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To:
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Case reference: PAX91.323780

Re: Objection to Proposed Wind Farm - Ballinlee, Co. Limerick

18/11/2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed wind farm development at Ballinlee, County Limerick (Case Ref: 323780). I am a resident living in close proximity to the proposed site, and I believe this development will have significant negative impacts on local residents, the environment, and the character of the area.

1. Health and Residential Amenity

I personally have ongoing chronic health issues and I am concerned that the proposed development may have negative effects on not only my health and wellbeing but also to local residents. These include potential impacts such as sleep disturbance, headaches or migraines, stress, and general discomfort caused by noise, vibration, shadow flicker, and other environmental disturbances.

2. Noise and Sleep Disturbance

Wind turbines generate continuous noise, low-frequency sound, and vibrations. Such disturbances can affect sleep, concentration, stress levels, and general wellbeing. Given the proximity of the proposed turbines, there is a real risk that the development would reduce the quality of life for myself and nearby residents.

3. Shadow Flicker and Visual Impact

The proposed turbines are likely to produce shadow flicker on nearby homes. The scale and location of the turbines will also have a significant visual impact, altering the rural character of the area and diminishing the enjoyment of the surrounding landscape.

4. Visual, Heritage and Tourism Impacts - Including Lough Gur and the Wider Area

The proposed turbines will be visible from Ballinlee and the broader surrounding landscape, including views toward Lough Gur, a nationally significant heritage, archaeological, and tourism site. Lough Gur's cultural value relies heavily on its natural, unspoiled landscape setting, and introducing large structures into this wider viewshed would negatively affect its visual integrity, rural character, and visitor experience.

5. Property Devaluation

The presence of large turbines close to residential properties can reduce property values and make homes more difficult to sell.

6. Construction Impacts

The construction phase will involve heavy vehicles, increased traffic, dust, vibration, noise, and the removal of mature hedgerows and trees.

7. Environmental and Wildlife Concerns

The proposed development will remove natural habitats, hedgerows, and mature trees, impacting protected species, birds, and bats.

8. Flood Risk and Soil Stability

Excavation for turbine bases and access roads may affect drainage patterns and soil stability, especially in soft ground or peat.

9. Community Consultation and Benefits

There is no clear evidence that the proposed development provides tangible benefits to the local community.

10. Broader Landscape and Amenity Impacts (including cumulative effects)

The proposed wind farm will affect the scenic quality and rural character of Ballinlee and surrounding areas, as well as outdoor recreational opportunities.

Conclusion

For all the reasons above, I strongly object to the granting of planning permission for this proposed wind farm. I respectfully request that my objection be taken into account.

Yours faithfully,

Lilian Gardiner