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Ballinlee North

Bruff, Co. Limerick

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The Secretary,  
An Coimisiún Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
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Case reference: 323780

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> November 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 Kiltonan 220/110kV substation, and ancillary development. Located in Ballincurra, Ballingayrour, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.**

To Whom It May Concern,

We Pat and Dolores Corkery , write in connection with the above listed planning application at Ballincurra, Ballingayrour, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

We recognise the importance of wind energy in meeting Ireland's 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. It will have a serious impact on our health and wellbeing and our enjoyment of our home in Ballinlee.

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

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

- **Community Engagement**

Our home is within 1 KM of a proposed wind turbine (we have another 7 or so within 2 KM) but no-one at all engaged with us from the company. We got no knock on the door or other information,



apart from a letter and a flyer which told us little about the project. This is not effective, open and meaningful community engagement. The company refused to hold a Public Meeting and as a result us and our neighbours knew very little about the project until recently. Under the Directive 2014/52/EU, EIA Directive, the community must be provided with early and effective opportunities to participate in decision-making, and this did not happen.

- **Home & Landscape**

We have lived here happily for 33 years and it is so distressing to learn about this Industrial scale project that is going to change our lives if this gets the go ahead. This is a peaceful quiet area which and we enjoy getting out on the Ballinlee road for walks. My wife has to go in a wheelchair and she is not in good health and we are worried how this would affect her health. Visually to see 17 160m tall intrusive blades will have a huge impact on how we enjoy the outdoors and it will affect our views and amenity from our garden which faces onto Camas, where 5 of these are proposed to go and the other 12 will be behind our home. The area is popular with families walking and running etc, even horses use the Ballinlee road as its quiet and away from the main road. These turbines will impact all these road users as-well as all the people that live on this road.

- **Shadow Flicker**

We are worried about Shadow Flicker, this also would really impact the enjoyment of our home. This would be visually disorientating and could cause us headaches and undue stress. Especially in the evenings when sunlight hits our windows. We have seen from the location of my property in the plans shared by neighbours, and the approximate hours of flicker mentioned, this is not a small amount of time.

- **Noise**

We are really concerned about the constant noise these turbines will make, especially because there are so many of them and they are all so close together.

My wife struggles to sleep due to an underlying health condition, and we are aware that wind turbines become much more intrusive at night when traffic and other background noises quiet down. How are we expected to be able to live comfortably in our home with these turbines affecting our sleep and well-being as a result.

- **Property Devaluation**

Our property value will decline massively, who is going to compensate us for this. It prevents us from ever being able to sell our home, or if our children ever wanted to sell this, they simply won't be able.

- **Local Wildlife**

This area is like a wildlife sanctuary. We see every kind of bird, birds of prey, pheasants, foxes, hedgehogs and these animals will also be impacted. The sight and sound of large turbines will disrupt their peaceful habitats

To finish, this project will have a huge impact on our home, health and the lives of everyone in the area and our close neighbours. Many alternatives exist to moving away from fossil fuels, there are other options that do not mean the destruction of a beautiful rural and quiet area like Ballinlee. This will negatively impact the local town of Bruff and the spirit of the town.



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

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind Regards,

P. J. Larkney / Dolores Corkey

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