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

Date: 13th November 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, Edward & Aoife O'Regan, 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:

Shadow Flicker & Noise

Our home and family farm is located in the middle of this proposed development with the nearest turbine being T6 at 1.4KM and a further 10 turbines within 2.5KM. Our experience, having been in the proximity of turbines before is that we will be exposed to Shadow Flicker from potentially 3 of these massive 160m high turbines. This is very concerning to think that every morning we will be impacted by Shadow Flicker. We have never been contacted/approached or invited to consultation by Greensource about this project and no impact assessment or model review has been presented to us on the effect of Shadow Flicker for those of us that are within the Shadow Flicker area. This is a gross lack of community engagement and information. We are also very concerned about the effect of sound and infra sound from these turbines. Not only the sound of one turbine under normal conditions but the cumulative effect of multiple turbines in close

proximity. The Infra sound can carry for up to 10km and it will not only be ourselves but also our livestock that will be affected by this.

Infrastructure Impact on the Corcass Grounds

This area is susceptible to flooding and only recently (12th/13th November, this has been highlighted with the flooding of part of our land and much of the surrounding land in which this development is proposed to be developed (evidenced as attached). As this area is low lying land, consideration for the following wildlife needs to be considered: Whooper Swans, Snipe, Curlews. Our neighbouring lake found at EirCode V35 FD72 is home to several swans who travel up and down to the Morning Star river. Has this been monitored and evidence logged? These turbines will be devastating to the ecological balance of the region. We have several small forests within this region of the development that is home to many Barn Owls and Bats and these protected species will also be devastated by this proposed development.



Planning Concerns

We are very concerned that any future residential and agricultural development of our family farm holding and the wider community in terms of planning will be negatively impacted. We are aware of the recent case in Rossestown in County Tipperary where a local woman was granted permission by the local authority to build a home and the planner of the wind farm in that area was able to object to her planning. This is a major concern for us personally and my family and our whole community and we are fearful that in time, that objections to maintaining the numbers who will live and work and contribute to local commerce, which will see negative impacts on our local school numbers, preschool, GAA/Rugby Club numbers etc.

Road Infrastructure/Historic Bridges

We live just off the L1414. This road typically suffers from uneven surfaces, verge weakness due to the carcass nature of the ground. The impact on this with such vast numbers of HGVs will have a massive impact on the roads and the historic stone-built bridges. We, as a community have maintained these structures over the years and this development will weaken the structure of these historic bridges. If these fail or become weak, the developer may just reinforce these with concrete and not return them to their original state – we are not aware of any bond in place for the

protection of these historic structures. There will also be huge disruption to traffic on the R512 and R516 roads with the cable route roadworks. This is particularly concerning given that these are central roads for emergency services such as ambulances and fire brigades. Any delay for these essential services can be a matter of life and death for those in need of these services. Those serviced include Dawn Court in Athlacca which houses many elderly residents. Increased volume of traffic may also impact on local commerce.

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

I request that for 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: Edward & Aoife O'Regan