

Bulgaden
Kilmallock
Co. Limerick
V35 H768

The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
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Case reference: PAX91.323780

Date: 11/17/ 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 Roisin Madden 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.

We 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:

- I have planning permission granted for a family home in the Dromin area, approximately 1.5km from the proposed wind farm. Our site has not been listed as one of the dwellings assessed for affects by the wind farm. It does not have any assessment made for noise and shadow flicker. It is also not included in the map referred to in the planning permission application. We therefore have no reference to how the noise and shadow flicker will affect our household.
- A reason we have decided to build our family home in the area is due to the peaceful environment Dromin offers. The landscape of views we will have and the benefit living in this tranquillity will have on our mental wellbeing and the mental wellbeing of my children. We will regularly walk and cycle in the area ourselves and our children will for years to come. As a form of exercise and stress relief. The proposed impact of living 1.5km close to a wind farm will severely affect the peaceful environment we are living in and therefore the mental wellbeing of my family. Will we still be able to enjoy a walk in the area with the noise level and shadow flicker?

- The natural impact of building a windfarm in this area can not be understated. The proposed area is currently flooded as a natural occurring wetland ever autumn, It attracts several wildlife species, not least Whooper Swans and many other birds and animals. I am concerned about the wellbeing the wind farm and its construction will have on the flora and fauna of the area. The construction will inevitably destroy natural hedgerows that house many animals. Are you willing to sacrifice the natural habitat for these animals?
- Has there been notice made to households of what will occur when the flooding that occurs in Carrigeen and beyond each Autumn is disrupted when construction for the windfarm begins or after it is completed. Will the water table change in the area? Will the flooding occur in another area? Are households in the Carrigeen area at risk of the flooding moving closer to their properties? What impact does this have on private wells?
- It is unclear if the proposed wind farm will affect future planning permission in the area. Will my children not have an opportunity to live in the area they grew up in?
- The community impact over the construction period will be extremely impactful. Bruff NS is in between the sites of Ballinlee, Carrigeen and the Athlacca road. The traffic volume increase of an estimated 284 HGVs daily at their peak is an astonishing amount. It is bound to have a phenomenal impact on the children and the community as a whole.

The proximity and impact this will have on the historic Lough Gur, an architectural and archaeological site of international importance that we are very proud of as a community will be negative. Bruff and the surrounding South Limerick area is a rich, beautiful scenic environment. We would like to suggest putting Bruff, Grange & Kilmallock in the same category as Adare is thought of by the county council, as an area too desirable to have a wind farm development.

The scale of this proposed project was never discussed openly with the community at large. Any request for information has been rejected by the company putting in this application. There is plenty of poor land where windfarms can be developed, not in rural residential areas that have large populations to be negatively affected. Developments like these are the nail in the coffin for rural Ireland.

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

Kind Regards,

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