

24th October 2025

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

Our reference no: 25-99CT01

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 only learned of this proposed wind farm development in the last few days and have had no communication with any representatives of Statkraft. I wish to object to this proposal in the strongest terms.

My property is located to the South of Turbines 1, 2 and 3 and to the North of Turbines 4, 5, 6 and 7 and is only approximately 1km from Turbines T3, T4 and T5. Furthermore, I am located between both site entrances and immediately to the West of one of the site entrances to the Southern section of the proposed Wind Farm. The substation is located to our Northwest and we are 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 we and our property are uniquely and severely impacted.

Being so close to these turbines I 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 affects 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, or indeed any faith, based on the lack of interactions with Statkraft to date.

The visual affects 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. I 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. The accusation of “not in my backyard” cannot be levelled at us as our backyard is now simply full.

At this proximity to the turbines I am also very concerned regarding noise affects and the cumulative noise affects of turbines in such close proximity to each other. In addition to this the prevailing winds will carry this noise towards my home. I am aware that this has all been examined in detail in the Peer Review of Proposed Ballinla Wind Farm Planning Application prepared by Huson & Associates, W Les Huson BSc(Hons) MSc CPhys MInstP MIOA MAAS which is attached to the objection of Colm and Louise Quinn and we understand that this report goes to the heart of major technical considerations and reason as to why the application should be refused.

The red light at nighttime will be a big issue for me and again the cumulative effect of this together with existing red lights in the vicinity is something that I feel is very unfair for me to have to tolerate forever.

Having moved from an urban area to enjoy a quiet rural life I have now come to fully enjoy my life here. Due to the proximity of the turbines and the number of them I am extremely concerned regarding the wake affect on me, the extensive wildlife and woodland which I have enjoyed in this area and elite level equine industry and agriculture in the area and the quality of my life in this area. This has also been dealt with in further detail in the Peer Review Report of Huson and Associates.

Is the future development for dwelling houses in this area 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?

I feel that the local road network is entirely unsuitable for this project and have already experienced at first hand the disruption caused on surrounding roads by other wind farm developments.

I am aware that there is cross community support against this development and 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 me or to the people of this area and call on An Comisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this application for all of the reasons outlined above.

Yours Sincerely.

Ciaran Tyrrell

Date: 24/10/2025

Ciaran Tyrrell

Windermere

Leitrim

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Ballinla Wind Farm

2km Buffer outlined
Blue, 1km Buffer
outlined Magenta

Location of
dwelling house

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0 0.75 3 km

Turbines

Substation

Site Entrance

TDR

1km Buffer

