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V35 AR20

The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902
Case reference: PAX91.323780

Date: 06/11/ 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, Ballingayrour, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Lisa Enright write on behalf of Bruff Ladybirds, in connection with the above listed planning application at Ballincurra, Ballingayrour, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick. I write to object strongly to this proposal and ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

The scale of the project and the population of the area, its proximity to Bruff, a bustling busy populated town, makes this development highly unsuitable for the area. I believe this project will have a widespread profoundly negative impact on our local community and way of life and on our children. This is a huge concern for the children that attend Ladybirds group each week under my care. The proximity of these wind turbines to homes (as close as 640mm) is something, we as caregivers cannot condone.

I am fully supportive of renewal energy and understand we need wind energy to meet our EU 2030 Targets, but I am not supportive of putting children's health, wellbeing and development at risk.

WIND ENERGY GUIDELINES

I understand that Wind Energy Guidelines are significantly out of date, based on 2006 guidelines when Wind Turbines were a third of the size they are today. I am also aware that the guidelines around noise and health are totally inadequate.

NOISE

There has been many articles and news items appearing from well researched scientific institutions that show Infrasound which Wind Turbines create, cause serious health issues. There have been several high court cases where windfarms such as Gibbet Hill and Ballyduff have now proved the impact of Wind Turbine noise on people living too close. They residents suffered noise, vibration and shadow-flicker which destroyed the enjoyment of their home.

In our own locality, there are nearly 300 homes within 1.5 km of the proposed site. Some turbines, standing 160 metres tall and 136 metres wide, could be placed as close as 640 metres from family homes, including homes with young children. This is not acceptable.

Are we willing to risk our children's health, development, and wellbeing with such poorly regulated industrial development, right next to our homes and schools?

I also read minutes from a roundtable at the Scottish Parliament (24 Sept 2025) which highlighted serious failings in ETSU-R-97, that they ignore evidence of harmful low-frequency and infrasound emissions from modern turbines. Professor Ken Mattsson, Professor in Scientific Computing, recently hosted a lecture online "*Separating Myth from Fact on Wind Turbine Noise*" in Copenhagen which shows wind turbines emit infrasound spreading at least 10 km, at levels proven to affect humans and proven to make them ill.

I also have concern for children with autism; there seems to be a total lack of research in this area. Many of these children experience sensory overload and are highly sensitive to noise, sound and visual, so they will be increasingly vulnerable to adverse health and wellbeing effects from turbine noise and shadow flicker. The construction phase is set to be 2 years, what the developer refers to as "temporary". 2 years is not temporary in the life of a child.

CHILD PROTECTION

Under Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017) and the Children First Act 2015, planning authorities, as public bodies, have a statutory duty to protect children from harm and to promote their welfare. This obligation extends beyond direct abuse or neglect and includes environmental and health-related harms arising from policy or planning decisions.

The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People (Young Ireland 2023–2028) reinforces this duty, setting clear national goals that children must be "safe and protected from harm" and have access to environments that support positive physical and mental wellbeing.

This wind farm will put children in harm, both during the disruptive construction stage with 200+ extra HGVs on our roads and longer-term with the visual effects from Shadow Flicker and Noise (sleep disruption, anxiety, physical symptoms like nausea and headaches) which will affect children education and development.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to reject this planning application in its entirety. The proposal is wholly inappropriate for our area and would cause unacceptable harm to community wellbeing and for our children to live in a safe, secure, nurturing environment.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Enright

Bruff Ladybirds

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