

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

Dated: 03.02.2026

Name: Patrick Aylward

Address: Ballynooney, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny X91 EK 28

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. Eamonn Donovan, Ballynooney, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny.
2. Davis Household, Ballintea, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny.
3. Peter McDonald, Garrandarragh, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny.
4. Robert Lodge, Ballywairy, Glenmore.
5. Kim Lodge, Ballywairy, Glenmore.
6. Josh Dowling, Ballywairy, Glenmore.
7. Holly Dowling, Ballywairy, Glenmore.
8. Kathleen Lillystone, Lower Killeen, Inishoge, Co. Kilkenny.
9. CLAIR + Tony Gibbons, Ballywoole Hs., Ballywoole, Inishoge, 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,

Patrick Aylward

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In the second section, the author details the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both manual and automated processes. The goal is to ensure that the data is as accurate and reliable as possible.

The third part of the document provides a detailed breakdown of the results. It shows that there is a clear trend in the data, which is consistent with the initial hypothesis. This finding is significant and warrants further investigation.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the key findings and a list of recommendations for future research. It suggests that further studies should be conducted to explore the underlying causes of the observed trends.

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Address: Ballynooney, Mullinavat, Co Kilkenny X91 EK28

Application Name: Balyfasy Wind Farm

Case Reference: PAX10.323957

Date: 3/2/2026

**FORMAL OBJECTION TO PROPOSED BALYFASY WINDFARM**

To whom it may concern,

I was unaware of proposals which change the road layout- as per drawing No 11474-2061. The proposed changes will make my home vulnerable to traffic colliding with my property and there will be increased risk of damage and loss of life. I was never consulted as to these changes and I own property at either side of the road.

As per the planned transport route the oversail will most certainly encroach on my property, again I was not consulted on this matter.

It is respectfully requested that planning permission be refused, or alternatively that the application be deemed incomplete due to deficiencies particularly in the Traffic & Transportation assessment.

Your sincerely,  
Patrick Aylward



## Ballyfasy Wind Farm

Case Reference: PAX10.323957

### Objections.

The proposed development is in an area of outstanding natural beauty unrecognised by the rest of Ireland. The Walsh Mountains area of South Kilkenny is reminiscent of the Cotswold area of South-West England which is highly regarded and protected in that country.

The Walsh Mountains is an area of hill country that extends from the West near the Tipperary border at Carrick-on Suir to the East at Graiguenamanagh on the Barrow at the Carlow border and Rosbercon on the Nore/Barrow at New Ross in county Wexford.

The proposed development at Ballyfasy combined with the existing wind turbines at Ballymartin and Ballylog and the proposed wind turbine farm at Castlebanny will completely alter the bucolic nature of the area. It is an outrageously disproportionate project which will spoil the natural wildness of the region by injecting an industrial development into the heart of the hill country.

It is also short-sighted as it will destroy the potential of the region to be a tourist attraction similar to the Cotswold hills. It is possible that in future hiking trails and cycle paths could be developed and the area marketed as an attractive tourist destination. Already towns and villages in the area such as Inistioge and Graiguenamanagh are popular. The area is ripe for a growth in tourism as it is relatively close to Dublin and the Rosslare car ferry. This project will negatively affect its tourism potential.

## Vibrations

The wind turbines at Ballyfasy are huge and the foundations will need to be very deep. Heavy machinery will have to be used to prepare the site. Pile drivers, jack hammers and the like will have to be used to construct the foundations. It is highly likely that ground vibrations will be generated that could impact buildings.

My dwelling house is more than 100 years old. I have a quadrangle of farm buildings built in the courtyard style traditional to South Kilkenny. Some of those buildings date to the late 1700's. These buildings do not have foundations and the walls are simply resting on the ground. The smallest underground vibrations could easily destabilise these buildings.

## Birds and Bats

Wind farms have a negative impact on bat and bird populations as these creatures collide with the blades, nesting areas are disturbed and migration routes are disrupted.

