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The Secretary,  
An Coimisiun Pleanala,  
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**RE: 10 -year planning permission for Ballinlee Wind Farm consisting of 17 wind turbines, a permanent 110V substation and ancillary development. Located in, Ballincurra, Ballingarour, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camass North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in Co. Limerick.**

We, Martina and William Maloney would like to strongly object to the proposed wind turbines on the following grounds.

We have 4 children, 2 of whom have special needs. They both have translocation of chromosomes 4 and 15, which results in cerebral palsy, severe scoliosis, epilepsy, learning difficulties, sensory processing disorders, physical disabilities, anxiety and both are very noise sensitive and low blood pressure. These turbines will have an enormous affect on my children's everyday wellbeing and mental health. We will be 938 metres from Turbine 1, we will also be in close proximity to 4 other turbines. T1 938 meters, T5 1208.4 meters, T4 1226.5 meters, T2 1335.5 meters and T3 1665.6 meters. We will also have a total of 20.1 hours shadow flicker a year. The proximity of these giant turbines to our house is a serious concern for our family, as the low frequency noise and shadow flicker can have a serious impact on my children's physiological wellbeing and can cause sleep deprivation. My children struggle as it is with any change to their routines, can you imagine what would happen if these giant turbines appear in front of our house. The impact of their view would be a massive change for them both, and I know this will affect them enormously, never mind the 2 year construction period it would take for these turbines to be built.

·Both our children get a bus to their services everyday, the construction of these turbines will affect their bus routes, and will cause serious distress to them on a daily basis, never mind the delays this will cause also. Our children thrive on routine and as we do understand in everyday life things change daily, but in our house we have to try and keep as normal routine as possibly to help our children. We built our house 20 years ago in this location due to its tranquil setting and landscape views. We also built up our garden to make it a secure and peaceful setting for our children to be able to play in safely and have some independence as they get older.

·My husband suffers with sleep apnea and requires a C-pap machine for his sleep. If during construction there is frequent outages this could interrupt his ability to use this machine. We both suffer with anxiety, high blood pressure and migraines. Wind turbines can generate low frequency sound waves this can trigger neurological sensitivity in people who suffer with migraines. There hasn't been enough research done on this to date.

·We live on a farm that we have built up over the years, it is our only income source and we are very worried about how these giant turbines will affect our animals. We have, cows, chickens and a pony. There is credible evidence and consistent anecdotal reports that wind farms can negatively affect farm animals, especially when turbines are located close to grazing areas. Animals, especially cows and horses are much more sensitive to low frequency vibrations than humans. There has been some documented effects like, increased agitation, restlessness, decreased feeding and changes in herd behaviour.

·The road we live on is the R516, this road has been earmarked for the delivery of the turbines and all the construction like material. This is the main Bruff to Croom road which has been known not only to subside, but also floods on a yearly basis. This road has been resurfaced numerous times in the last 20 years that I have lived here. How is it going to be possibly for all these big trucks with the loads they are carrying to drive up and down on this road, daily. I would urge you to strongly look at this section of road more closely, you will see numerous pictures online of the flooding. You will also see the amount of wildlife that live on the field, known as the Corcass. This is the field that the Whooper Swan can be seen on every year as it flies from Lough Gur every winter. This is also the area where 5 giant turbines are supposed to be erected on.

·There will also be severe disruption on the R516 road while they are laying the cable. They have to lay 26 miles of cable, underground from the substation all the way into Limerick. This will have a huge impact on my family on a daily basis, as not only my road will be affected the other main road I use into Limerick R 512 will also be affected during this process. As I have stated above my children get buses from my house daily to their services, and as a farmer we use these roads on a daily basis to run our family business.

I would strongly urge you to please look very closely at this planning application and please consider denying it on not only the grounds I have outlined above but also on the fact that the area they want to put these in is a very populated area, with a lot of vulnerable people living locally. It is essential that the planning process considers the needs of vulnerable members of the community, and I do not think that this planner did. There was very little consultation done with any member of the community that has a family member with any additional needs. I had 2 people call to my door to check I received a letter, then I received another letter telling me they were doing a clinic in Kilmallock, on the week before the school returns. As I mentioned I have 2 children with additional needs so there was no way I could attend a meeting with them. There was no public consultation done where they could have come and met the community together but they refused. For me this was unacceptable.

Kind Regards,

Martina and William Maloney.