

The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
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Ballinlee Wind Farm – Individual Submission

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1. Personal Standing

My name is Conor Dooley. I am a tax consultant currently based in Luxembourg, originally from Camas South, Bruff, County Limerick. Although I now live abroad, I remain closely connected to our family home and community, returning regularly to visit and participate in local life. Our family's connection to this land spans generations, and it continues to represent our shared heritage, identity, and sense of belonging.

I support and align with the observations set out in the Dooley Family Submission. In this personal submission, I wish to emphasise concerns relating to intergenerational fairness, community division, and the lack of transparency and accountability surrounding this development.

2. Grounds for Objection

2.1 Intergenerational Fairness and Future Stewardship

The Ballinlee Wind Farm represents a 35-year industrial commitment on a rural landscape that has evolved through generations of stewardship. Decisions made now will shape the environmental and social character of this community for decades. Younger generations - many of whom, like myself, have been compelled to work abroad - are being excluded from decisions that will determine the future of their home place.

The process has not allowed meaningful intergenerational consultation. Engagement occurred late, after commercial agreements were in place. That approach denies both agency and accountability. It also risks alienating the very people whose long-term participation is essential to sustainable rural renewal.

2.2 Community Division and Social Impact

The confidential nature of landowner negotiations and the late notification of residents have created a visible division in a previously cohesive community. Neighbours who have lived

cooperatively for decades now find themselves on opposite sides of a proposal that has been framed as inevitable rather than negotiable. The developer's community engagement report itself records hostility and distrust - an admission that the process has failed to achieve social licence.

2.3 Transparency and Corporate Accountability

When my family requested basic information about who owns and finances the Ballinlee project, the developer refused to share details of company directors or funders, citing GDPR. This is not consistent with principles of accountability or good corporate governance. A development expected to operate for 35 years must demonstrate clear and traceable ownership. Without that, there is no assurance of responsibility for long-term obligations.

2.4 Heritage and Place Identity

The Ballinlee landscape is not an empty backdrop for energy infrastructure - it is a living environment, a record of family histories, and a part of our collective identity. The scale of this proposal, both in physical and social terms, disregards that heritage. Industrialisation on this scale risks erasing the distinct sense of place that rural communities like ours have protected for generations.

3. Personal Impact Statement

Although I now live abroad, this development affects me directly. It changes the place I still call home. When I return to Camas South, I do not wish to see a landscape dominated by industrial turbines and hear the constant noise of mechanical movement. It is disheartening to think that decisions with such permanence are being made without the participation of the wider community, including those of us with enduring ties to it.

4. Conclusion and Requested Determination

I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the Ballinlee Wind Farm as currently proposed. The process by which this project has been advanced lacks transparency, inclusiveness, and fairness. It does not reflect the values of equitable, community-centred climate action that Ireland has committed to under the Climate Action Plan and the Just Transition principles.

If the application is to be reconsidered, I ask that the Board require the developer to demonstrate genuine community consent, transparent ownership, and evidence of intergenerational engagement. Sustainable development cannot be imposed - it must be built on trust, participation, and fairness.

Kind regards,

Conor Dooley