

Area	LCA categorisation	Ridge lines/peaks	Settings/backdrops	Tourism/heritage	Existing wind farms	Adjoining county	Summary	Categorisation
(1) Cullahill	Slieveardagh Hills North Suitable for development	Cullahill Peak 300m	Ballyragget 5.5 km Freshford 4 km Durrow 6km M8 1km	SAC Cullahill Mountain loop	Yes - 12/172	Laois – Preferred & Open for consideration	Applying a plan-led approach, and on the basis that this area has no special landscape or heritage significance, this area is considered suitable, as the clustering of wind farms can take place here.	Green
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(2) Spahill	Slieveardagh Hills North Suitable for development	Spahill Peak 349m	Freshford 4km Johnstown 2km Urlingford 4km Ballyragget 9km M8 2.5km	View 14 from Spahill SAC Megalithic tomb and hillfort	No	N/A	Spahill forms a significant singular elevated unit in a very gently undulating surrounding landscape. Any development on this would have a very significant visual impact.	Red
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(3) Slieveardagh Hills	Slieveardagh Hills South Suitable for Development	Peaks 293m and 333m	Freshford 3.5 km Urlingford 7km Kilkenny city 9.5km	North Kilkenny Cycling trail	12/378 & 12/194	Preferred area of South Tipperary's strategy (2009) – Cnoc windfarm, granted 500m from county boundary.	There are three permitted windfarms in the vicinity of this area, and in the interests of clustering, and on the basis there are no significant heritage considerations, this area is considered preferred.	Green
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4) Ballykeefe	Slieveardagh Hills South Suitable for	228m, distinctive	Callan 6.5 km 8km from	North Kilkenny Cycling trail	None	N/A	Ballykeefe is a distinct elevated singular unit, with a prominent view both to and from	Red

/Kilmanagh	Development	prominence	Kilkenny city, highly visible along Regional Road R695	Ballykeefe Hill Nature Reserve Ballykeefe Amphitheatre & walk View 16 towards Kilkenny			Kilkenny. It is also a cultural and heritage attraction.	
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(5) Crosspatrick	Slieveardagh Western Transition Zone Suitable for development	None - Flat landscape, around 150m OSD.	Urlingford 5.7 km Johnstown 5km	None	10/145	Laois & North Tipp – windfarm on border	On the basis that there is an existing wind farm here, and this area is bounded by acceptable in principle areas in both the adjoining counties, this area is considered as preferred.	
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(6) Whiteswal	Slieveardagh Western Transition Zone Suitable for development	None - Flat landscape, around 150m OSD.	Rathdowney 3km Johnstown 6.5 km	No	No	Laois: no designation	This area is not prominent in the landscape, and there are no special landscape or heritage considerations.	
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(7) Ballyouskil	Castlecomer Plateaux – Special area	Peak 313m Prominent ridgeline	Castlecomer 1.5km Ballyragget 2km Ballinakill 2.7km Durrow 6km	V19 from Ballyouskill V12 towards Ballyragget & Castlecomer	No	Laois no designation	This area is very prominent in the landscape and is in very close proximity to a number of towns. On the basis of the Laois designation, and given that there are no windfarms in the area, this area is considered unsuitable for windfarm development.	
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(8) Coon	Castlecomer Plateaux – Special area	Peak 270m	Castlecomer 2km Carlow 13km	Castlecomer Discovery Park Coan Bog NHA	No – one in Co. Laois -	Laois - Open or Permitted	This is an elevated area, but it is situated in the context of surrounding elevated lands. There is a permitted wind farm located approx. 4.5km away in Co. Laois. There are no special heritage	

					Gortahille		or landscape considerations in this area.	
(9) Cruttenclogh	Castlecomer Plateaux – Special area	Peak 300m	Carlow (9km) Castlecomer (8.5km)		No – in Co. Laois – Gortahille on border	Laois - Open or Permitted	The nearest settlement to this area is Castlecomer, at 8.5km away. There are no special landscape or heritage considerations. There is a windfarm permitted at Gortahille on the Laois border. In the interests of clustering, this area is considered preferred.	
10) Coolcullen	Castlecomer Plateaux – Special area	Peak 280m, not prominent	Old Leighlin 5km Kilkenny city 11.5km	View 13 into Carlow	No	Carlow – some preferred areas	The nearest settlement to this area is Old Leighlin, 5km away. There are no special landscape or heritage considerations.	
(11) Mountnugent/Johnswell	Castlecomer Plateaux – Special area	Peak 334m Mountnugent	Kilkenny city 6.5 km	View 13	No	N/A	This area forms the backdrop for Kilkenny City and is highly visible from the eastern part of the city. There are views from this area of the City, and the converse applies. There are no windfarms permissions in this area.	
(12) Windgap/Kilmacoliver	South Western Hills - none	Windgap – peak of 280m Kilmacoliver – peak of 263m Blackbog – peak of 300m Carricktriss	Callan (9km) M9 (2km)	Kilmacoliver – megalithic tomb, Kilmacoliver walking loop Castlemorris walking loop South Leinster Way Western Ossory high crosses (3 in	No	Adjoins unsuitable area in South Tipp	This area is rich in heritage features and has a relationship with the highly prominent feature of Slievenamon mountain. South Tipperary have designated the border area as unsuitable for windfarm development. It is considered that this is an appropriate designation.	

