

23rd October 2025

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

Our reference no: 25-99MH01

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 I would like to confirm that I have not at any point had any communication with any representative of Statkraft, apart from an initial introduction a few years ago when representatives called to my house, assuring me that “it’s only a proposal” and a brief email exchange when I asked for an accurate large scale map to show exactly where the turbines were planned. This was not provided.

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.

1. The visual effect of such large turbines is simply a matter of fact and has a significantly negative effect on our mental well-being. The sheer proliferation of such large turbines in the immediately surrounding area is something that does not appear to exist elsewhere. There are 49 wind turbines in the immediate area, with 17 in full view from our front door. The closest is only 1250m away. The proposed turbines are 15m taller than the ones already existing in front of us.
If this proposal goes ahead, it will mean that there will be turbines at both the front and back of our house within 1250m - we will not be living very close to a windfarm, we will be living **inside** a windfarm.
2. Being only approximately 1250m from the nearest proposed turbine and considering the location, we believe that flicker of sunlight and the resultant shadow flicker will be a significant problem for us and our family, (we can only guess the distance as no accurate map has been provided to show how far the proposed turbines will be from my house). 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.

We understand the importance of generating sustainable energy, but this area is already carrying more than its fair share and will now be expected to carry even more of this share.

3. 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?
4. Apart from the initial introduction when representatives called to my house a few years ago, I have received 3 brochures over the last few years but have not spoken to anyone else 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.

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 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.



Matt Harris

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Co. Offaly
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Date: 23/10/2025

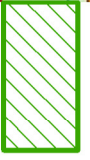


Ballinla Wind Farm

2km Buffer outlined
Blue, 1km Buffer
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Location of
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Turbines



Substation



Site Entrance

TDR



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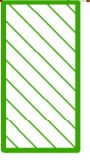


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