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

Date: 13/11/2025

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.

I Margaret Allen respectfully decline the proposal of the wind farm on the following grounds

Noise and shadow flicker (Health)

I have large windows facing to the left where the sunlight enters. The **operating hours of the turbines are not specified in the EIAR report**, which is crucial for both **shadow flicker** and **noise/wind exposure** impacts. This is something the EIAR should specify, but often only gives **typical operation parameters** rather than exact schedules.

Landscape:

The impact of the landscape. I have lived here 25 years. The turbines are proposed to be 160m would be visually intrusive. I live in a peaceful and tranquil area, the thought of this being ruined devastates me.

Health:

I **personally suffer from vertigo** and am concerned that the operation of the proposed Ballinlee Wind Farm will **exacerbate my condition**. The turbines' large rotating blades, low-frequency noise (infrasound), and shadow flicker can trigger **dizziness, imbalance, nausea, headaches, and sleep disturbance**. Additionally, the continuous operational noise may contribute to or worsen **tinnitus**, resulting in ringing or buzzing in the ears, further affecting wellbeing

Chapter 5 of the EIAR (Population & Human Health) does not specifically assess impacts on residents with **pre-existing conditions** such as vertigo or tinnitus. Under the **EIA Directive (2011/92/EU as amended)** and the **Planning and Development Acts 2000–2024**, potential adverse effects on human health, including sensitive individuals, must be **fully assessed and mitigated**.

The water pressure is very low in my home, I believe the construction and the ploughing in order to place this large grid cable could impact the already weekendened underground water system.

Property devaluation:

The size of these Industrial Turbines will have an impact on my land and my landscape. As I mentioned I have been living here 25 years and I feel I have a right to enjoy the view here and I should still have the right to sell my home if I wanted to without the price of it being devalued. Studies have shown that homes that are within a certain kilometre of wind turbines do indeed lose their value.

Wildlife: Add in any photos and include any you see.

The EIAR (Chapter 9 – Biodiversity) relies on generic datasets and short survey windows; it omits locally recorded Whooper Swans feeding in flooded fields and provides limited bat

corridor mapping along treelines/watercourses. Cumulative effects with the 110 kV grid trench (Appendix 2D) are not adequately assessed. This is inconsistent with the Birds and Habitats Directives.

I have observed bats in my area, and the red squirrel.

Grid Connection:

The EIAR (Chapter 17 Material Assets; Appendix 2D) confirms a new 110 kV grid connection (~27.6 km) but does not identify affected land parcels, wayleave widths, or long-term no-build restrictions. High-voltage cables create permanent exclusion strips and operator access rights, affecting family plans to build and reducing land value. Impacts on material assets and land use must be assessed under the EIA Directive.

Traffic:

The EIAR (Chapter 13 – Traffic & Transportation) outlines generic measures but does not address local peak times (schools, GAA, childcare), pinch-points or safe passing. TII/local standards require a detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan with HGV embargoes (e.g., 08:00–10:00; 12:00–15:30), marshals, pre/post-condition surveys and a repair bond.

The local roads are already narrow enough, there is often crashes at Uregare cross which is right around the corner from me. This is not a suitable road to for large trucks to be travelling on each day.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully object to the proposed development.

Kind Regards,

Margaret Allen