		Gorse – 314m		Co. Kilkenny, one in Ahenny) Proximity and relationship with Slievenamon (11.5 km)				
(13) Corbally and Carrigatubrid	South Western Hills - none	Corbally Wood – 285m Carrigatubrid Wood – 238m	Piltown 4km Mullinavat 3km Carrick on Suir 9 km	South Leinster Way runs between Carrigatubrid and Corbally Woods	No	N/A	The main heritage consideration here is that the South Leinster Way runs in close proximity to these areas. There are no existing windfarms, however the area does not have a prominence.	
(14) Tory Hill	South Western Hills - none	Tory Hill 293m	Mullinavat 2.5km M9 2km Kilmacow 5km Ferrybank 8km	Tory Hill - Walking loop & megalithic tomb South Leinster Way	No	N/A	Tory Hill is rich in heritage features and has a prominence in the landscape. Tory Hill forms a significant singular elevated unit in a very gently undulating surrounding landscape. Any development on this would have a very significant visual impact.	
(15) Brandon Hill	South Kilkenny Lowlands – Special – River Suir	Brandon Hill 515m – highest peak in the county	Graiguenamanagh 2km Inistioge 4km Thomastown 9km New Ross 9km	South Leinster Way Kilkenny East Cycling Route Views 1 & 4 Woodstock	No	Carlow – no Wexford – no	This area was identified in the LCA as being special and sensitive. Brandon hill is the highest peak in the county and is highly prominent throughout east Kilkenny. The area is rich in tourist and heritage attractions.	
16) Coppeng	Brandon Hill – Special and	Coppeng 365m, high	Graiguenamanagh 4km	South Leinster Way	No	N/A	This area of Brandon Hill was identified in the LCA as being special and sensitive. The	

h	sensitive area	prominence	Inistioge 5km Thomastown 5.5km	Kilkenny East Cycling Route Views 8 View from Brandon (proposed)			Coppenagh, Croghan and Freagh hills form a visual envelope with Brandon hill. The view of this valley and the hills behind from the Leinster Way (on Brandon Hill) is proposed as a protected view. The heritage attractions of this area render it unsuitable for wind farm development.	
(17) Croghan and Freagh	Brandon Hill – Special and sensitive area	Croghan 328m and Freagh 265m, high prominence	Graiguenamanagh 4km Inistioge 7km Thomastown 8km	South Leinster Way Kilkenny East Cycling Route View 8 View from Brandon (proposed)	No	N/A	The Coppenagh, Croghan and Freagh hills form a visual envelope with Brandon hill. The view of this valley and the hills behind from the Leinster Way (on Brandon Hill) is proposed as a protected view. This area of Brandon Hill was identified in the LCA as being special and sensitive and is perceived as picturesque and visually pleasing and considered to have high amenity value. The heritage attractions of this area render it unsuitable for wind farm development.	
(18) Castleban ny	On border of two areas; South Eastern Hills – none and South Western Hills – none	Castlebanny – 250m	Inistioge 6km Ballyhale 3km M9 6km	South Leinster Way Jerpoint Abbey	No	N/A	This area has some heritage considerations but due to its location at a remove from centres of large populations, windfarm development may be acceptable.	
(19) Smithstow n/ Rahora	South Eastern Hills –none	Smithstown 230m Rahora/Guil kagh 220m	Mullinavat 4.5km New Ross 5.5km M9 4.5 km	South Leinster Way	Yes	N/A	This area has three permitted windfarms. On the basis of clustering, this area is considered acceptable for wind farm development.	

(20) Mount Alto	South Eastern Hills –none	Mount Alto – 276m	Inistioge 1.5km Thomastown 7km	South Leinster Way View 6 View from Mount Brandon View from South Leinster Way east of Inistioge – V1 in Woodstock LAP Woodstock – designed landscape	No	N/A	This area of Mount Alto forms a visual envelope with Brandon hill. There are protected views from the Regional road of Woodstock and Mount Alto behind. The heritage attractions of this area and its relationship with Brandon render it unsuitable for wind farm development.
(21) Aylwardstown	South Eastern Hills –none	Aylwardstown 136m Drumdowney 100m	Ferrybank 3km	V22 over confluence	No	Wexford - Not normally permissible	This area is not highly elevated or prominent in the landscape. It is located close to large population centres. This area may be suitable for wind farm development.
(22) Corluddy	Brandon Hill – Special and sensitive area	No 80m – Licketstown, Corluddy	Waterford City 3km Mooncoin 3.5km	Suir Valley V21 from Grannagh	Not in Kilkenny – Portlaw 7.5km away	Co. Waterford - Permitted	This area is located adjacent to the Suir River Valley. There is a protected view from Grannagh over the River Suir to the Comeraghs. On this basis this area is not considered suitable.