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

Date: 13th November 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.

To Whom It May Concern,

I Mary Broughton , write in connection with the above listed planning application at Ballincurra, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

We wish to object strongly to this proposal and ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

Some of our summarised observations and concerns are as follows:

Home Devaluation

One of my biggest concerns is the devaluation of my home. I have lived here for almost 50 years, and I have become accustomed to the peace and tranquillity of the countryside. Not only will I lose this but I fear that the value of my home will be negatively impacted too. My children would like to eventually settle down in this area but I am concerned that in such close proximity to many turbines, I have no doubt that we will be refused planning permission. What assurances can you give me that this will not be the case?

Noise and Shadow Flicker

I have 5 turbines within 2.2KM of my home, the closest being less than 800m. This will cause unwanted sound for me and my home. The cumulative effect will amplify this given the number of turbines so close together. I am also aware of Infrasound and how this low frequency sound can carry for many kilometres. I am very concerned about the affect this will have on humans and my precious dog who is very sensitive to sound. As I am well within 1.6KM and I have 2 turbines in less than 1KM, I will be affected by the Shadow Flicker. This is wholly unacceptable that my home will be subjected to this. I understand that the outdated guidelines state a setback of only 500m whereas the WHO have a guidance of 10 times the height of the turbine for setback.

Vegetation

My area is covered by luscious greenery and trees and I am very concerned that many of these trees will be felled to make way for this industrialised farm. We live in the heart of the Golden Vale and this development is set to destroy this beautiful area at a devastating ecological cost.

Road Disruption

I live on the R516 and frequently travel the R512 to Limerick. I understand that this is the route for the proposed cabling from the development to Killonan. This will have huge disruption for members of the public travelling these roads including farm machinery, buses, school runs. The time it will take to complete these road works is excessive and I have major concerns for the emergency services. As these roads are not very wide and parts will be closed off, an ambulance or fire brigade will take longer to reach someone in need and could be the difference between life and death. I am also concerned that these roads will be accommodating massive numbers of HGVs over a long period of time which will cause devastating damage to the infrastructure of our roads.

Location

The decision made for the location of this development is wholly wrong. The area proposed for these is in an area that sees frequent flooding (see below images). I cannot understand how an area so prone to flooding could be chosen. I would like to understand how such a decision was made especially when you see the evidence below – these images were taken over the past 2 days (11th/12th Nov 2025).



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I strongly urge that this development be rejected for the reasons outlined above.

I request that for an Oral Hearing in relation to this wind farm application, for the reasons outlined above. In particular the proximity and impact this will have on Lough Gur, an architectural and archaeological site of international importance, and the impact on our Golden Vale's High Value Landscape. Furthermore the scale of the project and the pattern of population distribution which will have widespread impact on our local community.

Kind Regards,

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