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

Date: 17/11/2025

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,

We David & Carla Douglas , 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.

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

Some of our summarised observations and concerns are as follows:

Living within 2KM of 5 of these proposed wind Turbines with another 5 within 2.5KM, I was shocked and am appalled that nobody has ever come to my door or I have never got anything in the post in relation to the building of this Wind Farm. The nearest Turbine will be 1384M from my house and if it wasn't for the local community I would never have heard about it until planning permission went up around the community. Local engagement was limited, meetings poorly advertised, and feedback not reflected in EIAR. Appendix 1C (Community Engagement Report)

Having bought this house a year and a half ago to move out of the city due to noise, we now fear we are going to be in a worse position than we were before. We have 3 small kids one of which has sensory issues and is affected by any noise she doesn't like, so much so that the radio in the car can not be turned up without her complaining about it. We also have our family pet who will bark at noise such as that from a wind turbine (she used to go mad if walked close to the JNJ Turbine in Castletroy) which will cause chaos in our house if this Wind Farm goes ahead. EIAR relies on

average conditions and does not include nighttime background measurements for our area. Ch. 13 (Noise & Vibration) & Appendices 13A–13G.

Having to work from home a couple of days a week due to our family situation I have a fear that these Turbines will affect the Broadband service in the area which is currently not great anyway and will make it impossible for me to continue working from home and may cause my wife to have to leave her job due to a lack of babysitters. When we moved to the area, we could not get Fibre as all the Lines were full so we are getting by with what we have but if reception is affected, we will be in trouble and working will become impossible. Ch. 17 (Material Assets: Built Services) & Appendices 17A–17B.

The developer claims a “neutral effect on land and property value” (EIAR Chapter 5) yet provides no valuation study or Irish-based data. Studies show that perceived proximity to turbines (even beyond 1 km) influences buyer decisions and market confidence, particularly in rural housing areas where landscape and tranquillity are valued amenities. Having only recently bought this house and only over a year down on my mortgage we are at very high risk of going into negative equity and if we had to move our family again over the noise and shadow flicker affecting our daughter and other children’s ability to maintain a normal life, we would be in serious financial difficulty. The 1–2 km zone represents a visual and audible influence area, and houses here are most likely to experience market hesitancy and reduced desirability. We request that the Board commission an independent valuation assessment for all dwellings within 2 km to quantify potential depreciation before determining the application.

Visual dominance, shadow flicker visibility, and rural character alteration will be a major issue with this submission. At 160 m in height, the Ballinlee turbines will remain visually prominent up to 10 km away, with significant dominance within 2 km according to the EIAR’s Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV). Residents within 1–2 km will experience constant moving visual elements, lighting at night, and industrial intrusion into a rural landscape, diminishing visual amenity and sense of place. This contravenes the Limerick City and County Development Plan policies on preserving rural scenic character and residential amenity. We request that the Board require a revised visual impact assessment for all dwellings within 2 km, including realistic nighttime photomontages and cumulative impact views.

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

we request an Oral Hearing in relation to this wind farm application, for the reasons outlined above. In particular the proximity and impact this will have on Lough Gur, an architectural and archaeological site of international importance, and the impact on our Golden Vale’s High Value Landscape. Furthermore, the scale of the project and the pattern of population distribution which will have widespread impact on our local community.

Kind Regards,

Name: David & Carla Douglas