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The Secretary,
An Coimisiun Pleanala,
64 Marlborough Street,
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Case Reference Number: PAX91.323780

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RE: 10 -year planning permission for Ballinlee Wind Farm consisting of 17 wind turbines, a permanent 110kV substation and ancillary development. Located in, Ballincurra, Ballingarour, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camass North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in Co. Limerick.

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in connection to the above listed planning application, and I wish to object strongly to this proposal and ask that the board refuse planning permission on the following grounds.

- I have a son with severe Autism, ADHD and a learning disability. He is 19 years of age and is completely non verbal. He spends his days out in the back garden, which we have secured throughout the 18 years we have been living here to suit his needs. The nearest turbine to our house will be within 980 meters. Also within 2.5 km of the house we will be looking at 5 giant turbines, turbine 5, 980 meters, turbine 4, 1281.7 meters, turbine 1, 1654.7 meters, turbine 2, 2066.6 meters and turbine 3, 2289.2 meters. We will also experience a total of 53.1 hours a year of shadow flicker.
- Now, my son is a child that cannot even handle us singing him a happy birthday due to the sensitivity of noise. We chose this location due to its tranquil setting, and have built our house and most especially our garden for our son over the years, so he can play freely and have security and independence at the same time. With now what's being proposed we will now have to consider moving if this planning goes ahead. Which would be near impossible to do with our son, as routine and this home is the only one he has known all his life, and who would buy a house beside a wind farm??

- The effects this wind farm will have on my son is quite scary. Like for example, low-frequency whooshing noise, intermittent or rhythmic sound depending on wind, repetitive background noise, this sound will be more noticeable at night, and his bedroom is at the back of the house. There is also visual sensitivity from the shadow flicker which can cause a lot of overstimulation and anxiety.
- There is also a massive problem around his routine and environmental change, due to the change in his landscape, and the noise that will be generated during the construction of the turbines. This will impact him enormously, and will have a huge impact on the rest of the family. Current guidelines do not account for the unique sensory needs of autistic people.
- There is 22 viewing point photo montages on the planning application, but there is not 1 photo montage done on my road, the R516. I am very concerned as I have no viewing point from my house. Could you please look into the reason why this was not done?
- As far as I am concerned there was very little community engagement in our area. My neighbour who shares a boundary fence with me did not receive a letter letting them know that there will be turbines in the area. Why you might ask, is because they are just outside the 1km mark for the letters, and the wind farm company used the 1km cut off point, even though we will have the same view.
- The road I live on(R516) is a very narrow road, which in the 18 years I have been here has been resurfaced numerous times because of subsidence, this is due to yearly flooding which takes place on the corcass. This is where they are planning to put in 5 giant turbines. I am fearful that if this planning permission is granted, where will all the excess water go?
- Also if this planning application is granted, I fear this will affect the valuation of my house. No one will want to live in a house next to a wind turbine farm. There has been studies done on this and when I asked the developers this question, they actually had the audacity to tell me my house would increase in value, and they dismissed all the studies.
- Also the 2 main roads from Bruff to Limerick will be affected for up to 2 years at least, with the construction of this wind farm. This will cause major inconvenience for us coming and going in and out to work and appointments. Our daily life will be severely disrupted during this period of construction and beyond. I need to be able to access services for my son on a regular basis, and this disruption will severely impact us on a daily basis.
- We are well known out here for our fabulous wild life that live in this area, the Whooper Swan is well known to fly from Lough Gur and has been seen on the Corcass in the flooded fields in the winter. These turbines will severely impact them and could cause harm to them when they are flying in and out of the area. When I questioned the developers on this they told me they had removed 2 turbines for the swans to fly through. I didn't know that swans would follow a map when they are flying in and out of certain areas.

I would strongly urge you to please reconsider this application on the grounds I have outlined above. When I purchased my house in 2006, I purchased it for its tranquil settings, the surrounding views, and the sheer peace and quiet of the location. I don't think our lives should be affected by these developers, who come into our quiet communities and upset not just me but my neighbours and friends. This is a very quiet and settled community of people, a lot of elderly and very young children live here, and what will happen is our own children will not want to live here any more because of these turbines. I am all for clean energy, but I do think alternative locations can be found in this instance. This area is a very populated area and I don't think putting 17 giant turbines in the middle of all these houses is a suitable location. It is very unfair for us to have to live in such close proximity to a wind farm, when we are an island surrounded by coastlines and mountains.

I respectfully request that you refuse this planning application,

Kind regards,

Karen Ryan.