

17/11/2025

Pat O'Neill,
Ballinrea,
Bruff,
Co. Limerick,
V35HH70.

Re: The proposed development known as Ballinlee Wind Farm consisting of 17 no. wind turbines, a permanent 110kV substation and ancillary development located within the townlands of Ballincurra, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee South, Ballinlee North, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North, Camas South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane, Ballynanty, Cahirguillamore, Rockbarton, Grange, Ballynagallagh, Skool, Friarstown South, Friarstown, Rockstown, Rochestown, Carriganattin, Stonepark, Ballynagarde, Ballymacgreese, Glen, Knockbrien, Ballyneety, Scart, Ballyogartha, Carrigmartin, Cahernarry (Cripps), Drombanny, Ballybrennan, Coolyhenan, Knockananty, Ballysimon Commons, Tullovin, and Milltown, Co. Limerick An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: PAX91.323780

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the Strategic Infrastructure Application (case ref 323780).

I have serious concerns about the proposed turbines being located so close to my home and farmland. I believe that their proximity poses risks to both my family's wellbeing and the sustainability of my farm. Living near large turbines could expose us to constant noise, shadow flicker, and visual intrusion, all of which could significantly affect my health and quality of life. The low-frequency noise worries me, as I fear it could impact my sleep, stress levels, and overall wellbeing.

I am especially concerned about the potential impact of noise and flicker on children, including children who live nearby with autism. These effects may be especially distressing for children who are more sensitive to repetitive or intrusive noise patterns and flashing shadows. This is a major source of worry for me, my neighbours and for future generations.

I am also deeply concerned about how the turbines could affect my dairy farm. I worry that the additional stress on my animals from noise and flicker could negatively influence herd behaviour and welfare, potentially contributing to issues such as elevated somatic cell counts or reduced production. Even the possibility of disruption to my herd's environment is a serious concern for my future in dairy farming.

The development would also restrict future growth for my family. If houses cannot be built within a certain distance, this will have a lasting impact on our ability to build homes for myself and for future generations to keep family living on our land, and to pass the farm on to the next generation. These restrictions could fundamentally change the future of our family and our connection to this place.

Beyond the immediate impacts on my home and farm, I am also concerned about the wider effects on the town of Bruff. The heavy construction traffic required to build and maintain the turbines would place enormous pressure on local roads and infrastructure, causing disruption, safety issues, and long-term damage to a small town that is not designed for industrial transport. Bruff is simply not a suitable location for a project of this scale, either environmentally or socially.

I believe that far more consideration must be given to alternative locations that would achieve renewable energy goals without placing such significant burdens on families, farmers, and rural communities. A development like this should be located where it will not endanger local wellbeing, disrupt agricultural livelihoods, or restrict family land use for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,

Pat O'Neill