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The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902
Case reference: PAX91.323780

Date: 8th 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 Killonan 220/110kV substation, and ancillary development. Located in Ballincurra, Ballingayroure, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

To Whom It May Concern,

I / We write in connection with the above listed planning application at Ballincurra, Ballingayroure, Ballinlee North & South, Ballinrea, Ballyreesode, Camas North & South, Carrigeen, Knockuregare, Ballybane and other townlands in County Limerick.

I/ We recognise the importance of wind energy in meeting Ireland's National renewable energy targets and addressing climate change. However, this development is unsuitable for this location and fails to take proper account of the environmental, social, and cultural impacts on the local area.

This wind farm would permanently alter the rural character of the area and expose nearby residents to health and amenity risks, devalue local properties, and threaten the long-term sustainability of our community. For these reasons, I / we ask that the Board refuse planning permission.

Some of my / our summarised individual observations and concerns are as follows:

Phase 1 of this project has had no HSK guidelines towards the Health and safety towards residents living near these proposed wind turbines in particular, the effect of noise pollution, sleep disturbance and shadow flicker.

We live in the Phase 2 area of Grange and our concerns relate to the natural habitat of the surrounding area of Lough Cur + Grange Stone Circle. The Wildlife Habitat of migrating birds (Knapwings, Swans, Geese from Nordic Countries such as Wigeon, Teal, Pochards) These birds move between Lough Cur and nearby fields for feeding and these proposed fields are at the very heart of these turbines. We also have Nesting Eagles who use these habitats and have been in the area for years and also a long list of migrating birds. Our concern is that they will be killed by the rotating blades, like the Eagles in Donegal. These areas are used for Bird watching and attracts tourism to our area and also TV programmes (Irish Wildlife Sounds). We feel these habitats will be destroyed if these monstrous wind turbines go ahead.

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

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind Regards,

Tony + Mary Dillon.

Phone (optional)

We also have a major concern about the connecting power line from Ballinkee to Limerick. Ongoing traffic disruption on the R512 will make our road L8010 - the "rat run" for traffic trying to avoid delays. Increased traffic on this narrow road will see increased accidents and more injured animals. This L8010 is a Ballyhearn cycle trail and would be detrimental to cyclists and walkers if this is approved.

The proposed fields in Grange are Natural Flood Plains where the Camogue River runs nearby. Our concern is that any construction would run into this river and would affect any other rivers downstream (catchment area from the Camogue River to the Maigue River). The protected mussels in the Maigue River are the Fresh Water Pearl Mussel (*Margariti feramargariti fera*) which is an internationally protected species. These mussels are listed under EU and Irish legislation for conservation due to significant population decline and are vulnerable in poor water quality and habitat damage (due to upstream construction disruption).

All of this unnecessary disruption will have a huge effect on good people trying to live a chosen life of peace and tranquility in the country. We are a people of nature, and our enjoyment of our property will be diminished as will our ^{general} health. Will these Wind Turbines genuinely help the environment and is it really worth the potential damage to our communities, to the wildlife and health of nearby residents, we don't think so.

Tony + Mary Dillon