

The Secretary,  
An Coimisiún Pleanála,  
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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, Ballingayroure, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

To Whom It May Concern,

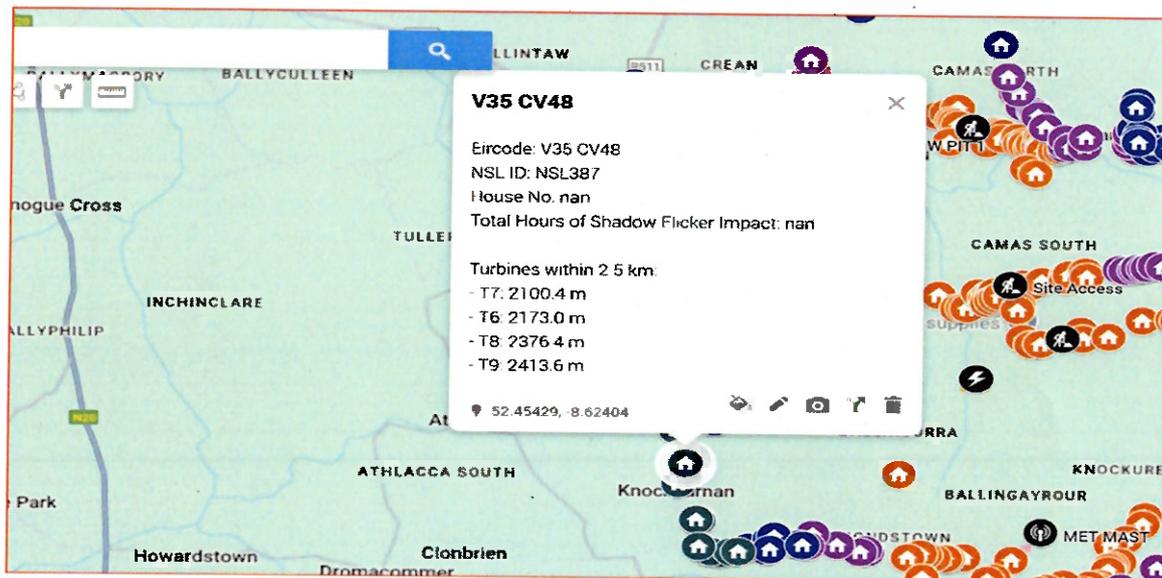
I Christine Hogan, write in connection with the above listed planning application at Ballincurra, Ballingayroure, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

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

My summarised observations and concerns are as follows:

### 1. Proximity to Homes

The proposed sites are too close to existing homes including my home house in Rathcannon Athlacca which lies within 2.5km of planned turbines. I am extremely worried for the impact on my parents living here especially as they grow older in terms of noise, sleep disturbance and quality of life.



## **2. Loss of Amenity and Rural Character**

Rathcannon is an area of natural beauty, peace and quiet. The construction and operation of these giant wind turbines will completely change the landscape, ruin our natural views and damage the character of the locality in Athlacca and surrounding areas.

## **3. Impact on Local Wellbeing and Quality of Life**

The area around Rathcannon Athlacca is one of the most peaceful rural beautiful areas. I love living here. There are beautiful walking trails and any locals including myself enjoy regular walks in these areas for our health and mental wellbeing. The noise, traffic and industrial activity associated with this project would severely disrupt that peace. I worry it will cause negative impacts on mental health as our quality of life will be negatively impacted.

## **4. Noise and Disruption**

Both during construction for 24 months and once operational, the turbines will bring ongoing noise pollution, dust and major disruption to our lives. Rathcannon road for example is a narrow breen road, if you meet another car on the road one car has to reverse to a gap to leave the other car pass. These roads and other country roads all around the area are not suitable for heavy machinery and increased traffic that this project would require. This will cause serious disruption and delays to our daily journeys to work and school.

## **5. Traffic Management and Safety Concerns**

The scale of the transport and construction works needed to install these turbines will cause serious traffic problems, road damage, and safety risks on our small county roads. These roads are not designed for continuous use by large industrial vehicles, and their presence will cause delays and disruption to local's daily journeys to work and school.

I have a concern for the safety of children and families living along these roads. Many children regularly play and cycle in these quiet rural areas, and the introduction of heavy construction traffic poses a significant risk of accidents or injury. The thoughts of large vehicles with heavy loads navigating narrow bends and passing homes in close proximity is really worrying.

## **6. Flooding and Environmental Risk:**

One of the proposed sites for the turbines is the Corcas in Athlacca located at the end of the road we live on in Rathcannon, on the Bruff line. This is currently flooded after the recent downpours of rain we have had. Nature is clearly showing us that this is not the right area for these turbines! The flooding demonstrates the vulnerability of this landscape and the importance of preserving its natural balance. Construction on or near this floodplain will disrupt natural water drainage, increasing the risk of flooding to nearby homes and with potentially serious consequences for locals and the environment.

I have included some pictures below of this flooding.



### **7. Property Devaluation and Future Impact**

I have just built my first home in Athlacca investing my savings and future here because of the area's peace and strong community. It's extremely worrying to think that if these turbines go ahead as planned that properties in the surrounding area including my own could be massively

devalued. Its such a lovely place to live and these turbines will kill the community resulting in people no longer even wanting to live here.

#### **8. Cultural and Heritage Impact**

One of the proposed sites for the turbines are in close proximity to Lough Gur, one of Ireland's most valued heritage sites. The proposed development in the surrounding area risks undermining both the visual beauty and tranquil character of this historic setting which draws visitors from across Ireland and beyond. We need to protect this landscape for heritage and tourism.

#### **9. Destruction of the Golden Vale Landscape**

The region forms part of the Golden Vale, one of Irelands most fertile and scenic agricultural areas. The installation of these massive wind turbines would permanently scar this landscape, replacing a view that represents Ireland's rural heritage with industrial structures totally out of character with the surroundings. The Golden Vale is a symbol of Ireland's natural and cultural identity.

How can such development be allowed to take place in one of the most beautiful areas of our country? It feels as if we are destroying the Ireland we know and love, an Ireland defined by its rural charm, natural beauty and community spirit.

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

I also request for an Oral Hearing in relation to this wind farm application, for the reasons outlined above.

Kind Regards,

Christine Hogan  
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Athlacca,  
Kilmallock,  
Co. Limerick.