



Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

JOHN MOLONEY

(b) Observer's postal address

BALLINSTONA NORTH, DROMIN, KILMALLOCK,
CO. LIMERICK V35YF25

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

323780

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

BALLINLEE WIND FARM

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Ballincurra, Balingayrou,
Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South,
Carrigeen, Knockuregare,
Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

As a family we wish to object strongly to this proposal and ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

We have 9 planned turbines within 2km of our home and a further 2 more just over 2km, yet we have not been contacted once by developers to provide information or ask for our thoughts on this planned development. This is simply not acceptable.

This is a massive development which will have implications for our family for the remainder of our lives at this address. It can simply not go ahead without the approval of all stakeholders in the area.

As a family this will have a number of implications for us:

- Proximity to our home has the potential to devalue our property and deny us a fair return on any potential sale of this property.
- The noise that these turbines will cause will affect our lives on a daily basis and risk mental health implications for our family.
- It has been reported that turbines of this size can cause health complications such as migraines. As an immune suppressed person, any further risks to health causes me serious concern and also affects my mental health with the stress of health issues arising from these.
- We moved to this beautiful setting partly for the wonderful views and peace it offers. I have not given permission for these views to be altered with an unsightly skyline caused by the construction of such

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turbines. I have also not agreed to have the peace and quiet be affected by the constant noise that these turbines will cause.

- The construction of such a wind farm will also have serious consequences for the wildlife of our area and the ecosystem that exists here. No permission has been granted by residents for such destruction.
- The area where this development is planned for, is also not identified as a prosperous area for wind generation, thereby clarifying that this project is about profit and not sustainable energy
- This development if approved will have a negative affect on our children's lives in the future as it will cause great uncertainty regarding where they may be able to build their own homes. Planning permission in the area will be affected due to this development leading to a move away of the youth from this area.
- The building phase of this development will also have a massive negative affect for us as a family. It will affect our commute to work and will also cause stress in getting our children to childcare and preschool. We drive the main Croom to Bruff road each morning and evening to drop to playschool. This is the safest route to take. This development will pressure us to take a route that we consider not safe and will probably become more dangerous as more traffic will be forced from the main route. This is also not acceptable.

We are deeply concerned, stressed and upset that such a decision to alter our lives in so many ways can go ahead without consideration for the people of our community.

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We request an oral hearing for the development of this wind farm for the reasons outlined above.

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office.

You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to [request the Board to hold an oral hearing](#), please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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Date		Date	

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