

**The Secretary,
An Coimisiun Pleanala
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902
Case Reference: PAX91.323780**

18th 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 Killonan220/110kV 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.

**OBJECTION TO BALLINLEE WIND FARM
FORMAL SUBMISSION TO AN COIMISIUN PLEANALA Re. PAX91.323780**

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to object to the proposed installation of 17 wind turbines, a permanent 110kV substation, underground electric cabling systems between the wind farm site and connection point at existing substation, and ancillary development, on a number of grounds.

Firstly, as a graduate of Agricultural Science, I object to the installation of 17 wind turbines as they pose a real risk to a number of species which use the locality as a transit corridor. The low frequency noise may affect the roosting bats ability to navigate and the turbines pose a real and imminent collision risk to the protected whopper swan. I note that the mitigation report submitted by the proposer overstates their certainty about swan behaviour and also fails to integrate the other species and site users/uses. Whilst I am not opposed to the development of renewal energy, I do not agree to it being achieved at the cost of our local and naturally occurring flora and fauna.

Secondly, as a Masters of Science in Marketing, Consumption & Society, I object to the proposed installation of 17 wind turbines, a permanent 110kV substation, underground electric cabling systems between the wind farm site and connection point at existing substation, and ancillary development, due to the negative impact that the development will have on the rural community in County Limerick. The Ballyhoura Development CLG is a community led Local Development Company. It was established in 1989 to support individual, community and business development. It is responsible for the development of many artisan companies which offer local and authentic products and experiences. Wind turbines of industrial size and strength will undoubtedly affect the localities sense of place and therefore its place branding.

Furthermore, the Golden Vale is an intrinsically rich low lying agricultural area which remains relatively unchanged since the 17th century and the Desmond Rebellion. The presence of Lough Gur, a site containing the remains of Stone Age dwellings and megalithic tombs, leads to the county's authentic place narrative. The installation of 17 wind turbines and ancillary development will have a catastrophic effect on Limerick's tourist offering.

And finally, as a mother of 2 small children, I object to the development. I wish to raise my children in a rural but vibrant community. I am in the process of relocating to my hometown of Bruff, Co. Limerick but can't in all conscience make the move until I know that the planning for 17 wind turbines on my doorstep has been denied. Not only will the local community be decimated, it will be void of young families with which my children can grow and flourish. Furthermore, the placement of underground electric cabling systems will mean that I will not be able to obtain planning permission for my own home.

I urge you to please consider the people of Co. Limerick before a company looking to make profit at the cost of their homes Please grant the people of County Limerick a future in which they can thrive.

Yours faithfully,

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