



Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

Deirdre Fraher and Sean Cotter

(b) Observer's postal address

Coolnakilla, Fermoy, Co. Cork, P61 NH90

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Not applicable

(b) Agent's postal address

Not applicable

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

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The agent at the postal address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Coimisiún Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**

(for example: 300000)

ACP-322876-25

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

SID Planning application for the development of Substation and underground cable grid connection associated with the consented Coom Green Energy Park, Co. Cork

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Lackendarragh North, Moanlahan, Knockauncorrin, Mullentaura, Glanakis, Rathcormack-mountain, Coolnakilla, Knockananig, Coolmucky, Ballynahina, Co. Cork

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5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

Coolnakilla,
Fermoy,
P61NH90,
Co. Cork

28th of June 2026

An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902

**Re: Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Planning Application for the development of a 110kV onsite substation and a 110 kV Underground Cable (UGC) Grid Connection Route of approximately 13.9 km and associated works, associated with the consented Coom Green Energy Park energy development, in the townlands of Lackendarragh North, Moanlahan, Knockauncorrin, Mullentaura, Glanakip, Rathcormack-mountain, Coolnakilla, Knockananig, Coolmucky, Ballynahina, Corrin, Farran North, Farran South, Kill-Saint-Anne-North, Co. Cork.
Case Reference: ACP-322876-25**

Dear Sirs,

We, Sean Cotter and Deirdre Fraher, reside at Coolnakilla, Fermoy, Co. Cork, P61 NH90, and own the land to the centre of road surrounding this property.

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We object to any company or person laying services on our property without consultation with me and without my permission. The application for the proposed development has no interest in our land but indicates that he/she intends to lay cables on my property without our permission. This is being proposed without consultation with us, the landowners, and without our consent and therefore constitutes unauthorised access and trespass.

We are writing to lodge my formal objection to the proposed substation and underground cable. We wish to object to this development in the strongest possible terms. We totally oppose this project because this development would negatively impact landowners, residents, wildlife, and the natural environment.

The construction of a substation and the installation of associated works such as underground cables have a measurable negative impact on land value and potential future uses of our land. The presence of a substation and laying of cable near our property would create constraints on how the land could be used which would deter prospective buyers and reduce marketability were we ever to sell our property. In addition, the legal easements and physical restrictions required for cable corridors would limit potential construction, agricultural practices and others forms of land development. This would diminish our flexibility and long-term planning options. These factors would lower overall property values and impose enduring limitations on how the land may be used in the future.

We are opposed to the industrialisation of the countryside by Coom Green Energy Park- the installation would inevitably destroy and reduce wildlife habitat. This damage will be irreversible. This area is rich in birdlife and other wildlife. Wildlife will be killed in substantial numbers in both the construction phase. Token mitigation measures will not change this fact.

Moreover during the construction roads will be closed, causing unacceptable noise, pollution and disruption to the local community for an extended period, interfering in residents enjoyment of their property.

Furthermore, the installation of underground and overground cables can have significant negative impacts on traditional stone walls and hedgerows. These features are important historical and ecological assets and add to our rural landscape. They provide habit connectivity for wildlife, acting as natural barriers and contribute to the rural character of our countryside. Excavation of for laying cables, the movement of heavy machinery and the creation of access routes can lead to the displacement, destabilisation, or destruction of stone walls. Hedgerows may be removed or irreversibly damaged through cutting, root disturbance or soil compaction. Such impacts not only diminish the visual and heritage value of our landscape but also reduce biodiversity and disrupt local ecosystems. Once the construction phase is complete we fear the substation and cables would pose unacceptable risks to wellbeing and health of locals living in the area. What are the medical impacts of such high voltage cables? What are the long term health and safety

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implications of living close to a substation? In the event of a fire at the substation no one in Ireland is trained in how to handle such a fire. An Coimisiún Pleanála should pay due regard to these very real fears.

This family has lived in this townland for four generations. We are both saddened and angry to think that our future descendants and extended family will not be able to build on this land, their “ordinary enjoyment” of their rural homes, gardens and farmland interfered with by industrial developments impacting their health and safety.

We respectfully request the planning authority to not be swayed by lengthy reports commissioned by the applicant in support of the development and tokenistic mitigating measures that do little to address the many, long-term, detrimental impacts on the local environment and community. Instead, due respect should be given to the right of residents to enjoy their homes and land without health and safety concerns when considering the application.

For the above-mentioned reasons, we urge the Comisiún Pleanála to reject this planning application.

Thank you for taking the time to read this objection.

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Sean Cotter and Deirdre Fraher

Signed:

Deirdre Fraher

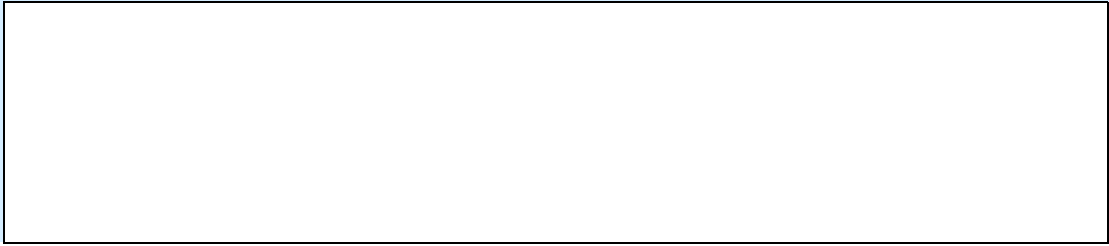
Deirdre Fraher

Sean Cotter

Sean Cotter

Date: 28/6/26

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Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office.

You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Coimisiún to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

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No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

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Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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