Curlews and golden plovers are found in South Kilkenny and the wind farms will affect them. The curlew is a red listed species that is in serious decline. Anything that causes its numbers to decrease even further is disastrous. Golden plovers come in the winter and large flocks have been recorded in Carlow which is very close.

Bats are highly susceptible to collision with the blades of wind turbines. But bat trauma is also a common cause of deaths in bats. This is where the lungs collapse due to a sudden drop in air pressure around the moving wind turbine blades.

## Medical Side Effects

The Finnish Association for Environmental Health (SYTe) conducted a study between 2016-2019 and found over 70% of people living within 15 km of wind turbines experience medical side effects such as sleep disturbance, fatigue and sundry pains.

Admittedly the Finnish government conducted a study in 2020 which contradicted these findings. But the government study has been in turn criticised for being conducted in a laboratory setting, having a low sample size and the sound levels being at a lower level than the actual wind farms.

I am particularly concerned about infrasound generated by wind turbines. I suffer from tinnitus and have had to see a number of ear specialists to address my issue. With the two existing wind farms and the proposed one at Castlebanny and the Ballyfasy project I believe that my health will be badly impacted. Infrasound waves will be besieging me from three sides.

### Traffic Concerns

I live in a down a lane off the R 704. This road is the main artery for all the construction traffic, and the vehicles bringing the components to the wind farms at both Castlebanny and Ballyfasy.

At times the road will be closed so I will be unable to get out. As someone who is no longer young it is not unforeseeable that I could need medical help urgently. This could possibly impact on that.

It will also be difficult to walk on the road or use a bicycle. The road is used by many in South Wexford to access the M9 motorway and is unsuitable for the existing level of traffic. So to think the road is suitable for the added traffic required for construction of the wind turbines is an absurdity.

As it stands the road is susceptible to flooding and is damaged by the excess water. The heavy machinery needed for the farms will cause immense damage to the road surface and margins.

### Conclusion

For the above reasons I am opposed to the proposed wind farm at Ballyfasy. I hope you will give serious consideration to my observations.

Eamonn Donovan  
Ballynooney  
Mullinavat  
Co. Kilkenny.

*Eamonn Donovan*  
4/2/2026.

*Marie Dehearty*

## Ballyfasy Windfarm Objection

Name: Davis Household

Address: Ballintlea, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny

Application Name: Ballyfasy Wind Farm

Case Reference: PAX10.323957

Date: 4/2/2026.

### FORMAL OBJECTION TO PROPOSED BALLYFASY WINDFARM

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to formally submit my objection to Ballyfasy windfarm, a project consisting of ten 180m tall wind turbines.

I would first like to note that this area of Ballyfasy already has 2 wind farms in place, Ballymartin and Ballylog. These wind farms contain multiple turbines of 120m in height and are placed in areas quite suitable for their placement, being set in locations not intrusive or obstructive and of a more suitable height. Ballyfasy wind farm, however, is on a much larger scale and in and is completely inappropriate given the size, community location and close proximity to local residents with a proposed turbine height of 180 metres.

The townland of Ballyfasy is flanked in all directions by windfarms such as Ballymartin, Rahora, Smithstown and the proposed Castlebanny. I am, rightfully, concerned with the concentration of such a large amount of turbines and the cumulative effect these have on local wildlife. The natura and biodiversity report all show the varied and diverse range of wildlife in the area, both protected species and other including Curlew, pinemartens, salmon, otter holts, badger, deer, common frog, newt and a large bat population (52,000 flights recorded in the biodiversity report and 7 species of bat identified). The bat survey in particular raised the issue of too many wind farms in the area being a significant and negative effect on conservation efforts with high potential for maternity roosts on site.

The project is vastly unpopular with the local community as can be seen from the large demonstrations and talks at the local community centres that have had massive attendance from the parish. I have also seen the various newspaper articles about the project and radio segments from local stations such as KCLR and WLR as well as it being highlighted by a number of councillors and TDs in the area.

