

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

Dated: 12.02.2026

Name: MAIREAD WALSH.

Address: Kilbride, Glenmeade, 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. Sibel Welsh
2. Peigi Welsh
3. Deithi Welsh
4. Dwy Welsh
5. Annmarie Cahill
6. John Cahill
7. JJ Cahill
8. Margaret Freyne
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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,

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Address: Bellinzoree, Slieve, Co. Kilkenny
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