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The Secretary,
An Coimisiun Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
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Case Reference Number: PAX91.323780

Re: 10 year planning permission for Ballinlee Wind Farm consisting of 17 wind turbines, a permanent 110kV substation and ancillary development. Located in Ballincurra, Ballingarour, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in Co. Limerick.

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in connection to the above listed planning application, and wish to strongly object to this proposal and ask that the board refuse planing permission on the following grounds.

- I live on the R516, which would have a cluster of 5 turbines, T1-T5. The nearest turbine to my home, T5, would be just 980m from my back garden. My son has severe autism, ADHD, a learning disability and is non verbal. He is very sensitive to changes in both sound and light. He spends most of his time in our back garden as is it a very quiet, peaceful area for him, which helps him with his sensory needs. I am very concerned that both shadow flicker and noise from the turbines would be extremely stressful for him.
- Turbines T1-T5 are to be located in a known flood plain, very near to the Morningstar river. This area of land, known as the Corcasses, just 1km from my home, floods on an annual basis. I fear that this development would cause adverse effects to an already sensitive flood plain and, as the Morningstar is the southern boundary of my garden, would cause flooding issues on my property.
- I feel the proximity of this development to my home would devalue it or make it difficult to sell in the future. Young people from the locality will find it very difficult to get planning permission if they want to stay in the area.
- I use the R516 to travel to my place of work. This route is planned as the turbine delivery route (TDR) by night, as well as construction traffic by day. I work on a 24/7 shift basis which means I will be adversely affected both day and night for possibly 2+ years.
- The two main routes into Limerick from Bruff, R516/ N20 (TDR and construction) and R512 (110kV cable route) will be severely affected for 2 years, with no viable alternative available. This is completely inadequate.
- Bus routes will also be disrupted, which will affect local schools and those travelling to Limerick for work or college. This will force more private cars onto roads, adding to congestion.



Flood plain with R516 indicated, November 2022.

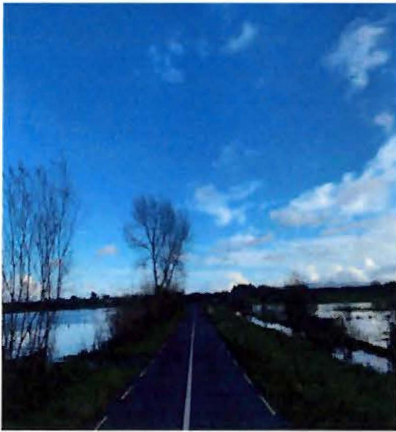


Flood plain with R516 indicated, November 2025.

The section of road on R516 passing through the Corcasses, Carrigeen, stretching from the stone arch bridge, (ITM(x) 558902- ITM(y) 637368), to just before the main site entrance, has had a constant issue with subsidence. This has been resurfaced on many occasions but keeps recurring due to its location within the flood plain.

The proposed planning application states this stretch of road will be used for:-

- 170 turbine delivery vehicles.
- Between 50%-100% of 14,714 construction material HGVs needed, depending on where raw materials are sourced.
- Approx. 60 construction staff vehicles, twice a day.
- This will put severe pressure on already compromised road, which would lead to further subsidence and a major safety risk.



R516 with flooding north and south of road, November 2025.

This stretch of road is particularly narrow with deep drainage trenches on both sides. There is little margin for error in the unfortunate event that a road user needs to take action in order to avoid a collision. Therefore this section of road is completely unsuitable for the huge volume of heavy vehicles proposed.



L1414 showing flooding north towards R516, November 2025.

The above images show the natural flood plain from the L1414, Rathcannon, northwards towards the R516, Carrigeen/ Camas North, known locally as the Corcasses. This area is the proposed location for the main site entrance and turbines T1-T5. Flooding in this area is a regular occurrence and not a 100 year event, as stated in the planning application. This shows that this area is completely unsuitable for this development.

- There are 22 viewpoint photomontages on the planning application taken from various locations. However, there are none taken from the R516, Camas North/ Carrigeen area. I find this very concerning as there is a cluster of 5 turbines planned for this area, the nearest being only 450m from the R516. This is a serious omission as I have no way of forming a picture as to the actual size of the turbines in relation to my home and surrounding area.
- The Camas North/Carrigeen area has a hugely diverse and thriving wildlife population, thanks to the Morningstar river, woodlands and flood plains in the area. Most notably are the Icelandic Whooper swan, which migrate to the area from October to March. They use the flood plains to forage and the Morningstar as a flight path to Lough Gur. This is right in the middle of the proposed T1-T5 cluster. Inevitably this will cause injuries or fatalities to the swans which should be deemed unacceptable.
- The public consultation process was completely inadequate as many households in the community did not receive information from the developers about the wind farm proposal. A 1km cut off point was used which meant households at this limit were deemed not to be affected, while neighbours, merely feet away were classed as affected.
- This massive industrial development is to be located in the heart of the Golden Vale. Whilst sustainable energy is the way forward, it needs to be balanced and should not be at the expense of our natural, scenic areas. These unspoilt rural areas are not just for the enjoyment of the local community, but also nearby towns and cities, as well as domestic and foreign tourism.

I respectfully request that you refuse this application.

Kind regards,

Damien Ryan.