The opposition to the plan has also been highlighted across various media platforms stating residents, councillors and TD's disapproval of this project with the negative aspects of Ballyfasy windfarm noted such as noise, environmental destruction, light flicker, size, infrasound, negative impact on property values, Aarhus convention breaches, residential unsuitability, visual impact, road unsuitability, likely pollution of waters to homes due to high radon in area and possible chemical contamination and special areas of conservation

downstream from the site. I personally agree with every point listed above and would label the development as preposterous in both nature and conception.

Water quality is a concern as the site is at a high elevation and feeds downstream to a vast array of water tables including Special Areas of Conservation such as the Lower river Suir, Barrow and Nore. Planning documentation stipulates a very real and significant risk to wildlife and vegetation in these waterways through semisolid release, chemical contamination, accidental release of silt and sediment. Ballyfasy, being a rural area, has very little infrastructure in the area for residents such as water treatment and distribution for residents. Radon release is not mentioned though, Ballyfasy is a high radon area. Construction releases this toxic, cancer causing chemical into the air and it settles into groundwater. This water is then fed through waterways into family homes and reports make no mention of mitigation or management. It is worth noting that radon is the second highest cause of lung cancer after smoking in Ireland.

The local road networks are also completely unsuitable for a project such as this, many roads in the area are single lane traffic only and are in a poor condition. The amount of heavy machinery, HGV, LGV and general vehicles that will be visiting the site during the construction phase is more than the locality can handle. A nearby bridge recently collapsed in the area (3 Friars) and Ballynooney to Ballymartin is a particularly treacherous stretch of road with many accidents with traffic levels at their current level. The roads will be in a treacherous state with the amount of traffic proposed (over 200,000 vehicles over two years) and absolutely unsuitable for current infrastructure.

The issue which I feel has the most impact though is the visual impact this project will have. Ten 180m tall structures will be visible for miles in every direction, these turbines are double the size of the Statue of Liberty. Ballyfasy and surrounding areas is not only rural, agricultural land, Ballyfasy is an area with many family homes, there are over 150 residential properties within a 2km radius of the proposed wind farm. To live within a structure of this size would encroach upon these families and compromise the residential amenity of their homes.

The overall visual impact on a wider scale is concerning as idyllic rural landscapes, a symbol of national identity and heritage, succumb to a dystopian field of towering machinery. Ireland has always been a draw for international visitors for the lush, green landscapes, approving 180m tall turbines in the midst of this greenery would be jarring to say the least.

The push for renewables is an important one but we should do so with community involvement and in such a way that respects the area in which it is proposed. Ballymartin and Rahora are prime examples of wind farms done correctly as their size and location are more in keeping with the area in which they inhabit. Ballyfasy wind farm on the other hand in neither of these things, it is imposing and towers over the community and the environmental cost is more than we should be willing to pay.

Your sincerely,

Marjorie Davis

Leah Davis

Pat Davis

Jamie Davis

Robin Davis

Name: PETER McDONALD.

Address: GARRANDARRAH, Mullinavat G. Kilkenny

Application Name: Ballyfasy Wind Farm

Case Reference: PAX10.323957

4/2/2020

## FORMAL OBJECTION TO PROPOSED BALLYFASY WINDFARM

Dear Secretary,

I am writing as a resident of Ballynooney, Mullinavat to formally object to the proposed industrial wind farm at Ballyfasy, Co. Kilkenny. Our home is located close to the transport delivery route for the wind turbines. In my opinion, the scale of this proposal, featuring 10 turbines up to 180m in height, is entirely incompatible with our settled rural environment.

In the application, the R704 is cited as being the main transport delivery route for the 10 wind turbines proposed in the Ballyfasy Windfarm. A total of 81 abnormal indivisible loads (AILs) are expected to be delivered for the construction of the wind farm. This includes the delivery of Turbine components such as blades, nacelles and tower sections. To accommodate these deliveries, alternations to the R704 need to be made including the removal of poles, hedges and ditches, widening of roads. The closure of the roads is also required to accommodate the delivery.

