

Michael, Karen and Heelan Family  
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Co Limerick  
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The Secretary,  
An Coimisiun Pleanala,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1,  
DO1V902.  
Case Reference Number: PAX91.323780

Date 13/11/2025

**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.**

**To Whom it May Concern,**

I am writing in connection to the above listed planning application, and I wish to object strongly to this proposal and ask that the board refuse planning permission on the following grounds.

- **Health**

I Michael Heelan as part of my work do shift work and being in the centre of this development would be a serious issue too my health and sleep patterns. I am suffering with sleep patterns. I am suffering with sleep apnea and have to use a device to sleep, this device comes with a chip that sends messages back too health centre monitoring my sleep so that sends messages back too a

health centre monitoring my sleep so that adjustments can be made this is all based on signal which I fear may be effected by this development, as our internet is low enough at present.

My 22 year old suffers from Anxiety, Depression and is part recluse he remains in his bedroom up too 20 hours a day and has 2 velux windows on the roof. On studying shadow flicker with a video of some coming through both velux windows, this is not an environment I wish to have him in. he does venture out on a good day around our gardens but this will stop as we are surrounded by this development. I would plead with the board to give this serious thought.

My wife Karen is on medication for high blood pressure and with all the stress of this development is not good for her condition and causing undue harm on her. This development is totally unjust and upsetting to my family and we ask the board to take in these issues of our families health and wellbeing an our neighbours in close proximity to this industrial size development, which has no place in towns or villages.

- **Nature**

Our property is located in prime Golden Vale land along with wetlands full of foxes, pheasants, badgers, hen harriers and the whooper swan, along with many more species of animals. I also have the red squirrel coming through my property from the proposed forestry which is to be felled for the substation, this will destroy their habitats. We also have a big bat colony here and they can be seen at night in full flight. We also have a breeding owl family and we fear this kind of nature will disappear. We have a fish pond and get regular visits from 2 herons, these turbines will kill or injury these birds.

- **Flooding**

Over the last few days we have noticed a significant amount of flooding in our area and all this excavation should this development get the go ahead this will seriously effect the water table and will bring signifiant flooding too my property therefore rising my premiums which may lead to not getting cover on our property.

- **Heritage**

When our property was built in 2001 we are in close proximity to a fairy ring fort and we had to get Archaeology reports. This structure is as close too our property as this development is but we cant see anything on planning documents referring to same we also have a number of mass rocks castles and thatched cottages in the proposed area which should be taken into consideration.

- **Safety**

The proposed development circled around Ballinlee substation is of serious concern. There are 23 water connections too Ballinlee households from Kilmallock road (R512) too Ryans farm (one of the landowners) and stops there. The substation in the middle of a wooded area has no water connection in the event of a fire there are 4 other premises at the end of Ballinlee which I only presume depending on wells. The farm at the end of the cul de sac, Carroll's farm depends on a water main from Athlacca road L1414 outside my entrance gate going through our property and into their farm. So in the event of a major fire where do they get the water from? I have spoke to several fire stations who share my concerns about fire and access to the site. We also have a main gas pipe line going through the site and have serious reservations on the implications of a major emergency.

- **Proximity**

My house is within proximity of 17 turbines, T6 766.2 m, T4 832.8 m, T5 859.2 m, T7 1122.6m, T10 1266.6m, T13 1301.4 m, T8 1495.9 m, T14 1615.3 m, T11 1694.3 m, T1 1728.7 m, T3 1758.3 m, T16 1706.2 m, T15 1761.7 m, T9 1879.2 m, T2 1888 m, T17 1970.2 m and T12 2065.5m, I will also have shadow flicker of 35.3 hours per year. There will also be a substation behind me in the forestry this is 2 fields away from my house. Along with the access road this a massively invasive development, which will completely surround my property, and will severely impact my views. We fear that between shadow flicker and infrasound that we may have to consider selling up our house and moving out of our native village. Along with the access road is also too near and will restrict access to our town and in the event of an emergency there vehicles will not be able to get through. We have paid and continue to pay a mortgage on this property will be worthless and both of our children will not want to live here. I therefore urge you to please consider this planning permission and refuse it on the grounds I have outlines above. I live in Bruff for it tranquil settings and peace and quiet, why should our lives be distributed by these developers.

Kind Regards,

The Heelan Family