

Case Reference PAX91.323780

Glenbevan

Croom

Co Limerick

V35 D430

The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902
Case reference: PAX91.323780

Date: November 7th 2025

Re: 10-year planning permission for Ballintee 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 Kiltonan 220/110kV substation, and ancillary development. Located in Ballincurra, Ballingayrour, Ballintee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Francis Brooke of Glenbevan, Croom, Co Limerick, write in connection with the above listed planning application at Ballincurra, Ballingayrour, Ballintee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

I recognise the importance of wind energy in meeting Ireland's National renewable energy targets and addressing climate change. However, this development is wholly 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 ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

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

The area suggested for this development is in the heart of the Golden Vale, a largely unspoilt rural landscape and home to many of the country's leading dairy farmers. It also includes important wetlands which fill on a seasonal basis with many species of wildfowl and other migratory birds. These would all be put at risk by the seventeen enormous wind turbines which would be wholly out of proportion to their surroundings.

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The proposed access road to the sites for the turbines is completely unsuitable for this purpose once leaving the N20. Croom village will be very difficult to pass through with vehicles of this size and weight and is likely to cause significant traffic disruption as well as risk to the many schoolchildren.

The R516 road from Croom to Bruff has many bends and turnings which will make it virtually impossible for the vehicles transporting the turbine blades and other equipment to pass safely and will be massively disruptive and dangerous for other road users. There is also a seasonal flooding risk on parts of the road.

The fact that a temporary track has been proposed in the application to avoid the Tullovin Bridge is strong evidence of the unsuitability of this road and it is likely that other parts of the route will also be impassable.

Tullovin Bridge is adjacent to my property where we breed and raise thoroughbred horses and I am very concerned about the impact of noise during the construction phase.

The overall impact on the area during the construction phase will be overwhelmingly negative and if the seventeen gigantic wind turbines were ever to be constructed, the character of this beautiful part of County Limerick will be irreparably damaged.

There is a place for wind farms but not on prime agricultural land.

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

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind Regards,



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