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The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
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Case reference: PAX91.323780

Date: 13th 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, Ballingayroure, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

To Whom It May Concern,

We, John and Marina Meehan write in connection with the above listed planning application at Ballincurra, Ballingayroure, 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 our summarised observations and concerns are as follows:

We are writing today as concerned citizens about the R516 road facilitating the transport of wind turbines and heavy goods construction traffic. As individuals who have lived in Tullovín just outside Croom all of our lives, we thoroughly enjoy the peace, quiet and tranquillity that comes with the countryside. That is why we took out a mortgage on our property, with this proposed access track being within a stones throw of our house we will incur serious devaluation in the price of our house, whilst still paying off a mortgage that the house won't be worth anymore. Secondly the peace and tranquility we seek refuge in will be drastically affected. The effects this proposed road and HGV traffic will have upon the flora and fauna in this area is unknown as of yet. I am no expert but I know it will not have a positive effect on the flora and fauna. The local River Mague is within close proximity to the proposed route, there will be pollutants running into this river due to the road, ruining a beautiful place my husband and I enjoy going regularly to see what wildlife we can on any given day. The proposed road will destroy the wildlife around due to the sheer volume and size of the HGV traffic used to transport materials for construction and the turbines themselves. The countryside will be decimated all around the area due to the carving of a path for these turbines.

We are in a fortunate position where I have a private well to supply water to our house, but what effects will this construction have on my well - fumes, dust, other chemicals and emissions may taint the water we drink, nobody can guarantee this will not happen.

My parents live directly beside us and have lived there their whole lives. My father trains greyhounds, the ability to walk his dogs to train them and care for them is what keeps him feeling young and healthy. As a man who worked all of his life to support a family, pay his taxes and give back to the community whenever possible, will be severely disrupted due to these plans and I fear for his health and wellbeing. Simple everyday tasks like walking his greyhounds will now have to be done outside the working hours of construction due to the timidity of the greyhounds, and the overwhelming traffic that will ensure due to the construction may lead to an accident if he was out walking.

As working class people, we are extremely concerned about what will come of this road and how it will affect our future and those to come after us. Property value, peace and tranquility, the flora and fauna are only some of the major concerns that ourselves and many others have in relation to this planning application.

We were unaware of this industrial size development and related construction traffic until the planning notice went up a short distance from our home.

The Aarhus Convention, to which Ireland is a signatory, underscores the importance of public participation in environmental decision-making. Article 7 of this convention grants us the right to be informed, to participate in decision-making processes, and to have access to justice in environmental matters. These rights are not to be taken lightly; they are fundamental to the democratic principles upon which our society is built.

The failure of the applicant to engage with ourselves and the local communities has shown a complete disregard for our rights.

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

I request for an Oral Hearing in relation to this wind farm application, for the reasons outlined above. In particular the proximity of the turbine distribution route to our home and the volume of construction traffic along with the impact on our local wildlife, rivers and families. Furthermore the scale of the project and the pattern of population distribution which will have widespread impact on our local community.

Kind Regards,

John & Marina Meehan