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**Case reference: PAX91.323780**

**Date:** 08 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 John & Marie McCarthy 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.

I/ 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.

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:

### **Visual Amenity**

We live just outside the town of Bruff on the Athlacca road: L1412. We own a farm that will be heavily impacted by this development. We will have 16 of the 17 turbines within a 2.5KM radius of our home. We have lived here for over 40 years and have become accustomed to the rural life of peace and tranquillity that this area affords us. The development of this wind farm will devastate this for us. The nearest turbine to us will be T6 at just over 650m from us. The view that we have enjoyed all our life will no longer be one of greenery and countryside, but one of an industrialised zone.

### **Noise Nuisance**

With 16 turbines within 2.5KM from us, we are guaranteed to be affected by noise and infranoise. Living in such proximity to multiple turbines will exaggerate the affect of this with the cumulative effect. We have a large biodiverse area with wildlife which includes Whooper Swans, Otters, red squirrels, Bats, etc. The river that passes through our land is also rich with life. The sound of this wildlife ill now be replaced with the constant humm of wind turbines.

### **Shadow Flicker.**

As we are just 650m from a turbine and within 1.6KM of 5 other turbines, it seems logical that we will be affected by Shadow Flicker and this is a great concern for us. We often enjoy our evenings outside with our granddaughter – where these 17 turbines will potentially be located. This is unacceptable and under the WHO guidelines, we are too close to these turbines. The guidelines that are being followed are outdated since 2006 and the revised guidelines of 2019, which have yet to be adopted would result in us being far removed from the possibility of Shadow Flicker. I urge you to implement these updated guidelines and ensure that we are not affected by this.

### **Biodiversity**

We have all our life enjoyed the countryside which we share with a range of Biodiverse wildlife such as Barn Owls, Whooper Swans, Bats, Red Squirrels, Native and non-native Birds. We've observer Leisler Bats, Pipistrelle Bats and Daubenton Bats. These bats have a feeding ground of many kilometres, and I have often see them in our area. As they fly based on sound, the installation of these turbines will undoubtedly have a catastrophic effect on these creatures. Our land is land that the whooper swans land on every year from November to March/April on route to and rom Lough Gur. They graze the land and keep it fertile. The implementation of this wind farm will decimate this. We are gravely concerned that the volume of turbines will result in these swans being killed by the turbines. As a protected species, this is wholly unacceptable and needs immediate attention.

### **Road Travel Disruption**

We travel to Limerick City frequently using the R516 to Croom and the R512 from Bruff to Limerick. We understand that these roads will be inundated with HGV's and disruptive road works for the proposed grid route. We would like to highlight our concern that these roads are key roads for commuting and more especially for emergency services. In the situation of life or death scenarios where every minute counts on the road, it is deeply concerning that such disruption over such a long period of time could have a devastating effect.

### **Cumulative Visual Impact**

We live in a rural community and as stated earlier, we are part of the luscious Golden Vale of Munster. We are aware of other developments such as Garrane (Case 323635) covering Effin, Garrienderk, and Charleville and we are also aware of the future possible developments in Grange, Granagh, and Coolcappa. Our stunning countryside is being turned into an Industrial land where our rural way of life is being eroded. It is unthinkable that as we drive through these

areas, our current rural views of rich Biodiversity and greenery will be replaced by these monstrous turbines.

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

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind Regards,

John & Marie McCarthy