

23rd October 2025

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

Our reference no: 25-99MWL01

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. My property comprises of a Dwelling House, which was constructed in 1749. In addition to this my holding comprises of 8 acres of surrounding land, a stable yard, sand arena and outbuildings, which themselves are a mix of old and more modern and include a number of original outbuildings. My house is occupied by me and my elderly mother. I also have horses and donkeys on my land holding.

At the outset I would like to confirm that other than receiving brochures in my post box I have not at any point had any communication with any representative of Statkraft and I therefore have had no dialogue on this application with any Statkraft representative and I was not aware that it was a live planning application until extremely recently and therefore I have only had a very limited opportunity to assess its impact on me, my elderly mother and my property. A Community meeting hosted by the developer would have been welcomed but neither I nor any of my neighbours are aware of any such meeting having taken place or been offered.

1. My property is located to the South of Turbines 1, 2 and 3 and to the North of Turbines 4, 5, 6 and 7. Furthermore, I am located between both site entrances and immediately to the West of one of the site entrances and the substation is located to my Northwest. I am therefore severely impacted at both the construction and operational phases of this project. Being effectively surrounded by such massive turbines in addition to the immediate proximity of the site entrances and the proximity of the sub-station really means that me and my property are uniquely and severely impacted.

2. Noise impact for all the above reasons is of course a significant worry.
3. Shadow flicker is a concern, particularly from Turbine No. 4.
4. The prevailing South Westerly winds will of course carry noise from the turbines to my South towards me.
5. The red warning lights to the top of each turbine will be clearly visible to me.
6. Due to the proximity of the turbines and the number of them I am extremely concerned regarding the wake affect on me, my mother, the animals on my holding and the considerable wildlife on my holding which includes foxes, badgers, pine martin, barn owls, swallows, bats, and a resident nest of native Irish honeybees.
7. Despite my house being the age that it is, the number of trees on and surrounding my property and the outbuildings on my property, including older out buildings, my property was never examined by the developer for the existence of bats. I have a maternity roost in my attic. This would be common practice even for an application for a single house but yet no such investigations occurred and I can confirm if they did that they would have known that my attic is home to a bat roost. The effect of the wind farm on this protected species clearly has not been assessed as they do not know of its existence.
8. As already stated, my holding comprises 8 acres and is the future development of this for dwelling houses now to be effectively sterilised due to the presence of the windfarm either by refusal of planning permission or the simple desire of people not wanting to live here.

I am aware that there is cross community support against this development, and we fully support the objection of our neighbours including those with very significant health, equine and animal welfare concerns.

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 the reasons outlined above.

Yours Sincerely.



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Co. Offaly
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Date: 23/10/2025



Ballinla Wind Farm

2km Buffer outlined
Blue, 1km Buffer
outlined Magenta

Location of
dwelling house

Miriam Walsh

Turbines

Substation

Site Entrance

TDR

1km Buffer

