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The Secretary,
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Case reference: PAX91.323780

Date 18th Nov 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, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

To Whom It May Concern,

We, Elaine & Seamus McKenna

write in connection with
the above listed planning application at Ballincurra, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

We recognise the importance of wind energy in meeting Ireland's National renewable energy targets and addressing climate change. However, this development is unsuitable for this location and fails to take proper account of the environmental, social, and cultural impacts on the local area.

This wind farm would permanently alter the rural character of the area and expose nearby residents to health and amenity risks, devalue local properties, and threaten the long-term sustainability of our community. For these reasons, I / we ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

Some of my / our summarised individual observations and concerns are as follows:

- The impact on our country roads, which are not designed for carrying heavy traffic, will pose untold safety issues for the many neighbours that use this road for walking and school kids - etc. This will cause huge disruption with the expected 100's of extra vehicles daily for 2 years. I think there are even as many as 200 a day at peak times.... The EIAR / Planning Application fails to provide any detailed Traffic Management or risk assessments of how this traffic can be accomodated.

- EIAR has not assessed the local School for Shadow Flicker, as it falls outside of their restricted 1.36km zone. We feel this breaches EPA 2022 which specifically calls our children as a vulnerable health population.
- Increased traffic would cause distress to the wildlife in the area, widening roads and narrowing hedgerows would disrupt and remove the area of wildlife altogether.
- The historical site Lough Gur, would lose its beauty as the turbines are visible from the landmark. In turn, the area would lose its tourism income.
- 17 turbines are too close to homes, schools, farm animals, ASD UNITS, Dementia residential centre. These are detrimental to peoples health due to noise and shadow flicker to name a few.
- To quote “The Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028” commits to protecting the natural environment and promoting the health and well-being of its communities. - To allow this project to go ahead, would contravene the objectives of our Local Development Plan
“To protect and enhance the natural, built and cultural environment of Limerick, while promoting the health and well-being of its communities, ensuring that development is sustainable, resilient and consistent with the principles of healthy placemaking.” This is not possible in our area, if the turbines are erected here.
- To Reference Objective SCS1 O8 – Place-Making for the Community Create and protect quality open spaces close to where people live. Promote exercise, relaxation, and tranquillity in natural settings. Promote for community peace and well-being. To promote the health, positive well-being and quality of life of all citizens of the Region.
- Overall would do untold damage to the vibrancy and life of our local town, This applicant has utter disregard for public health - they are relying on 2006 Obsolete Guidelines, rather than following International established health advice.i.e they are not abiding by the WHO 2018 Noise Guidelines and this has the potential to impact all of Brackvoan.

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

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind Regards,

Etaine & Seamus McKenna
