

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

Dated: 12.02.2026

Name: Richard Fitzgerald
Address: Flemingsstown 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. Meabh Fitzgerald (U18) - via Richard Fitzgerald.
2. Catherine McDonald on behalf of Sarah McDonald.
3. Catherine McDonald on behalf of Isabelle McDonald
4. Catherine McDonald on behalf of Sam McDonald
5. Catherine McDonald, Flemingsstown Glenmore.
6. Peter McDonald, Flemingsstown, Glenmore.
7. Richard Fitzgerald on behalf of Oisín Fitzgerald
8. Ruth Mc Manus Flemingsstown Glenmore.
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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,

RICHARD FITZGERALD.

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