen this issue. Strict fuel-management plans for construction vehicles are essential to prevent leaks or spills. In addition, regular monitoring of water quality and flow rates for all private water schemes in the vicinity should be carried out before, during, and after construction.

### **BIODIVERSITY & WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

We are deeply concerned about the potential impacts on aquatic life, protected habitats, bats, and the Whooper Swans and Brent Geese that migrate to our area each winter. Chapter 6 of the EIAR (Biodiversity) and Appendices 6B–6I fall well short in their mitigation measures, as these measures are generic and do not adequately address the specific species recorded locally.

### **CULTURAL HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY**

The proposed cabling route passing the Stone Circle—a site of profound cultural, archaeological, and historical significance—threatens a heritage asset that is exceptionally rare in Ireland and deserving of careful protection. The development will alter the visual setting of this area and risks damaging an environment that attracts visitors, scholars, and local families. Chapter 14 (Archaeology & Cultural Heritage) and Appendix 14A do not adequately demonstrate how potential risks to this site will be managed, nor how its heritage setting will be fully respected.

Finally, as a family deeply involved in the local community, including in sporting and other activities, we wish to remain living in this area. However, we are concerned that such large-scale construction may affect our ability to build homes and continue our lives here. For these reasons, we request that this proposal be rejected. Furthermore, EU Directive 2014/52/EU requires a comprehensive cumulative impact assessment, which appears to be wholly insufficient in detail in the current application.

Yours Sincerely

Denis O'Brien-May

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