

24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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

*Our reference no: 25-99ER&MCL01*

***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,

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

At the outset we would like to confirm that we have not at any point had any communication with any representative of Statkraft nor were we offered any community engagement or education on this development. Such community engagement would of course have been welcomed but in the absence of it we have been left with trying to make sense of it for ourselves and making an objection with extremely limited information at a very late stage.

1. Being only approximately 1.4km from the nearest turbine we believe that flicker of sunlight and the resultant shadow flicker will be a significant problem for our 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 and this hope is not something we can have full faith in happening.
2. 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. We 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.
3. At this proximity to the turbines we are also very concerned regarding noise affects and the cumulative noise affects of turbines in such close proximity to each other. In addition to this the prevailing winds will carry this noise towards me. We are aware

that this has all been examined in detail in the Peer Review of Proposed Ballinla Wind Farm Planning Application prepared by Huson & Associates, W Les Huson BSc(Hons) MSc CPhys MInstP MIOA MAAS which is attached to the same objection of Colm and Louise Quinn and we understand that this report goes to the heart of major technical considerations and reason as to why the application should be refused. This report we understand has been submitted as part of a separate objection to this planning application.

4. The red light at nighttime will be a big issue for our family and again the cumulative effect of this together with existing red lights in the vicinity is something that we feel is very unfair for us to have to tolerate forever and extending into our lifetimes.
5. Due to the proximity of the turbines and the number of them we are extremely concerned regarding the wake effect on us the animals, including the extensive elite level equine industry in the area and the considerable wildlife which our family have enjoyed all of our lives. Again, we understand that this has been dealt with in detail in the Peer Review Report of Huson & Associates.
6. Is the future development for dwelling houses for our extended family now to be effectively sterilised due to the presence of the windfarm either by refusal of planning permission or the simple desire of people and children not wanting to live here?

We are aware that there is cross community support against this development and we fully support the objection of our neighbour's including those with very significant health, equine and animal welfare concerns

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

Yours Sincerely.

*Elaine Rogers & Michael Collins*

Date: 24/10/2025

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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

Elaine Rogers & Yvonne  
Michael Collins

