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Co. Limerick.  
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17/11/2025

THE SECRETARY,  
AN COIMISIUN PLEANÁLA,  
64 MARLBOROUGH STREET,  
DUBLIN 1  
D01 V902

**Re: The proposed development known as Ballinlee Wind Farm consisting of 17 no. wind turbines, a permanent 110kV substation and ancillary development located within the townlands of Ballincurra, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee South, Ballinlee North, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North, Camas South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane, Ballynanty, Cahirguillamore, Rockbarton, Grange, Ballynagallagh, Skool, Friarstown South, Friarstown, Rockstown, Rochestown, Carriganattin, Stonepark, Ballynagarde, Ballymacgreese, Glen, Knockbrien, Ballyneety, Scart, Ballyogartha, Carrigmartin, Cahernarry (Cripps), Drombanny, Ballybrennan, Coolyhenan, Knockananty, Ballysimon Commons, Tullovin, and Milltown, Co. Limerick**

**An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: PAX91.323780**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to **formally object to** the Strategic Infrastructure Application (**case ref 323780**).

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

I believe this development would pose significant and long lasting adverse impacts on this surrounding residential area, For all the reasons outlined below, **I respectfully request that An Bord Pleanala refuse permission in its entirety.**

I am deeply concerned that these proposed wind turbines are of an industrial scale and height far beyond what is appropriate for a rural residential landscape. Their presence would dominate the skyline, severely impacting visual amenity and the character of our locality.

### **Noise and Shadow Flicker**

Wind turbines of this height create constant noise and shadow flicker which will affect my residence and that of my neighbours homes.

### **Proximity to Homes and Effects on Residential Amenity**

These industrial turbines are proposed at a distance that may expose residents to noise disturbance, flicker issues, and also health-related concerns. The scale and intensity of this installation would significantly reduce the peaceful residential environment that we experience at this moment in this beautiful area.

### **Impact on Wildlife and Environmental Risks**

These turbines pose potential risks to local bird populations, bats, and other sensitive species, like the Whooper Swans, of which we have many.

### **Devaluation of Property**

Industrial wind turbines of this magnitude have well-documented impacts on local property values.

This development would impose an unfair and an excessive burden on local homeowners.

**I am also very deeply concerned on the proposed underground cable route**, as these cables will be passing by my dwelling house. The proposed works involve heavy construction machinery, excavation, and continuous lorry traffic. These activities will cause substantial noise and vibration well beyond what is reasonable in a residential area. Such disturbance will severely affect daily life, disrupt sleep, impact home working, and also pose structural risks to nearby properties.

The project will create considerable dust and airborne debris due to excavation, soil transport, and machinery.

This presents a genuine risk to public health—particularly for the many children, elderly residents, and individuals with respiratory conditions in this area.

The anticipated increase in heavy construction traffic will place a huge strain on these narrow residential roads.

**This raises serious concerns regarding:**

Pedestrian safety, Risks to children and vulnerable road users, Reduced visibility and Restricted access to homes. Also road damage and congestion.

The implementation of underground high-voltage cables near my house poses a direct threat to my ability to seek planning permission for any future extensions, improvements, or alterations.

The proposal fails to provide sufficient detail on the safety implications of locating high-voltage underground cables near residential properties.

When all these issues are considered together—noise, dust, vibration, traffic, safety, environmental impact, and future property restrictions, it is clear that this development would significantly and unacceptably diminish the overall amenity, character, and safety of this beautiful area.

This proposal is totally incompatible with a residential setting.

## **Conclusion – Request for Full Refusal**

For all of the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that An Bord Pleanála **refuse permission for this planning application in full.**

Approval of this planning would result in lasting negative impacts on residents, public health, property rights, and the local environment.

Yours faithfully,

*Dermot Horan*

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