

24th October 2025

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

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 are writing to formally object to the above-referenced Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application for the reasons detailed below. We confirm that our property's location is shown on the attached map.

From the outset, we must state that we have never had any communication with any representative from Statkraft. The only correspondence we received was a generic "Dear Resident" letter, which thanked us for feedback. No such feedback was ever given, as no communications were ever had with us.

We also received three brochures over the last few years and were told someone had called , but we never spoke to anyone. We were offered no community engagement or education on this development. While we would have welcomed such engagement, its absence has left us trying to understand the project on our own and forced us to make this objection with very limited information at a late stage.

Our property is only approximately 1.2km from the nearest proposed turbine. We believe the flicker of sunlight, and the resulting shadow flicker, will be a significant problem for our family at this proximity. We are aware that turbines can be shut down to prevent these effects , but if this development proceeds, we can only rely on the hope that this mitigation would actually be implemented. This is not something we can have full faith in.

The visual impact of such large turbines is a simple fact. The sheer proliferation of these massive structures in our immediate area is something that does not seem to be replicated elsewhere. We understand the importance of green energy , but this area cannot be expected to carry more than its fair share of this burden, and now it is being asked to carry even more.

At this close distance, we are also very concerned about noise impacts , particularly the cumulative noise effects of multiple turbines operating so close to each other. Furthermore, the prevailing winds will carry this noise directly towards us.

The red nighttime lighting will be a significant issue for us. Again, the cumulative effect of these new lights, added to the existing ones in the vicinity, is something we feel is deeply unfair for us and our children to have to tolerate indefinitely.

Given the proximity and number of turbines, we are extremely concerned about the wake effect on us, on animals (including the extensive elite-level equine industry in this area), and on the considerable wildlife we have enjoyed all our lives.

We must also ask: will the future development of dwelling houses for our children and families now be effectively sterilised by this windfarm? This could happen either through future planning permission refusals or simply because our children and other people will no longer want to live here.

We are aware that there is broad cross-community support against this development. We fully support the objections of our neighbours, including those with very significant health, equine, and animal welfare concerns.

We truly believe this application has nothing to recommend it to us or to the people of this area. We call on An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this application for all of the reasons outlined above.

Yours Sincerely,

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