As a resident of the Ballynooney area my objection is based on the following fundamental grounds:

### **1. Lack of community engagement on the use of the R704 as a transport deliver route**

I received no communication or engagement from the developer on this. Such disruption to the road and the residents lack of access to the road when deliveries are being made, should have warranted direct communication/engagement. Households within 2km of the windfarm site were engaged but no thought given to the residents impacted by the transport delivery route. This is unacceptable in my opinion

### **2. The R704 is listed as part of the Emergency Traffic Plan for the N25**

Local authorities and emergency services (An Garda Síochána and Kilkenny County Council) have developed a bespoke Emergency Traffic Plan for the N25 corridor in the Slieverue/Piltown/New Ross area. The R704 is used as part of an emergency diversion strategy for the N25 during closures. It is included in local emergency traffic plans, particularly linking Mullinavat → New Ross when the N25 is blocked. In the Ballyfasy Wind Farm planning application and associated Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) there is no explicit reference to the R704 being used as part of an "emergency diversion strategy" for the N25 during closures in the emergency planning sense. This is concerning to me as a resident as there is no mitigation in place for when the R704 is closed.

### **3. Cumulative effect when the consented Castlebanny Windfarm is taken into account**

What the application fails to take into account is the cumulative impact to the area if the consented Castlebanny Windfarm goes ahead, in addition to the Ballyfasy Windfarm. In the planning application for the Castlebanny Windfarm, it is stated that the components for the 21 wind turbines will be delivered via the R704. This is in addition to the components for the 10 wind turbines and substation for Ballyfasy Windfarm. If both developments go ahead, this would lead to an extended period of road closures for the residents of Ballynooney. Whilst these are two independent windfarms and planning applications, the cumulative impact on the community needs to be considered.

**Conclusion:** For the reasons set out above, I respectfully submit that the proposed Ballyfasy Wind Farm represents an unacceptable and disproportionate impact on the Ballynooney area and on residents living along the R704 transport delivery route. The application fails to adequately address the very real disruption, safety implications and loss of access that will arise from the delivery of 81 abnormal indivisible loads, nor does it demonstrate meaningful engagement with those most directly affected by these works.

Of particular concern is the omission of any assessment or mitigation in relation to the R704's established role as part of the emergency diversion strategy for the N25. The absence of contingency measures in the event of an emergency road closure represents a serious deficiency in the planning application and poses potential risks to residents, emergency services and road users:

Furthermore, the failure to properly assess the cumulative impact of the Ballyfasy Wind Farm in conjunction with the consented Castlebanny Wind Farm is a fundamental flaw. The combined use of the R704 for turbine deliveries associated with both developments would result in prolonged disruption, repeated road closures and a significant deterioration in residential amenity for the Ballynooney community.

Taken together, these shortcomings demonstrate that the proposal has not been adequately planned or assessed in the context of its transport impacts and community consequences. I therefore respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed development, or at a minimum require a substantially revised application that fully addresses these issues in a transparent and community-focused manner.

Kind Regards



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Name: Robert Lodge  
Address: Ballyvairey Glee more  
Application Name: Ballyfasy Wind Farm  
Case Reference: PAX10.323957

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My objection is based on the following fundamental grounds:

### 1. Dismissive Approach to Noise and Health (AM and LF Noise)

In their submission, the developers significantly downplay the impacts of Low-Frequency Noise (LFN) and Amplitude Modulation (AM), treating these rhythmic "thumping" or "beating" sounds as imperceptible. This dismissive stance is deeply concerning to our household. Planning permission is not a defence against private nuisance, as established in the landmark High Court decision *Webster v Meenacloghspar*.

Recent rulings like *Byrne & Moorhead v. ABO Energy* have acknowledged that wind turbine noise can cause profound sleep disturbance, anxiety, and heart palpitations and this is a genuine concern for our household.

### 2. Visual Domination and Inadequate Setbacks

At a tip height of 180m, these turbines will exert a total spatial dominance over our landscape. Even following the 2019 Draft Guideline of four times the tip height, these turbines will be as close as 720m to many of our homes. Turbines placed this close represent an overbearing intrusion into our private living space. Furthermore, the developer's promise of "zero shadow flicker" relies on automated software that we believe must be mandated as a strict, independently monitored condition of any permission. These turbines are simply too big and too close to our homes.

