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The Secretary,

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**Case reference: PAX91.323780**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**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 Joe and Ciara Hennessy 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. However, this development is unsuitable for this location and fails to take proper account of the environmental, social, and cultural impacts on the local area.

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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 / we ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

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

#### Health:

The impact of a windfarm of this scale on our families health both physically and mentally due to noise disruption and shadow flicker from the turbines will negatively contribute to a diminished quality of life. As there are shift workers in the family even if the noise is reduced by night it will affect the daytime sleeping of those who are on the night shift. This will become very stressful on a prolonged basis.

. No longer will we be able to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of living in the countryside listening to the natural noises of nature whilst enjoying sitting in the garden instead we will be forced to live with the whirl of the turbines and the increase of traffic noise.

#### Environment :

The environmental consequences are potentially devastating within our community where there is regular sightings of barn owls and bats we know are in the area combined with the detrimental visual impact of the natural surrounding beauty of the countryside we have chosen to live in . The increase of heavy good vehicles during the construction of the windfarm and further ongoing maintenance of same will make our roads very unsafe to walk ,cycle or run on not to mention meeting the same vehicles whilst driving on narrow rural roads . This will increase the risk of accidents for us and will make the road surface less safe due to the continuous heavy volume of such vehicles as HGV 's .

The consequences of allowing such a large scale windfarm could mean our children potentially will be unable to stay in their own locality due to local planning permission restrictions arising from the development . The construction of a windfarm and the problems that will come with it will negatively impact our lives as well as the devaluation of our home due to being within the 1km radius of the nearest turbine .The dominant imposing nature of these turbines means our homes will have a significantly reduced selling potential.

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

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind Regards,

Joe & Ciara Hennessy

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Phone (*optional*)

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