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

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> 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, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.**

To Whom It May Concern,

I Claire Weekes 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 recognise the importance of wind energy in meeting Ireland's National renewable energy targets and addressing climate change. However, this development is unsuitable for this location 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.

Some of my summarised individual observations and concerns are as follows:

My eircode is V35HN12 and I live near Bruff, and I am deeply concerned about the impact this development will have on our community and environment. The nearest wind turbine a couple of hundred meters from my house. There is also a planned Main Site Entrance less than 1k from my home.

The site lies close to Lough Gur, a nationally important heritage and tourism site. The turbines, at 160m tall, will be visible from the surrounding hills and roads, undermining the scenic and cultural value of the area.

I am also concerned about the impact on local wildlife, including Whooper Swans and other migratory birds that use the wetlands in the 'Corcass' in Camas near Ballinlee. The Environmental Impact Assessment appears to lack full seasonal bird surveys and assumes they can navigate their way around giant 160, 136m wide turbines to and from Lough Gur at night.

As someone who walks regularly in the area with my partner and child, I fear the loss of tranquillity and the industrialisation of our countryside.

My life going forward would be filled with the noise and obtrusive impact of the turbines with no enjoyment, and this will have a negative impact on my mental wellbeing and enjoyment of my home in the countryside, which I have worked very hard to achieve. We play outside constantly with our child as he loves the outdoors as much as we do and I feel this will change our experience dramatically. It greatly concerns me that the natural habitat of this wildlife will be destroyed and could be eliminated from around my home. I have enjoyed watching the wildlife in both summer and winter in the proximity of my home, and this development will destroy and remove this enjoyment from my life. The visual impact of sitting in my garden watching wildlife and listening to the birds.

I worry that the presence of turbines will reduce the value of my home and make it harder to sell, effectively leaving my family stuck in a wind prison

Finally, the application does not provide a clear or enforceable plan to manage the impact it will have on residents in relation to shadow flicker, noise, or the disruption of animal habitats. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) acknowledges that certain wildlife species will be adversely affected—some fatally—yet offers no meaningful mitigation strategy to prevent or offset this loss. Proceeding with the development despite known and unaddressed harm to protected species and residential wellbeing undermines the principles of proper planning and sustainable development.

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

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind Regards,

Claire Weekes