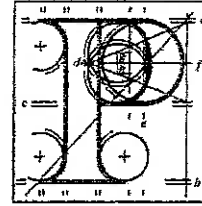


Our Case Number: ABP-317809-23



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

Eamon Fleming  
The Swan Cross  
Slatt Lower  
The Swan  
Co. Laois  
R14 EW80

Date: 12 October 2023

Re: Proposed Coolglass windfarm and related works  
In the townlands of Fossy Upper, Aghoney, Gorreelagh, Knocklead, Scotland, Brennanshill,  
Monamantry, Coolglass, Crissard and Kylenebehy, Co. Laois.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email [sids@pleanala.ie](mailto:sids@pleanala.ie) quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

*PP EGM*

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***Case Reference: PA11.317809***

***Development address; In the townlands of Fossy Upper, Aghoney, Gorreelagh, Knocklead, Scotland, Brennanshill, Monamantry, Coolglass, Crissard and Kylenebehy, Co. Laois.***

***Proposed Coolglass Windfarm and related works***

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Eamon Fleming, write in connection with the above listed planning application. As a local resident with knowledge of the location, I wish to object to the proposed development by Statkraft. Listed below are **some of my summarised** observations and concerns.

The turbine blades from T10 in the Wolfhill southern cluster are just 88m from my land and property. This is too close and unacceptable. This site contains old farmstead dwellings which are unoccupied and in a semi-derelict state. If this turbine fell or collapsed it would fall into my property. I do not give consent to have developers construct turbines so close to my land. In fact, I have had no communication or contact from the developer Statkraft in person at my home in The Swan or in any other way. I have kept this site for my son to build a home on in future. I have also noted that my site is not identified in Statkraft's site location plan (plan 14 of 17) in their planning application.

The proposed windfarm development serves no function if it cannot be connected to the national grid. Connection to the national grid is fundamental to the entire project and the cumulative effect of both must be assessed according to the EIA Directive. The Bord needs to regard this proposal as premature in the absence of a grid connection application.

The location of these two clusters of turbines are on two different sites one on Fossy Mountain and the other on the townlands of Wolfhill presented by the developer as one site is disingenuous and misleading.

The Bord must consider the cumulative effects of this proposed development along with the other granted developments mentioned above, all of which are within a 10km radius of the subject development. The Bord must consider the visual impact on the rural scenic landscape close to the Heritage village of Timahoe and the rural scenic uplands of the Coolglass, Aughadrine, Moyad, Scotland, Wolfhill, and Slatt areas. The proposed development alone would form a visually obtrusive feature in the landscape and negatively impact the nationally significant archaeological, heritage sites and sacred spaces. (2003\_ Unesco Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Heritage).

I respectfully urge that planning permission for this development be refused.

I enclose 50 Euro in respect of this objection. All correspondence in this matter can be sent to me at:

Address: The Swan Cross, Slatt Lower, The Swan, Co. Laois, R14EW80

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Yours sincerely

Eamon Fleming

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