

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

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Date: _____

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,

I Leo Lane, 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 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 environment, 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 ask the Board refuse planning permission.

Some of my individualised comments and observations are as follows:

I am concerned about the effect of shadow flicker and especially at night. I am a light sleeper and loss of sleep is a serious concern for me and my wife and family. The study talks about numbers of hours per year when I will experience shadow flicker. That number should be zero in a quiet community like ours.

The developer talks about how we will not hear the turbines but I have read that clusters of turbines like these will emit far more noise than the developer is claiming. His modelling of the noise does not take multiple turbines into account. I have also read that turbine noise is a serious hazard to both physical and mental health and modern guideline for setbacks and clustering are far more strict than the out of date 2006 and the unagreed 2019 guidelines that the developer is using.

My family's health and wellbeing is my first concern and the developer is not addressing that concern.

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

Kind Regards,

Name: Leo Lane