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

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**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 ,Gerard O'Rourke and Marie O Connor, 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.in Ireland. We are experienced promoters of renewable energies, however, we strongly object to this development for the following reasons.

### **1) Community Engagement**

While the developer may claim that there has been community engagement, there has been little or no *meaningful* community engagement.

The proposed developer of this wind farm development has held what they termed 'community clinics'. All of the rules surrounding these clinics were dictated by the proposed developer. There was no consultation with the community as to how these clinics would be formatted, where they would be held nor who may attend each session. The rules of engagement regarding these clinics were not for discussion, perhaps indicating the tone of the future relationship between this proposed developer and our local community.

The proposed developer has issued vague statements with top line numbers which, without further details are meaningless. Many in the community including myself are left with a feeling of being kept in the dark regarding any meaningful numbers, data, terms and conditions of any published top line figures..

**2) Grid connection location and development size**

Had there been meaningful community involvement in this proposed development then I also believe that the proposal is significantly too large for a number of reasons, including;

- A. Had there been meaning community involvement in this proposed development then in order to minimise disruption locally and disruption to the environment, the proposal should be no larger than can be connected to the electrically grid locally. There is a 110KV line within approximately 1Km of this proposed development which could have been explored, possibly eliminating the need for the construction of a new connection line to the Ballysimon area of Limerick city.
- B. Had there been meaningful community involvement in this proposed development, even then, there is limited experience in the Republic of Ireland of building and operating such large scale developments on lowlands with relatively high (when compared to mountainous regions) population densities.

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

Thank you for considering our submission.

Sincerely,

Gerard O Rourke \_\_\_\_\_

Marie O Connor, \_\_\_\_\_