

24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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

*Our reference no: 25-99CPL01*

***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. I have received no correspondence from Statkraft of any kind.

1. Being only approximately 2 km 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. I understand that turbines can be turned off to avoid such effects, but we can only rely on the hope that this would be done if this development proceeds and this hope is not something we can have full faith in happening.
2. The visual effects of such large turbines are 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. I recognize 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.
3. At this proximity to the turbines we are also very concerned regarding noise effects and the cumulative noise effects of turbines in such a close 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.

4. 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.
5. 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?
6. Over the last number of years, I have received no information of any kind, no brochure or no offer of community engagement or visit from a representative on the development. The first we were made aware of this development was through a Facebook post from a local councilor about a meeting. Such engagement would have been welcomed and appreciated but in the meantime, we are left to figure out the situation ourselves and make an objection with 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 neighbour's 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.

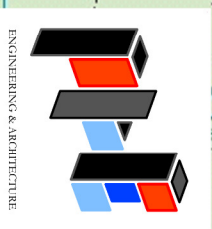
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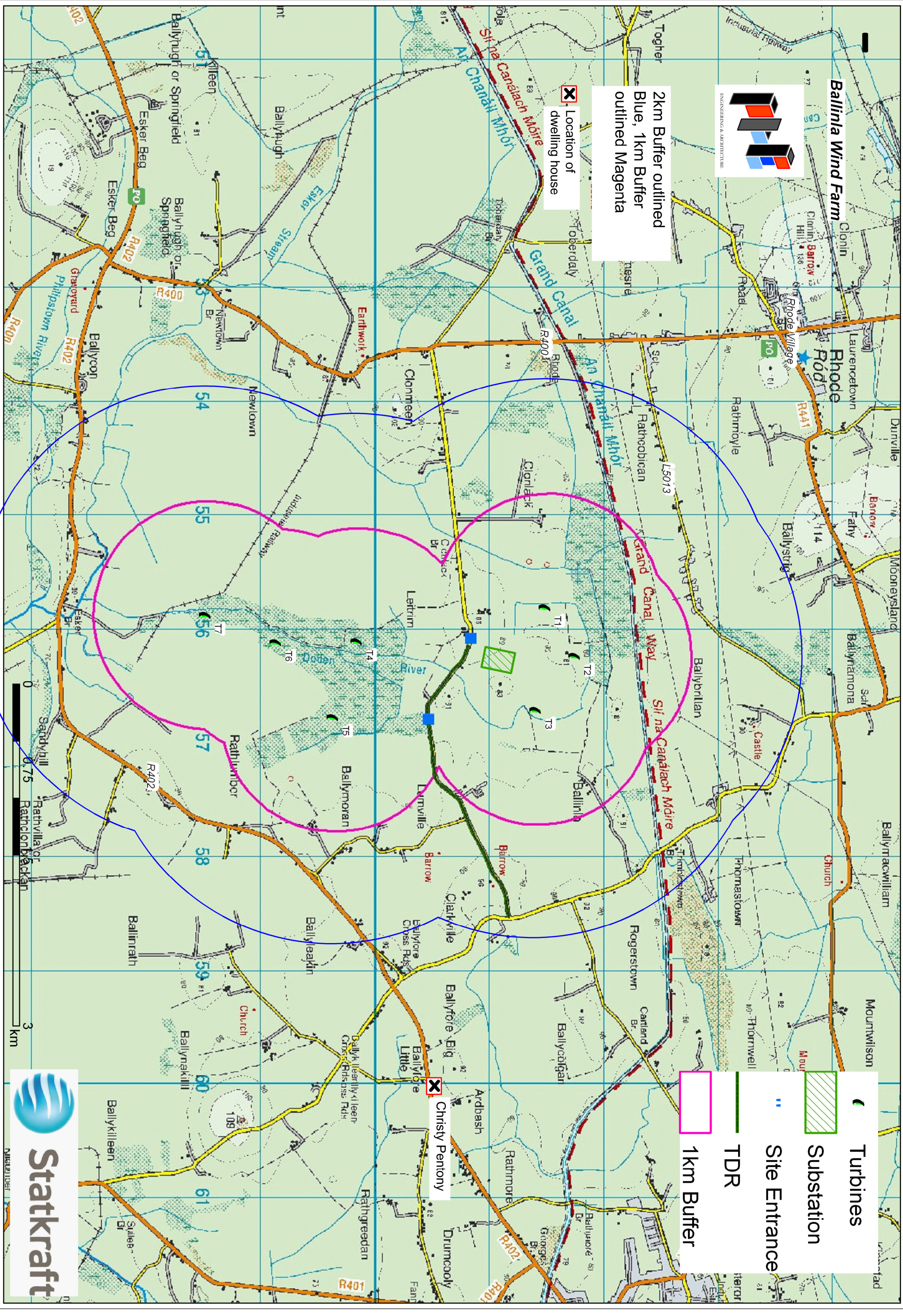




# Ballinla Wind Farm

2km Buffer outlined  
Blue, 1km Buffer  
outlined Magenta

X Location of  
dwelling house



Turbines

Substation

Site Entrance

TDR

1km Buffer

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Statkraft