

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

Dated: 12.02.2026

Name: Brian Smith
Address: Busherstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny

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. Emilia Smith, Busherstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny.
2. Maria Grennan, Busherstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny
3. Tadhg Smith, Busherstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny
4. Jamie Smith, Busherstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny
5. Jim Grennan, Haggard, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny.
6. Mary Grennan, Haggard, Mullinavat via Waterford
7. Theo Fenton, Haggard, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny
8. Saoirse Fenton, Haggard, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny
9. Thomas Fenton, Haggard, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny
10. Catherine Grennan, Haggard, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny

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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.

Yours Sincerely,

BRIAN SMYTH

Name: Brian Smith

Address: Ballyfascy Glenmore Co. Kilkenny

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

Case Reference: VA10.323958

FORMAL OBJECTION TO Proposed development of a 110kV Grid Connection for Ballyfascy Wind Farm

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Brian Smith

Name: Emilia Smith

Address: BUSHYSTOWN CLEMMORE Co. KILKENNY

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Emilia Smiths

Mairé Brennan Parent of EMILIA AGE 10

Name: MARIA ORENNAN

Address: BUSHERTOWN GLENMORE Y36VA70

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Neil Cunniff

Name: Tadhg Smith

Address: BUSHKISTOWN GLENMORE CO KILKENNY

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Kind Regards Tadhg Smith

Maire Curran Parent of Tadhg age 8

Name: Jamie Smith

Address: Bushinstown Glenmore Y34XA70

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Kind Regards *John Smith*

Maria O'Connell Parent Samie age 8

Name: *Jim Glennon*

Address: *Haggard, Glennone Kilbany X91 H2R*

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Jim O'Connell

Name: *Mary Greenan*
Address: *Haggard Mullinavat Via Waterford*
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Mary Greeman

Name: Yheo Fenton

Address: Haggard, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny X91VY8P

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Catherine Brennan, on behalf of
Theo Fenlow minor age 3.

Name: Saoirse Fenton

Address: Haggard, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny, X91 VY8P.

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