

23rd October 2025

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

Our reference no: 25-99Pc/FBL01

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 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 ever given as no communications were ever had.

Being only approximately 1.2km from the nearest turbine we believe that flicker of sunlight and the resultant shadow flicker will be a significant problem for us and our family. We understand that turbines can be turned off to avoid such effects, 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.

The visual effects 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.

At this proximity to the turbines we are also very concerned regarding noise affects and the cumulative noise effects of turbines in such proximity to each other. In addition to this the prevailing winds will carry this noise towards us. The red light at nighttime will be a big issue for us 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.

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 we have enjoyed all of our lives.

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?

We received three brochures over last few years coupled with being told someone called but we never spoke to anyone 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, We would also like to add that we feel enough is enough, we have only one direction from our home that is not obscured by a wind turbine, if this Norwegian company is allowed proceed to further pepper our local landscape we will be completely surrounded. When we built our home in a rural area, we did not do so to be surrounded by an industrial power plant. It's now time for other parts of the country to carry some of the burden, it seems that our community has been selected as a dumping ground for the generation of all renewable energy. We feel the area has more than shouldered this burden and it needs to stop now; the health and wellbeing of the local community is at risk from this proposal & you An Coimisiún Pleanála are our last line of defense.

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 the reasons outlined above.

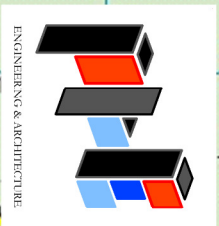
Yours Sincerely.

Paul & Fiona Bergin

Date: 23/10/2025

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Ballinla Wind Farm

2km Buffer outlined
Blue, 1km Buffer
outlined Magenta

Location of
dwelling house

Paul & Fiona
Begin

Turbines

Substation

Site Entrance

TDR

1km Buffer



Statkraft

