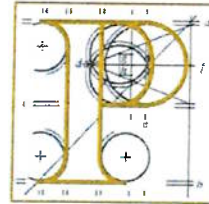


Our Case Number: ABP-317809-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Mícheál Fleming
The Swan House
Slatt Lower
The Swan
Co. Laois
R14A892

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.

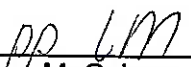
The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

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.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,


Evan McGuigan
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Development address; I 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 Mícheál Fleming of The Swan, Co. Laois, am writing in connection with the above listed planning application. As a local resident from birth and business owner with knowledge of the location, I wish to object to the proposed development by Statkraft.

Professionally speaking, our company SwanDive Productions, being one of the very few Film and Media companies based in Co. Laois, and more specifically in The Swan, we are keenly aware of the delicate natural balance that exists in and around our environment, as has been mentioned by other residents. That natural balance gives the area a unique visual and aural quality that has been utilised many times by not just our production company, but others also who have identified this area of natural beauty as an ideal location for filming/recording. We ourselves are currently in the process with Screen Ireland of developing further work that would be filmed primarily in these fields, hills and woods. It is this natural backbone and backdrop that has allowed us to operate and grow from our original Sole Trader inception in 2017 to now being a Limited Company.

Owing to both the visible domination and noise pollution that would occur, this development would remove this greater visible area of Laois from a possibility of artistic and creative investment of this type.

Personally speaking, having grown up on this land it has always been my dream to build a home here, as many of my siblings have done in recent years. The area is and always has been an idyllic and peaceful area of the county and country. One where anyone with an appreciation for nature, the natural beauty of area and a general sense of peace would be happy to live. I have no doubt that this development will hinder me and others in any such endeavour. And the serenity that currently exists will undoubtedly be broken.

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

All correspondence in this matter can be sent to me at:

Mícheál Fleming

Address: The Swan House, Slatt Lower, The Swan, Co.Laois, R14A892

Yours sincerely

Mícheál Fleming

09/10/2023