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The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902
Case reference: PAX91.323780

Date: 8th Nov, 2025

Re: 10-year planning permission for Ballinlee Wind Farm consisting of 17 no. wind turbines, 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, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

To Whom It May Concern,

We, Mike & Madeline O'Rourke, 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.

I/ We recognise the importance of wind energy in meeting 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.

This wind farm would permanently alter the rural character of the area and expose nearby residents to health and amenity risks, devalue local properties, and threaten the long-term sustainability of our community. For these reasons, we ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

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

1. Firstly, we have no objection to progress, but these turbines are in the wrong location.

2. We live in close proximity to Lough Gur which is a Historical Site, which also includes Croker House in Grange,

and historical structures and walls that surrounds Rockbarton.

Heavy duty machines will destabilise these very historical buildings and walls that surround them.

3. Ballygrennan Castle:

Ballygrennan Castle dates back to the 16 & 17 century. It houses **Barn Owls** and **Kestrels**. They will not nest here with huge noise and destruction while this development takes place and afterwards, when these industrial turbines are functioning. Ballygrennan Castle sits on our land. We had the pleasure of Birdwatch Ireland visit us and filmed footage of these unique and rare Birds. It was filmed and viewed on R.T.E. **We feel an obligation to protect these very unique and rare birds.**

4. We are farming in close proximity to these industrial turbines, and have 4 children, who wish to return to the town and live in the locality. They will not be able to apply for planning permission when these cables go down. This is to no advantage to the area as there will be no incentive for the young to return to their hometown.

5. The shadow flicker and infrasound are of major concern for us. Infrasound can travel 15 kilometres. This will have a huge impact on our lives and well-being, especially in the morning and evening. We are very concerned about the shadow flicker from the rotating blade, as we can see these industrial turbines from our house.

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

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind Regards,

Mike & Madeline O'Rourke
