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

Date 11 November 2025

Re: 10 year planning permission for Ballinlee Wind Farm consisting of 17 no. wind turbines of 60m height, 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,

We Mary & Joseph Lenihan write 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. Although I live 3KM from this proposed development,

We recognise the importance of wind energy in meeting Ireland's National renewable energy targets and addressing climate change. However, this development is unsuitable for this location and fails to take proper account of the environmental, social, and cultural impacts on the local area.

Approval of this wind farm would destroy the area's rural character, place residents at risk from ongoing health and amenity impacts, erode property values, and threaten the very fabric of our community. We therefore appeal to the Board to reject this application in its entirety.

Some of our summarised individual observations and concerns are as follows:

Health & Safety

Wind turbines can affect people and may cause migraines, tinnitus, vertigo, can affect concentration, nausea, hearing problems, heart palpitations, anxiety, depression, and cancers. They can cause problems for people and children with sensory issues, for example Noise, Vibrations, Anxiety, Depression, and Meltdowns. This can put unnecessary anxiety and stress on parents, carers, and family members. All of this will place additional stress on families. It should be greatly considered that these issues be put as priority. We are particularly concerned about the effects on Infrasound as this can travel up to 10KM and has been proven to have a negative affect on people with sensory needs.

Road Construction Impacts

Our country roads are not designed for the HGV's that will travel during the construction. There will be emissions, dust, vibrations which will be hazardous to the local community and visiting people. Due to excess vehicles on our roads, this could lead to increased risk of accidents. It's very easy to overlook the danger to achieve your goals. There are school buses on these roads, local link buses taking people shopping, cyclists and walkers. These buses provide vital transport for our elderly in the area to attend social events, medical appointments, and day care facilities. Air quality will also be impacted especially during the construction phase. This will negatively impact those with respiratory problems. There is equestrian farms in the area of Rathcannon where horses regularly are rode on the local roads. This poses a danger to the animals and riders with so many HGV's expected to travel these roads.

Biodiversity

Our area is full of diverse animals including birds, bats, swans, ducks, and migrating birds. This development will present a hazard for many of these creatures, especially the Whooper Swans who migrate annually between Lough Gur and Iceland. The corcass area between Athlacca and Bruff holds an area frequented by these visitors every year. Vegetation in the areas of this development will also be negatively impacted. No EIAR has been done in this area to mitigate against these issues. The wider area of biodiversity will also be impacted with the noise and vibration from these turbines.

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

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind Regards,

Mary & Joseph Lenihan