

24th October 2025

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

Our reference no: 25-99NJ&BHL01

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 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. With some of my lands being only approximately 500m from the nearest turbine and with a significant portion of my lands within the 1km buffer and all of it inside 2km we believe that there are various very significant and serious effects and risks as a result of this propose development. These include flicker of sunlight and the resultant shadow flicker will be a significant problem for me and my family. I understand that turbines can be turned off to avoid such affects but I can only rely on the hope that this would be done in the event that this development proceeds and this hope is not something I can have full faith in happening and the lack of engagement to date does not fill me with confidence in this regard.

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. This is simply now becoming unbearable for this area

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 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 me and my 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 the lifetimes of our children.

5. Due to the proximity of the turbines and the number of them we are extremely concerned regarding the wake effect on us, our livestock, the extensive elite level equine industry in the area and the considerable wildlife which my family and I 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 children and families 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 our children not wanting to live here? Our lands enjoy considerable road frontage that could be utilised by my family and other locals and is this now to be lost forever.

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

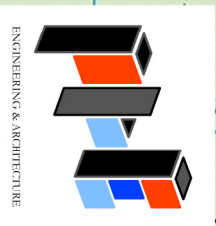
We truly believe there is nothing to recommend this application to us or to the people of this area and we call on An Comisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this application for all of the reasons outlined above.

Yours Sincerely,

Norah Jones Healion & Brian Healion

Date: 24/10/2025






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Ballinla Wind Farm

2km Buffer outlined
Blue, 1km Buffer
outlined Magenta

 Location of
dwelling house

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

Brian Healion
Landholding
shaded Grey



0 0.75 3 km