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As private well owners we are understandably concerned about the prospect of ten 180m wind turbines being located so close to our home, given the potential risks to our water supply. These large turbines require deep excavations and substantial concrete foundations, which can interfere with local hydrogeology by altering groundwater flow paths, increasing turbidity, or

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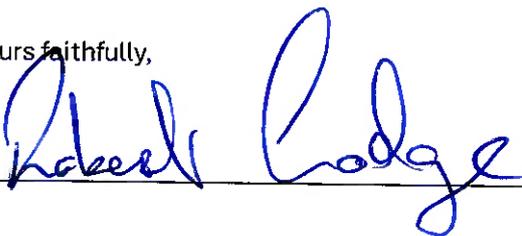
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Conclusion While we understand and are supportive of the national climate goals we feel that the developer, Manogate, has treated this community with a "box-ticking" approach to engagement, ignoring the unique sensitivities of our local school and vulnerable residents. I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the Ballyfasy Wind Farm.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Address: *Ballyvaughy Glenmore*

Application Name: Ballyfasy Wind Farm

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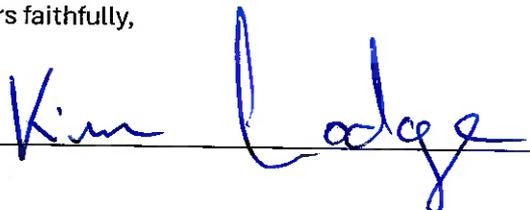
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Name:

Holly Dowling

Address:

Ballyfasy Glenmore

Application Name: Ballyfasy Wind Farm

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### 3. Impacts to our private well

As private well owners we are understandably concerned about the prospect of ten 180m wind turbines being located so close to our home, given the potential risks to our water supply. These large turbines require deep excavations and substantial concrete foundations, which can interfere with local hydrogeology by altering groundwater flow paths, increasing turbidity, or

introducing contaminants during construction. For households reliant on private wells, even minor changes in groundwater quality or yield can have serious consequences, as there is no alternative mains supply to fall back on.

#### **4. Impact on the Local National School and Child Welfare**

The concentration of this industrial development around our local school is unprecedented. Four industrial-scale turbines are proposed within 2km of the school, and all ten turbines are within a 3km radius. This creates an intensive industrial environment for our children's primary place of education.

We are gravely concerned about the shadow flicker and distracting noise that will enter classrooms (both during construction and operational phases), potentially disrupting concentration and the daily learning environment, especially for kids that have additional learning needs. The developer has failed to provide a specific assessment of how this concentration of large-scale machinery will impact the long-term well-being and safety of the youngest members of our community.

#### **5. Road Safety and School Traffic Disruption**

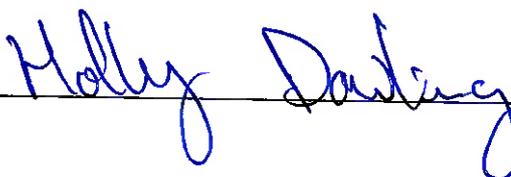
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#### **6. Devaluation and Community Sustainability**

This development puts our family's single largest asset—our home—at financial risk. Local evidence suggests such developments can lead to property devaluations of 15% to 40%. This project effectively "sterilises" the land for future generations, making it nearly impossible for our children to build homes here. We fear this will lead to a decline in school enrolments, local GAA clubs and the eventual "slow death" of our local community life.

Conclusion While we understand and are supportive of the national climate goals we feel that the developer, Manogate, has treated this community with a "box-ticking" approach to engagement, ignoring the unique sensitivities of our local school and vulnerable residents. I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the Ballyfasy Wind Farm.

Yours faithfully,

  
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## Ballyfasy Windfarm Objection

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Application Name: Ballyfasy Wind Farm  
Case Reference: PAX10.323957

Date: 3/02/2026

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