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The Secretary,

An Coimisiún Pleanála,

64 Marlborough Street,

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Case reference: PAX91.323780

Date: 18th 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

Dromin Athlacca Community Childcare Ltd Company number 479609

Ballincurra, Ballingayrou, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

I wish to object to this development on several grounds that have not been adequately addressed by the applicant. I am concerned about shadow flicker, which can cause significant disturbance inside homes when the sun passes behind turbine blades, creating a repeated flashing effect. I am also concerned about turbine noise, especially low-frequency noise at night, which can disturb sleep and reduce quality of life.

The grid connection poses a major planning risk. The proposed trenching works stretch for approximately 27 km, involving extensive road-opening, heavy construction traffic, dust, vibration and long-term disruption to local residents. This level of roadworks is excessive for a rural area and creates safety concerns on narrow roads.

There are serious wildlife concerns, as the area supports pheasants, bats, storks and other protected species. Turbines and construction works can disturb flight paths and habitats, and there has been no clear demonstration that surveys were carried out to the required standard.

I also have flooding concerns, as parts of the proposed cable route and surrounding land regularly flood. The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines (2009) require that developments avoid flood-prone areas unless a full Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment is completed. This has not been provided in a way that reflects actual local conditions.

I am further concerned about the visual impact of turbines of this height on the local landscape, heritage views, graveyards, and rural character. The photomontages provided by the developer do not include key viewpoints such as Dromin, Camas or Ballygrennan, nor do they show winter views, night-time lighting, cumulative impact or realistic residential lines of sight.

Finally, the development raises public safety and construction-phase concerns, including traffic hazards, vibration impacts from trenching, and risks associated with construction near homes, farms and heritage assets.

For these reasons, I believe the proposal does not represent proper planning or sustainable development, and I request that permission be refused.

Kind regards,

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