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Please find attached observation letter in respect of Planning Application ACP ref: PAX19.323579

Application by Ballinla Wind Farm Limited, which includes the proposed development of a windfarm.

Location: In the townlands of Leitrim, Lumville, Ballinla, Clarkeville, Ballyfore Big, Ballyfore Little, Ballyeakin and Ballykilleen, in (Coolestown By) Co. Offaly.

Kind Regards,

Damien.

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An Bord Pleanála
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22 September 2025

ACP ref: PAX19.323579

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with regard to the above development by Ballinla Wind Farm Limited for a windfarm development located in the townlands of Leitrim, Lumville, Ballinla, Clarkeville, Ballyfore Big, Ballyfore Little, Ballyeakin and Ballykilleen, in (Coolestown By) Co. Offaly.

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Following consultations with our Air Corps colleagues at Casement Aerodrome, the Department of Defence would like to make the following observation:

- All turbines should be illuminated by Type C, Medium intensity, Fixed Red obstacle lighting with a minimum output of 2,000 candela to be visible in all directions of azimuth and to be operational H24/7 days a week. Obstacle lighting should be incandescent or, if LED or other types are used, of a type visible to Night Vision equipment. Obstacle lighting used must emit light at the near Infra-Red (IR) range of the electromagnetic spectrum, specifically at or near 850 nanometres (nm) of wavelength. Light intensity to be of similar value to that emitted in the visible spectrum of light.
- In the event negative impacts on future military radar systems, the owner will engage with the Department of Defence and will provide suitable mitigations as soon as practical.



Any Irish Air Corps (IAC) requirements are separate to Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) requirements.

Please contact me if you have any queries in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

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