

An Coimisiun Pleanála,
64, Marlborough St.,
Dublin 1.

Dated: 03.02.2026

Name: Fergal Freyne

Address: Kilbride, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed my Observation on the proposed **Ballyfasy Wind Farm/Case Reference number – PAX10.323957.**

Also included are the observations of the following people listed below:

1. Michelle Freyne, Kilbride, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny.
2. Senan Freyne, Kilbride, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny.
3. Tadhe Freyne, Kilbride, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny.

We would appreciate your consideration on this matter which will hugely impact the lives and health of the community within this area.

Yours Sincerely,
Fergal Freyne

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As PRO of Glenmore GAA Club and heavily involved in the GAA Juvenile Club, ~~where~~ where we average 6 boys every year, I would have huge concern on any impact on planning permission restrictions + any impact on population or anything stopping young families moving to the area. It will leave us to have to undergo average 130 year old tradition of a proud club, ruining a club.



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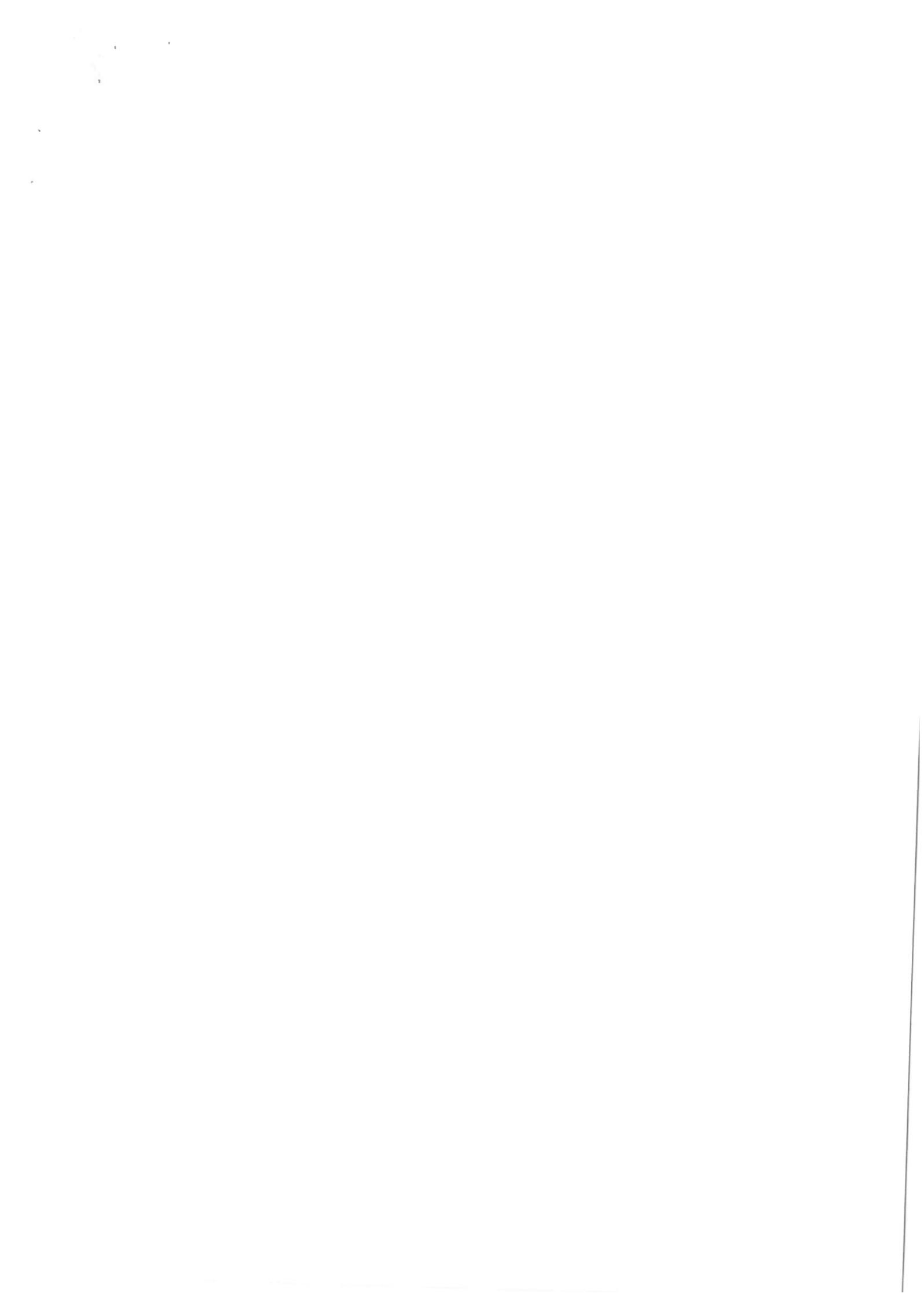
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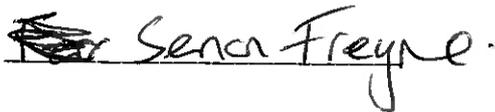
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