

Case Reference 323780

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

Date: 17/11/25

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 Michael Ryan & Suzi Kendall Ryan 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.

We request for an Oral Hearing in relation to this wind farm application, for the reasons outlined below.

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 a widespread profoundly negative impact on our local community and way of life.

Some of our summarised observations and concerns are as follows:

From reading case studies from Europe and elsewhere, we are extremely concerned about the health effects of living near turbine farms and about the reduction in value to property located near wind farms.

All we have now is our health and when we are gone, the value of our home to leave to our children. We will fight tooth and nail to ensure neither are affected!

Personal & Community Wellbeing

- ***Mental Health & Peace of Mind*** - *I am concerned that the constant noise and visual presence of turbines will affect my ability to relax and feel at ease in my own home. They will have the effect of turning our rural area into an industrial zone.*

- **Sleep Disturbance** - I fear the low-frequency noise and flicker effects could affect my sleep and health overall.
- **Loss of Tranquillity** - Our area is known for its quiet, rural character. The turbines would fundamentally change that. I moved to this area specifically for the peace and quiet.

Home & Landscape

- **Visual Intrusion** - The turbines will be visible from my house window and garden, changing the view I've cherished for years. I walk these roads regularly with my family. The historical significance of the locality will be destroyed forever.
- **Property Value Concerns** - I worry that the presence of turbines will reduce the value of my home and make it impossible to sell, effectively leaving my family stuck in a wind prison. If planning permission is granted, I plan to take a case against the company for loss of value on my property.
- **Shadow Flicker & Glint** – We are concerned about the shadow flicker from rotating blades, especially in the mornings/evenings when sunlight hits my windows.

Nature & Wildlife Enjoyment

- **Impact on Local Wildlife** - I regularly walk in the area and enjoy watching birds and wildlife like Whooper Swans and badgers. I'm worried the turbines will drive them away. The Whooper Swans fly in formation directly over my house twice a day. It's a sight to behold. There are several badger sets in the field next to my house. Buzzards nest at the back of my field. My passion is beekeeping and I'm very concerned from what I've read that the bees will be affected by the low-level noise from the turbines. I'd be devastated if it was impossible to rear bees going forward. We've already seen a dramatic reduction in bees these past years, with the industrialisation of our neighbourhood, there will be no hope."
- **Disruption of Habitats** - The proposed site is close to hedgerows and wetlands that support foxes, badgers, and nesting birds. These habitats could be disturbed or destroyed.
- **Loss of Biodiversity** - I've noticed frogs, newts, and butterflies in the area. I'm concerned that construction and turbine operation will reduce biodiversity

Cultural & Landscape Impact

- **Proximity to Lough Gur** - Lough Gur is an internationally important Heritage site and tourist destination (over 100,000 visitors last year). The turbines would visually intrude on the landscape and diminish its cultural value.
- **Visual Impact on Villages**- The turbines will be visible from Bruff, Athlacca, and Dromin, altering the character of these historic villages.
- **Photomontage Gaps** - The Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment omit key viewpoints from Lough Gur and nearby villages. These photos are taken from low below hedgerows that are planned to be brought down, instead of giving a true reflection of the view thereafter.

Recreation & Lifestyle

- **Impact on Walking Routes** - *I use the local trails for walking and cycling. The turbines would make these routes feel industrial and less safe.*
- **Loss of Scenic Beauty** - *The area is popular with photographers and nature lovers. Industrial turbines would spoil its charm.*
- **Community Identity** - *Our village has a strong identity tied to its natural surroundings. This development feels out of step with that.*

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

Kind Regards,

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