

18th November 2025

The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902

Re: Observations on the Planning Application for development of Ballinlee Wind Farm consisting of 17 no. wind turbines, a permanent 110kV substation and ancillary development.

Applicant: Ballinlee Green Energy Ltd

Dear Sirs,

I am the owner of Rockbarton Garden Centre, located at Rockbarton, Holycross, Bruff, Co. Limerick V35 FH29. I, my husband, five children and extended family all live at the same location and we are all vehemently opposed to the proposed planning application for 17 wind turbines, a permanent 110kV substation and ancillary development, known as Ballinlee Wind Farm, being the subject matter of Case Number 323780 and the reasons for our objections are as follows;

1. The Applicant has not engaged in an adequate consultation process. The first time that I became aware of the proposed development was when the planning application notification signs appeared on the side of the road. I have received no contact whatsoever from the applicant developer and to my knowledge no engagement has taken place with the local community as to the suitability and location of this industrial scale development. I am not aware of the applicant holding any public meetings at the design phase of the project, nor has there been any effort to canvass the views of the local residents.
2. I run a business which is located on the local road L1412 and I note from the planning application that it is proposed to dig a trench along this road in order to lay a cable for the development. These works will severely restrict access to my business at Rockbarton Garden Centre and accordingly will have a detrimental financial impact on me and my family due to the extensive trenching which will be required along public roads over several kilometres for an extended period and will result in road closures or single-lane traffic management. There will also be the noise caused by heavy construction equipment and the dust impacts. This will cause serious disruption to customers who wish to access my business.
3. I am not aware of the existence of any traffic management plan which deals with the serious concerns that I have. There has not been any noise assessment carried out in relation to the impact of these works on my business or other properties along the cable route. The developer has not

proposed any dust or noise suppression measures to minimise the impact on me.

4. No compensation mechanism has been put forward to deal with the financial loss that will be suffered by my business or the loss of amenity which will be suffered by restricting access to my family home.
5. Lough Gur and its environs is an area of outstanding natural beauty and has been identified by Discover Ireland, Failte Ireland and other State agencies as having even further potential for attracting tourists to the area. I currently deliver "saleable experiences" to corporate clients and tourists who are attracted to my business because of its location in the unspoilt countryside of County Limerick. Indeed, I am currently in the process of upgrading my website, with assistance from Failte Ireland to further market and promote the "saleable experiences" that I provide. In the event that the development described in Case Number 323780 proceeds, and the proposed industrial scale wind farm is constructed, then the landscape of County Limerick will be irretrievably damaged and my livelihood will be destroyed.
6. It is unconscionable to propose the erection of enormous wind turbines, each reaching a height of 160 meters, in a lowland residential area, given the long term adverse implications this will have for families living in the area some of which are as follows;
 - a) Health implications associated with noise and low-frequency emissions which emit from wind turbines including, sleep disturbance, stress, and headaches, which said health impacts have been documented in multiple peer-reviewed studies, including by the World Health Organisation.
 - b) Shadow flicker and its impact on quality of life. Given the proximity of the proposed turbines to homes in the area, residents are at risk of daily flicker exposure during certain times of the year. Again the impact of this on human health has been well documented in multiple peer-reviewed studies

It is beyond question that the development of these industrial scale monolithic wind turbines will utterly destroy the County Limerick landscape for generations to come. This will result in a devaluing of my business and my home, while private wind turbine companies profit from government subsidies to erect their wind turbines at my expense. The development of wind farms is an entirely unprofitable business and can only be sustained through Renewable Electricity Support Schemes. Therefore, not alone will my business be adversely affected by this development but to add insult to injury, I am expected to finance this company's profits through general taxation.

The proposed development is totally out of character with the area and given the serious concerns outlined above, I urge you to refuse planning permission for this development in order to preserve the landscape of County Limerick and to protect the health and well-being of its inhabitants.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda Sheehan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lynda Sheehan,

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