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The Secretary,  
An Coimisiun Pleanála,  
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**Case reference: PAX91.323780**

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 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, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.**

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Gerard O Riordan, 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.

I wish to object strongly to this proposal and ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

Some of my summarised observations and concerns are as follows:

The non communication from Ballinlee Green Energy with me around this planned wind farm has been limited, avoided, non-existing and proved impossible for me to actually speak to someone in relation to the plan. No one has to date contacted me given the fact I have made phone calls and sent emails. This farm is planned less than a kilometre from my home. When I realised my private property, my home was used in BGEs advertising with 9 + turbines edited into the background I saw it as an intrusive action. As again no communication was made with me nor was my permission given to use photographs of my property for commercial gain by BGE. Where it's not against the law to take public photos from a road it is a breach of the GDPR when used for commercial gain. I rang BGE asking they take the pictures down and

they relayed they couldn't. This is the only contact I have had with this company. When they say about community engagement, they are not truthful but paint a very sweet picture of clinics and one to ones meeting, when in fact they have been reluctant to engage with community.

The report from BGE in relation to the Wildlife recorded in the area is very much inaccurate. I have lived here in this area all my life and know the many protected species of Bird that live here. There are owls, plovers, curlews that come here in winter - December or early January, woodcocks are also plentiful. BGE state they recorded no Badger Sets, that information is 100% untrue. The sets have been here for over 60 years, still active in all those fields where now an industrial site is proposed. How can an inaccurate report be relied upon to provide important information provided by the Applicant, on a plan when the evidence of the existence of those sets is very much reliable but unreliable by the Applicant. BGE state they recorded no Otter homes, again his information is untrue, there are in fact Otters living in the areas as recorded. The Whooper swans fly in every year; it is a sight everyone loves to see. In fact, with the rain falling yesterday the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 people drove to see the swans and other birds enjoying the fall of rain. There can be no plan for these swans, you can't train them to go away or land elsewhere when it's in their nature to fly into their seasonal homes. In BGE's report it doesn't mention the Horse shoe Bats nor the other bats nor the red squirrels that can be found regularly in the area.

In the river there are eels, trout and salmon where the salmon leave the Maigue river to spawn in the Morning Star river. Hares are plentiful, always here, why isn't this information submitted in their report?

In regard to the OPW (Board of Works) how are they to carry out their job role in cleaning dikes and trenches when proposed cables are crossing over main dikes, there is no observation on this. On 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2025, the flooding on roads and fields around us is evident after just one day of rain.

I'm being honest in my objection to this wind farm in saying that the information Ballinlee Green Energy has submitted to An Board Pleanála for planning is inconsistent with my knowledge of the areas regarding wildlife and flooding.

I request 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 my own personal quality of life when the Wind Farm is mapped too close to my home (less than 1km )

Kind Regards

Gerard O Riordan

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

I Gerry O Riordan 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: Gerry O Riordan