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

Date: 14/ 11/ 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, Debbie Carroll, write in connection with the above listed planning application at Ballincurra, Ballingayroure, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, and other townlands in County Limerick. I write to object strongly to this proposal and ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

I first wish to outline that I am fully supportive to Ireland's transition to renewable energy and our need to meet our climate action goals of 80% renewable energy by 2030. However this goal and rush to meet our targets cannot come at the cost of rural communities and the health and wellbeing of people.

The application fails to demonstrate that it will avoid or satisfactorily mitigate significant adverse impacts to:

Residential Amenity - noise, low frequency noise, Infrasound

The proposed development conflicts with national and regional planning policy. It would have significant adverse effects on the enjoyment of my home and the health and wellbeing of my family and I. This project is a large industrial development being put into a quiet countryside area, without proving that the area is suitable or that local people and their surroundings will be properly protected.

It would harm the local environment, our community, and our wellbeing, which goes against national planning policies (NPO 27, 60, and 62).

It would take over the local views, break up the natural countryside impacting our Golden Vale and would have a severe visual and cultural impact on the character of this historical area. It will also impact on views of the Galtee Mountains and the views from Ballyhoura will be hugely dominated by not only this wind farm, but also the Garrane Green Energy Wind Farm that is proposed for just 8 kilometres south-west of Ballinlee Wind Farm.

Low-Frequency sound is now known to travel up to and beyond 10 kilometres and is proven to impact health negatively. People exposed to infrasound from Wind Farms often report pressure sensations, anxiety, migraines, dizziness, sleep deprivation, and chronic fatigue. (Mattsson, K. (2025, October 8). Separating myth from fact on wind turbine noise. Copenhagen, Denmark: Uppsala University.)

Outdated Wind Energy Guidelines

The guidelines are dated 2006. There appears to be a promise from Government to update these guidelines that has been ongoing since 2013 !. In 2006 Wind Turbines were approx. 50m tall. The ones being proposed here at 160m. There has been numerous High Court Cases of late where people, residents, have been forced to take Wind Farms to court, at their own expense as they cannot live and enjoy their homes. This is wrong, why haven't the new guidelines been updated. It puts 100's, if not 1000's of people at risk. My friends of mine live within 1km of a proposed turbine and will be subjected to shadow flicker and noise. I don't believe that 20-year-old guidelines are acceptable to protect our community when there is clear evidence and research that shows wind turbines positioned too close to homes cause negative health impacts. Ireland's 2006 limits are higher and less protective than WHO's 2018 health-based advice.

Future planning permission

If this proposal goes ahead my fear is my own children and even possibly my grandchildren will not be able to build in the area due to these wind farms. It has been documented only this last week of a case of a woman in Tipperary who was granted planning permission on a house only for a wind turbine farm called Orsted Onshore to appeal her planning permission. The article was in the Irish Independent news paper Tuesday the 11th of November.

Therefore I would respectfully urge you to refuse this permission on the grounds I have outlined.

Kind regards,

Debbie Carroll