

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

Dated: 12.02.2026

Name: Brian O'Neill

Address: Farnoge East, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny. X91 K6Y9

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed my Observation on the proposed **Development of a 110kv Grid Connection for Ballyfasy Wind Farm. Case Reference number – VA10.323958**

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

1. Geraldine Cottrell, Farnoge East, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny.
2. Denis O'Neill, Farnoge East, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny.
3. Sam O'Neill, Farnoge East, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny.
4. Anne Cottrell, Aylwardstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny.
5. Kenneth Cottrell, Aylwardstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny.
6. Declan Cottrell, Smartscastle, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny.
7. Allison Kenneally, Smartscastle, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny.
8. Lauren Cottrell, 20 The Mews, Fairfield Park, Waterford.
9. Jennifer O'Neill, Forristalstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny.
10. Rory Doyle, Forristalstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny.
11. Richard O'Neill, 18 Marymount, Ferrybank, Waterford.
12. Stephen O'Neill, 18 Marymount, Ferrybank, Waterford.
13. Yvonne Flynn, Booters town, Waterford.
14. Tracey O'Brien, Waterford city.
15. Tony Duggan, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny.
16. Nora Gooch, Cois Doire, Coxtown, Dunmore East, Waterford.
17. Martina McCarthy, Shanikriel, Coxtown, Dunmore East, Waterford.
18. Shane White, 22 St Cathelines Grange, Johns Hill, Waterford.
19. Louise Finnegan, Rosalee, Old, Crobally Rd, Tramore, Co. Waterford.
20. Neil Finnegan, Rosalee, Old, Crobally Rd, Tramore, Co. Waterford.
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28. Keith Regan, 7 the Meadows, Pittown.
29. Sheena Mullally, Glen Cottage, Bangler, Pittown, Co. Kilkenny.

- 30 Jim Morrissey, Glen Cottage, Banagher, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny.
- 31 Sinead Smith, Licketstown, Carrigeen, Kilkenny X91 VOND.
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We would appreciate your consideration on this matter which will hugely impact the lives and health of the community within this area.

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- The EIAR acknowledges vulnerability but dismisses meaningful assessment on the basis that individual vulnerability ‘cannot be known or assessed’. The applicant was on notice of our children, one vulnerable individual with down syndrome and one individual with epilepsy (highly sensitive receptor) residing together approximately 789 metres from a proposed turbine, yet Chapter 5 of the EIAR provides no reasonable worst case or receptor specific health assessment or targeted mitigation/monitoring framework. This omission is material especially taking into consideration that the developer assigned our situation as their “highest priority” in correspondence to us but failed to address it in the EIAR. This provides a strong basis that the application is incomplete for a comprehensive environmental impact assessment. In circumstances where a sensitive receptor is known to be within the zone of greatest potential effect, it is our belief that the absence of targeted assessment and enforceable mitigation is a material omission for EIA purposes. This omission further prevents the HSE from conducting a proper review for a “highly project-dependent” health factor. Accordingly, I wish to draw your attention to a compliance gap in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) submitted for the Ballyfasy Wind Farm application. While the EIAR contains a chapter on Population and Human Health, it does not explicitly identify or assess effects on specific vulnerable groups within the local population. This represents a potential deficit when considered against Annex IV of Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended by

Directive 2014/52/EU), which requires that likely significant effects on “*human beings, including persons belonging to vulnerable groups*” be described. The EIAR relies primarily on compliance with statutory thresholds (noise, air quality, traffic, shadow flicker) to infer the absence of significant health impacts. However, the Directive requires that environmental effects be assessed in relation to the characteristics of the affected population, not only by reference to generic limits. Vulnerable groups—such as older persons, children, individuals with pre-existing health conditions, and other sensitive receptors—may experience disproportionate or different effects, even where overall population-level thresholds are met. The absence of a specific identification of vulnerable groups, and the absence of any differentiated assessment of potential impacts on such groups, means the EIAR does not fully demonstrate how the project’s predicted effects have been evaluated in accordance with Annex IV’s requirements. The developer’s failure to account for the Equal Status Act and the rights of disabled persons to live safely in their own home is a significant oversight in their human health assessment. I therefore respectfully request that you seek further information or clarification from the applicant to ensure that the assessment of Population and Human Health adequately addresses the Directive’s requirement to consider the potential impacts on vulnerable groups.

