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The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
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Case reference: PAX91.323780

Date: 15th November 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,

We Jean and Paddy Lyons 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 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:

We live within the catchment area that has been identified as part of the grid cable connection route.

- *Inadequate assessment of traffic and construction phase impacts*

The application documentation does not provide a sufficiently detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) nor a robust cumulative impact assessment. The proposed underground cable installation will require extensive trenching, temporary road closures, movement of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) delivery of cable reels, machinery transport, and excavation activity. Many of the identified roads are:

- Narrow rural and in places single carriageway with limited passing capacity
- Used daily by agricultural machinery, school transport and local commuter traffic
- Unsuitable for HGV movements without significant risk to road verges, drainage and sightlines.

The application fails to present:

- Baseline traffic counts and verifiable data
- Peak construction phase traffic flow projections
- A mitigation plan ensuring safe two way movement or controlled flow
- Road condition surveys with commitments to pre and post construction reinstatement under local authority oversight.

We are concerned about our family living in the area, we have two young boys and getting access to school routes and babysitter routes will be greatly compromised by this development.. This project will directly intersect community movement routes for pedestrians, cycling and school/sports club travel routes. Risks like agricultural machinery sharing restricted roads. No mitigation has been put forward which comprehensively demonstrates safe traffic management sequencing, diversion planning, or use of escort vehicles where required. This renders the application contrary to public safety and contrary to section 2.7 of TII Traffic and Transport Assessment Guidelines (2014).

As part of our working pattern, it involves travelling to and from Limerick City on a daily basis. We are extremely concerned about the impact to our commute time. Jean also works from home and is concerned about the disruption from construction works in the area which we envisage will take a number of years.

We live near Lough Gur, a protected heritage area, that now is visually impacted by the proposed development.

Impact on local character and amenity

- The proposed cable corridor passes through an established rural environment characterized by low traffic volumes, agricultural land use and active rural community life. The construction phase disruption will:
 - Cause noise and vibration disruption to residents
 - Prolonged visual clutter from plant, material deliveries and traffic control barriers.

Absence of consultation

We along with my neighbours along the cable route were not consulted. This contravenes best practice under the Aarhus Convention and national planning participation standards.

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

We 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: Jean Lyons

Signed



Paddy Lyons

