

24th October 2025

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

Our reference no: 25-99WCL01

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 and only learned of this proposed development through local knowledge and I own approximately 300 acres in the immediate vicinity of the proposed turbines.

1. With some of my lands being only just in excess of 1.5km from T2 & T3 the nearest I believe that flicker of sunlight and the resultant shadow flicker will be a significant problem. These particular lands have extensive road frontage and therefore future development potential. I understand that turbines can be turned off to avoid such affects but I can only rely on the hope that this would be done in the event that this development proceeds and this hope is not something I can have full faith in happening.
2. 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.
3. 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 these lands. 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 same 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. This report we understand has been submitted as part of a separate objection to this planning application.

4. The red light at nighttime will be a big issue and again the cumulative effect of this together with existing red lights in the vicinity is something that we feel is very unfair.
5. Due to the proximity of the turbines and the number of them I am extremely concerned regarding the wake effect on us, livestock, including the extensive elite level equine industry in the area and the considerable wildlife which my family and I have enjoyed all of our lives. I also have very extensive tillage on my farm and I am very concerned on the negative affect wake could have on this. Again, I understand that this has been dealt with in detail in the Peer Review Report of Huson & Associates.
6. 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? This would be devastating outcome for me and my family.
7. I was never made aware of any offer of 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 I 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.

Wesley Carter

Date: 24/10/2025

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Ballinla Wind Farm

2km Buffer outlined
Blue, 1km Buffer
outlined Magenta

Location of
dwelling house

Wesley Carter Landholdings
shaded yellow

Turbines

Substation

Site Entrance

TDR

1km Buffer

