

The Secretary,
An Coimisiun Pleanala,
64 Marlborough Street,
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Case Number 323780

RE: 10 -year planning permission for Ballinlee Wind Farm consisting of 17 wind turbines, a permanent 110V substation and ancillary development. Located in, Ballincurra, Ballingarour, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camass North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in Co. Limerick.

Date 18/11/2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in connection with the above-listed planning application, and I wish to object strongly to this proposal and ask that the board refuse planning permission on the following grounds:

1. **Environmental Impact:**

The construction and operation of 17 wind turbines in this area would have significant and detrimental effects on the local ecosystem. This includes potential harm to wildlife, particularly bird species, and disruption to habitats. The proposed site is located in a sensitive area with considerable biodiversity, and the impact of turbine construction and operation on local flora and fauna has not been adequately assessed.

2. **Visual Impact:**

The size and scale of the proposed wind turbines would significantly alter the visual character of the landscape, affecting both the natural beauty of the area and the quality of life for residents and visitors. This area is valued for its scenic views, and the visual intrusion of large industrial structures would have a lasting negative impact on the surrounding countryside.

3. **Noise Pollution:**

The operation of 17 large turbines will result in noise pollution, which could affect the health and well-being of nearby residents. The noise produced by wind

turbines, especially when placed in proximity to residential areas, can be disruptive and lead to sleep disturbance, anxiety, and other health concerns. The planning application does not appear to fully consider the cumulative noise impact on the local community.

4. **Impact on Local Infrastructure:**

The construction of the wind farm and associated infrastructure (including the substation and access roads) could place significant strain on the local road network and public services. The increased traffic during construction, coupled with potential ongoing maintenance traffic, could cause considerable disruption to local communities and put pressure on an already limited infrastructure.

5. **Effect on Property Values:**

The presence of such a large industrial development in a primarily rural area could negatively affect property values in the surrounding townlands. The proposal may have an adverse economic impact on local residents, who could see the value of their homes decrease as a result of the wind farm's proximity.

6. **Lack of Community Consultation:**

There has been insufficient engagement with local communities regarding this proposal. It is essential that all stakeholders, especially those living in proximity to the development, are consulted in an open and transparent manner. This will help ensure that their concerns are adequately addressed and that they have an opportunity to voice their opinions on the potential impact of the project.

7. **Alternative Energy Solutions:**

While renewable energy is vital to combat climate change, I believe that the proposed wind farm is not the most suitable solution for this particular area. There may be alternative sites that would cause less disruption to both the environment and the local community. I urge the planning board to consider other locations or renewable energy technologies that may have less of a negative impact.

In conclusion, I strongly urge An Bord Pleanála to refuse planning permission for the Ballinlee Wind Farm. The environmental, social, and economic impacts outlined above make this project unsuitable for the proposed location. I would be grateful if my objections could be taken into full consideration as part of the review process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that An Bord Pleanála will make a decision in the best interests of the local community and the wider environment.

Yours faithfully,
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