

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

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> 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, Ballingayroure, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.**

To Whom It May Concern,

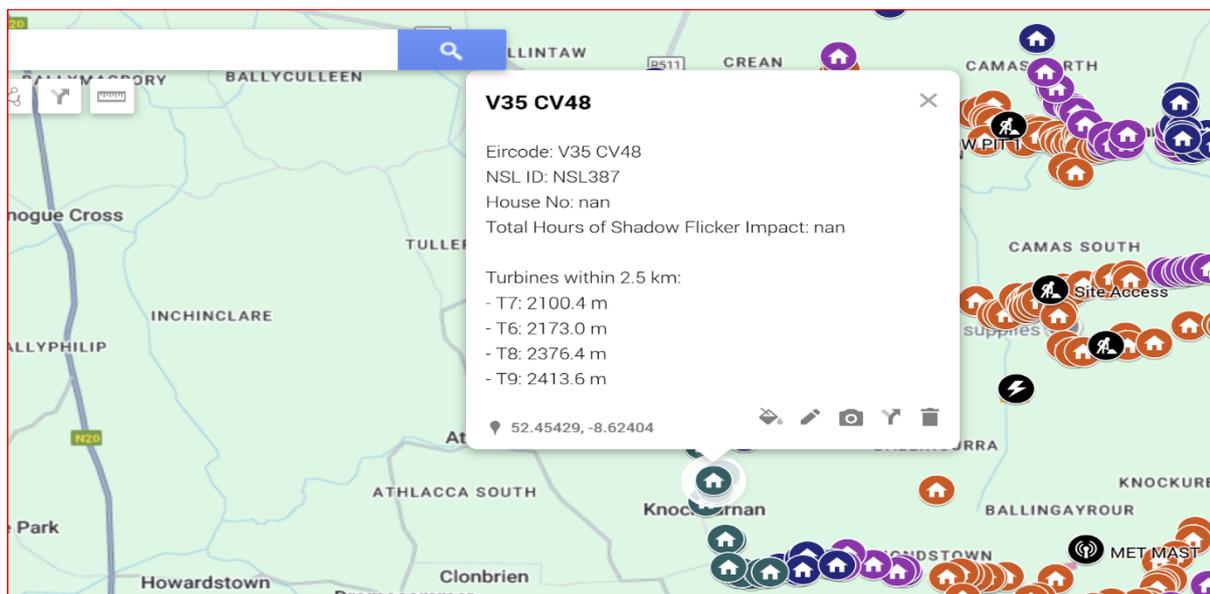
We, Neil and Ide Hogan, write in connection with the above listed planning application at Ballincurra, Ballingayroure, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

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

Our summarised observations and concerns are as follows:

### **1. Proximity to Homes**

The proposed sites are too close to existing homes including our home in Rathcannon which lies within 2.5km of planned turbines. This is a quiet noise sensitive area and we are extremely concerned about these turbines being so close to us and the potential impacts on sleep, health and general quality of life. We never received any notification in relation to the proposal for these turbines although we are within 2.5km of the proposed development.



## **2. Loss of Amenity, Rural Character and Future Impact**

We have lived in Athlacca all our lives, raising our family here and choosing to remain here. It has always been a place of strong community spirit where people support one another and take pride in their surroundings. We worry about the long-term consequences if these turbines are built, the area will lose its peace, its beauty and its appeal.

In recent years many younger people have also chosen to build their homes and start their own families here. If this proposal goes ahead, the landscape we know and love will be completely transformed by industrial turbines that are completely out of character with the surroundings.

If this development goes ahead it will devalue local properties and make the area far less appealing for anyone hoping to build or buy here in the future. Those already here would face the devastating reality of being unable to sell or move, even if they wished to.

The long-term impact we face will be the loss of community life and rural activity.

## **3. Impact on Local Wellbeing and Quality of Life**

The area around our home is a peaceful beautiful rural area. Locals including myself enjoy regular walks in our area which greatly contribute to mental health and wellbeing.

The construction and operation of these giant turbines would bring constant noise, movement and visual intrusion, ruining the quiet enjoyment of the countryside. Local walking routes and scenic trails that people use daily for exercise and peace of mind would be overshadowed by towering turbines and industrial activity.

The loss of tranquillity will have a real and lasting negative effect on the quality of life of everyone living nearby.

## **4. Noise and Disruption**

Both during construction for 24 months and once operational, the turbines will bring ongoing noise pollution, dust and major construction disruption. We live on a narrow boren road in Rathcannon which is completely unsuited to heavy machinery and constant large vehicle traffic. If two cars meet on the road one car has to reverse to a gap to leave the other car pass. These roads and other country roads are not suitable for increased traffic that this project would require. This will cause serious disruption and delays to our daily journeys to work and school.

## **5. Traffic Management and Safety Concerns**

The scale of the transport and construction works needed to install these turbines will cause serious traffic problems, road damage, and safety risks on small county roads.

We have a safety concern for the children and families living along these roads. Many children regularly play and cycle in these quiet rural areas, and the introduction of heavy construction traffic poses a significant risk of accidents or injury. The thoughts of large vehicles with heavy loads navigating narrow bends and passing homes in close proximity is really worrying.

## 6. Flooding and Environmental Risk

One of the proposed sites for the turbines is the Corcas in Athlacca located at the end of the road we live on in Rathcannon, on the Bruff line. This is currently flooded after the recent downpours of rain we have had. The flooding clearly demonstrates the vulnerability of this landscape and the importance of preserving its natural balance. Construction on or near this floodplain will disrupt natural water drainage, increasing the risk of flooding to nearby homes and with potentially serious consequences for locals and the environment.



## 7. Cultural and Heritage Impact

One of the proposed sites for the turbines are in close proximity to Lough Gur, one of Ireland's most valued heritage sites. The proposed development in the surrounding area risks undermining both the visual beauty and tranquil character of this historic setting which draws visitors from across Ireland and beyond. We need to protect this landscape for heritage and tourism.

## **8. Destruction of the Golden Vale Landscape**

The region forms part of the Golden Vale, one of Ireland's most fertile and scenic agricultural areas. The installation of these massive wind turbines would permanently scar this landscape, replacing a view that represents Ireland's rural heritage with industrial structures totally out of character with the surroundings.

The Golden Vale is a part of our national identity and should be preserved for future generations. This proposed development feels as if we are destroying the Ireland we know and love, an Ireland defined by its rural charm, natural beauty and community spirit.

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

We also request for an Oral Hearing in relation to this wind farm application, for the reasons outlined above. In particular the scale of the project and the pattern of population distribution which will have widespread impact on our local community.

Kind Regards,  
Neil and Ide Hogan  
Rathcannon, Athlaca, Co. Limerick