

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

An Coimisiún Pleanála  
64 Marlborough St,  
Rotunda,  
Dublin 1, D01 V902

*Our reference no: 25-99-DWL01*

***RE: Proposed Windfarm development of 7 Turbines, 110kV substation and associated works within the townlands of Leitrim, Lumville, Ballinla, Clarkeville, Ballyfore Big, Ballyfore Little, Ballyeakin and Ballykilleen, in (Coolestown By) Co. Offaly***

***An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: PAX19.323579***

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make the following objections against the above SID application for the following reasons outlined below and can confirm that my property is located as per the attached map.

At the outset I would like to confirm that I have not at any point had any communication with any representative of Statkraft. I have received a generic “Dear Resident” letter from them, which amongst other things thanks me for my “feedback” but no such feedback was every given as no communications were ever had.

1. I have received Planning Permission for a new house to replace my existing house, and I am of course only doing this to remain in the area but this development gives me great concern for that future. I will be directly looking at Turbines 4, 6 and 7.
2. The proximity of these turbines will result in additional costs of construction for my new home as I simply cannot take the risk of not improving sound insulation and other items.
3. I own and operate a Fleet of approximately buses and I am therefore extremely familiar with and committed to this area, being a resident and significant employer.
4. The construction phase will of course pose problems for my bus routes.
5. Being only 1.5km from the nearest turbine I believe that flicker of sunlight will be a significant problem for me and my family. We understand that turbines can be turned off to avoid such affects but we can only rely on the hope that this would be done in the event that this development proceeds.
6. The visual affects of such large turbines is simply a matter of fact and the utter proliferation of such large turbines in the immediately surrounding area is something

that does not appear to exist elsewhere. I recognise the importance of green energy, but this area surely cannot be expected to carry far more than its fair share and to now be expected to carry even more of this share.

7. The ground level of the turbines is lower than my site and this will result in reflection being closer to eye level and exacerbate flicker.

I truly believe there is nothing to recommend this application to me or the people of this area, and I call on An Comisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this application for all of the reasons outlined above.

Yours Sincerely.

*Damien Walsh*

Date: 23/10/2025

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**Ballinla Wind Farm**



2km Buffer outlined Blue, 1km Buffer outlined Magenta

⊠ Location of dwelling house

-  Turbines
-  Substation
-  Site Entrance
-  TDR
-  1km Buffer

⊠ Damien Walsh

