

Pat McCarthy  
Ballintaw  
Banogue  
Croom  
Co Limerick  
V35 VC58

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

**Case reference: PAX91.323780**

**Date:** 17th 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, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.**

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Pat McCarthy 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 wish to object strongly to this proposal and ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

Some of my summarised observations and concerns are as follows:

There had been no communication from the developers with residents on the construction route prior to the site notices going up at Tullovin Bridge. To propose an industrial size development of this type without communication at local level totally contravenes the Aarhus Convention

The Aarhus Convention, to which Ireland is a signatory, underscores the importance of public participation in environmental decision-making. Article 7 of this convention grants us the right to be informed, to participate in decision-making processes, and to have access to justice in environmental matters. These rights are not to be taken lightly; they are fundamental to the democratic principles upon which our society is built.

I am a regular cyclist, and both the R516 and R512 form part of my training routes for long-distance events such as the Ring of Beara and the Cliffs of Moher Challenge, among others. My safety, along with the safety of others, will be seriously compromised if planning permission for this application is granted.

I also work shift hours, and reliable access to my usual routes for travelling to and from work is essential. The planning application outlines proposed road diversions and closures, which would create significant disruption to my commute and daily life.

The sheer scale of these turbines would severely impact the natural beauty and scenic views that are central to life in our countryside. A major part of the enjoyment of cycling is visiting different locations and pausing to take in the stunning views across the Golden Vale. Beyond this, the project poses a real threat to local wildlife and bird habitats. This industrial-scale development shows little regard for the local communities or the people who choose to make their homes in the countryside. It will greatly reduce the value of our homes and leave many of us feeling that our countryside is being destroyed before our eyes, with no consideration for the lives and wellbeing of residents.

The potential health risks associated with turbines cannot be dismissed, nor can the impact on the mental wellbeing of both young and old within our communities

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

Kind Regards,

Pat McCarthy