- The HSE stated “Early and meaningful public consultation with the local community and all stakeholders is of utmost importance to ensure all potentially significant impacts have been adequately addressed. Members of the public should be given sufficient opportunities to express their views on the proposed project”. There is no record of early consultation events, meetings, household engagement, surveys, or any structured process to gather community views before key project decisions were finalised. The consultation that did occur was not meaningful or inclusive having been held 15 kilometres outside of the locality and only weeks prior to the planning application being submitted. Without meaningful consultation, the assessment cannot capture local vulnerabilities, does not address lived-experience issues, and therefore does not meet best-practice human health assessment standards. The absence of meaningful consultation contradicts the HSE’s explicit instruction. As a result, the human health assessment is methodologically incomplete, and its conclusions regarding potential effects on the local population cannot be relied upon.
- This proposed development guarantees a significant reduction in the value of our family home. The presence of wind turbines alters the landscape significantly and their intrusive presence can deter potential buyers, causing financial loss to residents who have invested in their homes over many years. I refer to reports from institutes such as University of Galway, the London School of Economics and others which strongly indicate our house values will reduce by 15%. Indeed, local evidence suggests property devaluations up to 40%. This proposed development will come at a great cost to the locals, financially as well as otherwise stated.
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Name: Allison Kenneally

Address: Smartscastle, Kilmaeow, Co. Kilkenny X91 W7YP

Application Name: Proposed development of a 110kV Grid Connection for Ballyfasy Wind Farm

Case Reference: VA10.323958

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Address: *20 The Mews, Fairfield Park, Waterford X91 Y4CP*  
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Address: Fornastalstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny

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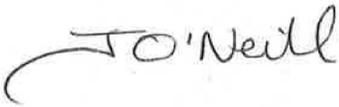
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Name: RORY DOYLE

Address: FOMISTALSTOWN, GLENMORE, CO. KILKENNY.

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Address: SHANIKIEL, COXTOWN, DONMORE, WATERFORD

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Address: MULLINAKAT, Co KILKENNY.

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Address: *Bocterstown, Waterford*

Application Name: Proposed development of a 110kV Grid Connection for Ballyfasy Wind Farm

Case Reference: VA10.323958

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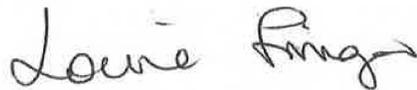
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Name: William Walsh

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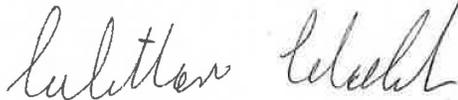
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Address: **Cabin, OLD COBALLY ROAD, TRAMORE**

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Name: *Jacqueline Burton*

*12/2/2026*

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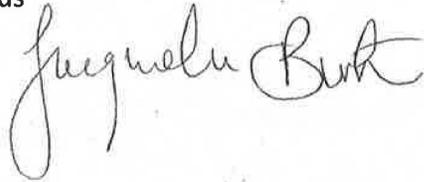
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Address: 7 The Meadows Pillan

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Address: 7 The Meadows Park 12/2/2026  
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Address: *Glac Cottage Ballynahinch Piltown Co. Wick*

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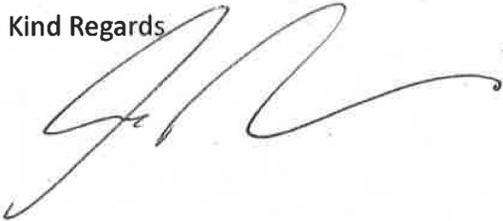
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