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The Secretary,
An I Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
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Case reference: PAX91.323780

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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,

My name is Robbie Moloney and I live in Rathcannon, Athlacca, Co Limerick. I would strongly oppose the above application of 17 wind turbines in the Bruff, Dromin and Athlacca area.

I would like to oppose this for multiple reasons outlined below.

Firstly, I feel the area is not suitable for such a large industrial project. The area involved is well populated and I believe will impact the lives of every one of us. There are a cluster of wind farms proposed across Country Limerick and the accumulated effect will impact many communities. I would also like to add that public consultation for such a big project was totally unsatisfactory.

The Golden Vale and it's agricultural industry is a massive importance to the area, with beautiful scenery and an abundance of wildlife. I feel it would have a devastating effect to the local and wider areas such as Lough Gur for tourism. There are many case examples across Ireland where wind farms have caused unforgivable damage to biodiversity.

My next point, is the increase in HGV traffic to an area that can just about manage the current traffic on the roads. Adding so many HGVs will increase the risk of a serious road traffic collision on small country roads. 1 in 10 fatal road traffic collisions involved a HGV according to HGV Ireland. As for recreational activities like walking and cycling, will be greatly affected and very restrictive to people.

My partner and I are currently building a home for the future of our young family. We work hard and deserve to have a home that is safe, and without any distractions to our lives. A news report

recently said a bank refused a loan for a house due to the close proximity to a wind turbine farm. There was also reports of a wind farm development objecting to planning permission for a house. If we are looking to destroy rural Ireland this is the way to go about it. I have real concerns for the future of my kids when I hear this.

The research around shadow flicker and infrasound is alarming and the people who live with these large wind farms are living proof that this is in fact very real. It has seriously affected their quality of life, health and mental health. There are many case examples of serious health issues from people living near to wind farms like in Co Wexford to name but a few.

A very interesting report last week by a TD from Donegal, noted many turbines in his area where not turning. When he enquired about it, he found out that the turbines had been stopped because the infrastructure in Ireland needs massive upgrading and cannot cope with all the power produced. Yet we continue to build wind farms that cannot produce electricity due to lack of capacity and the tax payer carries the burden. Which leads to my next point.

What's astonishing is, when a turbine is shut down due to lack of wind or the grid unable to manage the electricity (curtailment), the wind farm is compensated by the government with tax payers' money to the tune of tens of millions each year. This has been linked to the huge increase in electricity prices. It just makes no sense when that money could be directed to far better use. Like upgrading the infrastructure required. All wind farm projects need to be very carefully looked at and should never impact people in their homes or area they live and work.

Lastly, I would like to highlight the stress this has inflicted on people and their families within the community. It requires huge time and effort to set up a community awareness group and run it. The group are a credit to this community for the time and effort that has gone into this process. This wind turbine development must be stopped for the health and wellbeing of everyone before we destroy what is great about rural communities.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Many thanks,

Robbie Moloney.