

Case Reference PAX91.323780

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The Secretary,

An Coimisiún Pleanála,

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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 Lewis Donworth, 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 wish to object strongly to this proposal and ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

Some of my summarised observations and concerns are as follows:

As Chairman of the Morning Star Angling Association and Chairman of the Bruff Gun Club and Game Preservation Society, I wish to express my serious concerns regarding the adequacy of the environmental assessments conducted for this proposed development. In particular, I believe the potential impacts on aquatic sustainability have not been fully or sufficiently examined.

The Morning Star River and its basin represent an environmentally sensitive and internationally recognised habitat for native brown trout and salmon.

The topographical nature of the river in this area features a long, slow-moving section, where the flow characteristics significantly increase the river's vulnerability to disturbance. Any sediment run-off, pollution event, or landslide impact in such a section would linger for an extended period, causing long-lasting and potentially devastating ecological damage that could take many years to recover—if recovery is possible at all.

Given the significance of this waterway as a natural resource and its critical role in local biodiversity, I respectfully request that the Council require a more comprehensive environmental impact study before any decision on planning approval is made. It is wholly insufficient to simply count the number of bird species present; equally critical is a thorough evaluation of aquatic wildlife, including the health of local watercourses, habitats, and species that may be directly or indirectly affected. A comprehensive, evidence-based assessment of the full ecological impact and long-term environmental consequences is essential.”

Personally my home has a view west across the vale and these industrial machines will destroy that view.

I will be very badly impact by shadow flicker and the entire development is the south and west of us and we were not considered in the shadow flicker study.

As a parent of grown up children who in the next few years will probably settle close to here and I am very concerned that the planning restrictions being imposed by the developer will prevent my children from building their own homes in the locality.

I am also concerned about the inevitable devaluation of our property value. The developer says this will not be the case but I have learned that it is.

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

I request that for an Oral Hearing in relation to this wind farm application, for the reasons outlined above. In particular the proximity and impact this will have on Lough Gur, an architectural and archaeological site of international importance, and the impact on our Golden Vale's High Value Landscape. Furthermore the scale of the project and the pattern of population distribution which will have widespread impact on our local community.

Kind Regards,

Name: Lewis Donworth