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

Date:

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.

I wish to respectfully object for the following reasons:

I have lived in this area for the majority of my life and I have reared my family here. It is a sense of peace and tranquillity that cannot be experienced anywhere else.. Life is hectic, and I work in a high-pressure job that requires me to do hybrid work. This will impact the quality of living, my right to rest, my right to peace in my home. I am also afraid of the valuation of my property moving forward and how the flooding and turbines will affect it in the future. I am

also concerned for my children's futures and how they will look should this proposal be allowed. My family and I look forward to coming home to peace and quiet with no shadow flicker and noise. These will directly affect my health and wellbeing. The EIAR does not provide receptor specific noise assessments or consider the WHO Environmental noise guidelines.

The EIAR treats human health mainly as physical exposure and omits psychological wellbeing, despite WHO 2018 guidance linking environmental noise to sleep disturbance. Annoyance and reduced quality of life. No assessment of long-term mental health impacts from visual intrusion, flicker or noise has been provided.

I have had the privilege of rearing my family in the locality and I have many happy memories of walking around the fields seeing all the wildlife and educating my children on them some of which include the barn owl, mink, badger, foxes, stoats, hedgehogs, bat, hooper swans, the kestrel, the cuckoo, the field voles, swallows, the sterling's, the swifts, the frogs and the pheasants. I believe the EIAR fails to assess the huge range of wildlife we have, the risk of wildlife Wipeout locally is high with the proposal of these large wind turbines. The EIAR omits winter surveys and fails to assess whooper swans that are regularly overserved in my area. This breaches obligations under the EU birds and Habitat directives.

I have a private well on my land. The EIAR does not have well mapping included in their report (Chapter 9 Hydrology does not address this concern) We have also not been consulted by the planners about this proposed development. Excavation for turbine foundations and the 110kV cable may alter groundwater flow, affecting wells and field drainage. Under EPA guidance, baseline well testing, and protection measures are required before consent.

I wish to also object to this proposed development as it is stated that there will be traffic impacts. The EIAR fails to assess the peak times that schools, GAA and local farm use will already be on the road. The roads in my area are narrow and they are not suitable for high powered HGVs. From my own personal experience, having spent most of my working life driving and operating HGVs in the past and travelling these roads on a daily basis the road infrastructure is not equipped to handle continuous heavy loaded vehicles.

The land which as I mentioned has been a sense of peace and tranquillity is in danger of losing its landscape and visual views which I have grown up viewing.

As can be seen from the below photos the flooding that has occurred in the last week November 13th 2025. This is 2 km from the proposed turbine site. The river, which is well documented by the Office of Public Works, and with the evidence which I have clearly documented with the below photos, can further indicate how detrimental this wind farm will be in our area. Not only will it create psychological danger to one's health it will also increase danger to the physical health to the local patrons. The flooding impacts the local residents to the point that it enters private property and can cause untold damage. For instance, a local elderly resident (lives across the road from me) has always suffered with this flooding and is now certain that the wind farm will see the very strong possibility of her home being permanently destroyed. This is due to the fact the Office of Public Works will not or may not be able to dredge the river as sufficiently as they once could.

My home can be seen in the last of the photos and how close the flooding is to it which is a cause of great concern to me and my family's future in the area. Please see the attached images for reference to this flooding.











