An Coimisiún Pleanála AIE Disclosure Log 2025 Q4

The requests detailed below relate to non-personal requests only which were decided within Q3 2025. Please note the summary provided may not be the exact wording of the original request.

Query Number/ Uimhir	Date Received/ Dáta a Fuarthas	Related File/ Uimhir Cháis	Query/Ceist	Decision/ Cinneadh	Date Issued/Dáta a Eisíodh an Cinneadh	IR/AL	Decision/ Cinneadh
347	31/07/2025	314485	I would like you to please provide me with all documentation, emails, correspondence, meetings (incl minutes), presentations in relation to An Bord Pleanála (An Coimisiún Pleanála) requested / received as evidence and which were reviewed regarding considerations of "alternative" flight paths and SIDs from various authorities including AirNav, IAA, DAA etc for runways at Dublin Airport. Kindly date this request from Jan 1st, 2020 to today.	Refused 7(3) - Information requested is already available to the public in another reasonable and easily accessible manner	01/09/2025	No	N/A
348	05/08/2025	322069	All raw data and supporting records for the background noise surveys underpinning the planning application for Ballynalacken Wind Farm development (Planning Ref. 322069) in County Kilkenny	Granted	17/10/2025	Yes	Affirmed
349	05/08/2025	322069	I seek access to all raw data and supporting records for the background noise surveys underpinning the planning application for Ballynalacken Wind Farm development (Planning Ref. 322069) in County Kilkenny. This request includes, but is not limited to: 1. Noise Measurement Data Raw, unprocessed measurement files as downloaded from each Sound Level Meter (including any proprietary-format logger files and exported CSV/TXT formats). All processed datasets, spreadsheets, scatter graphs, and calculations, including underlying data filtering and any software analysis settings used. 2. Calibration and Equipment Records Pre- and post-survey calibration certificates/logs for each measurement period. Instrument settings, serial numbers, and manufacturer details. 3. Weather and Wind Data All associated wind speed data (measured and derived) for the survey periods, including wind direction. Rain gauge data, temperature, humidity, and any other meteorological measurements taken. Details of any external weather station data used (e.g., from Met Éireann). 4. Audio Files All audio recordings made during the surveys, as downloaded.	Refused 7(3) - Information requested is already available to the public in another reasonable and easily accessible manner	17/10/2025	Yes	Affirm
350	05/08/2025	323104	1. All records relating to the pre-application consultation between An Coimisiún Pleanála and the developer in this case, including: o Minutes of meetings o Correspondence (emails, letters, memos) o Submissions or reports from the developer o Observations or advice given by An Coimisiún Pleanála 2. Information or documentation relating to community engagement referenced in the pre application process, particularly: oAny material submitted by the developer outlining consultation with local residents oAny comments or assessments by the Board regarding the adequacy of community engagement 3. Confirmation as to whether An Coimisiún Pleanála is aware that the developer has not engaged in a meaningful manner with local residents, and if this issue was raised during the preapplication consultation process. Additionally, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that, despite efforts by residents to engage with the developer, no meaningful communication or consultation has taken place. Two formal letters requesting information were sent, and an invitation to a local community meeting was hand-delivered to the developer. These efforts were ignored, leaving serious concerns about transparency and public participation unaddressed.	Refused 8(1)(iv) - refused where disclosure of the information would adversely affect the confidentiality of the proceedings of public authorities	11/08/2025	No	N/A
351	07/08/2025	320745	All environmental information relating to case file 320745, including but not limited to: All correspondence (including emails and letters), Any presentations, reports, or briefing materials, All meeting notes.	Part Granted	10/09/2025	No	N/A
357	23/09/2025		the following information in relation to renewable energy planning applications within County Cork, as dealt with by An Bord Pleanála: 1. The number of solar farm applications currently before ABP (including appeals and applications under the Strategic Infrastructure Act), and the number granted, with an indication of the associated megawatt (MW) capacity where available. 2. The number of wind energy applications currently before ABO, and the number granted, with an indication of the associated MW capacity where available. 3. The number of biogas / anaerobic digestion facility applications currently before ABP, and the number granted, with an indication of the associated MW capacity where available. 4. The total MW of renewable energy capacity (solar, wind, and biogas) already granted permission in County Cork through ABP decisions.	Refused 7(3) - Information requested is already available to the public in another reasonable and easily accessible manner	23/10/2025	No	N/A
358	21/08/2025	323452	1. Planning and Strategic Records Internal memos, advice, or assessments regarding the project, including pre-application consultations. Records regarding cumulative impacts of the proposed development on the surrounding environment, infrastructure, and community. Any internal discussions about whether the project meets thresholds for Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID). 2. Correspondence and Engagement Emails, letters, or meeting notes between ABP and the project developer (PCRE) or their representatives. Correspondence between ABP and Galway County Council, EPA, NPWS, EirGrid, ESB Networks, or other statutory bodies regarding the project. Internal discussions or advice relating to future phases, BESS/fire safety, or cumulative environmental or planning impacts. 3. Geospatial and Mapping Data Any maps, GIS data, or spatial analyses showing the project area in relation to planning constraints, environmental features, or infrastructure considerations. Records showing potential conditions, overlays, or mitigation measures relevant to the project.	Refused 10(3) - material in the course of completion, or unfinished documents or data	29/10/2025	Yes	Deemed Affirmed

359	29/09/2025	N/A	1. For each of the Judicial Reviews (JR) taken in the years 2019 to 2025 inclusive, challenging decisions/acts/omissions of An Bord Pleanála/An Coimisiún Pleanála (ABP/ACP) to specify: i. The year the JR was initiated ii. The years in which judgments were delivered for the JR, and in which Court, ie the High Court, the Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court. iii. A breakdown of the costs incurred and costs paid to the ABP/ACP's Solicitors, and to each of its Senior Counsels and Junior Counsels involved in each level of court proceedings for the JR – i.e. for the High Court, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court proceedings, as the case may be for each case. iv. If the case was contested by ABP/ACP An Bord Pleanála/An Comisiún Pleanála, v. If the JR was won or lost by ABP/ACP at each level of court level proceedings vi. If the JR was conceded by ABP/ACP, to indicate how many months after the JR application was initiated was it conceded vii. If the JR was withdrawn, when it was withdrawn. viii. In relation to any award ABP/ACP were obliged to pay out in the context of each initiated JR, a breakdown of the awards paid to the applicant's Solicitors and to the applicant's Senior Counsel and applicant's Junior Counsel in those cases, and the awards made at each level of court proceedings – eg during High Court, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court proceedings as the case may be for that case, Please note: In the context of this request we are more than happy if the names of the cases and the legal representatives involved are anonymised in the information provided, as the requirement is just to be able to distinguish the costs breakdown per case, and per category of legal representative and proceedings in any year. To clarify if the Board has retainer's in place in respect of its solicitors, Senior or Junior Counsel, and if these were in effect in respect of the JR's the subject of item 1 above.	Deemed refusal	N/A	Yes	Part granted
360	02/10/2025	323579	I seek access to all raw data and supporting records relating to the background noise surveys, noise prediction and shadow flicker modelling that underpin the Ballinla Wind Farm planning application (Ref. 323579, Co. Offaly).	Refused 7(3) - Information requested is already available to the public in another reasonable and easily accessible manner	22/10/2025	No	N/A
361	02/10/2025	320745	I seek access to all raw data and supporting records relating to the background noise surveys, noise prediction and shadow flicker modelling that underpin the Ballinlee Wind Farm planning application (Ref. 320745, Co. Limerick).	Refused 7(3) - Information requested is already available to the public in another reasonable and easily accessible manner	22/10/2025	No	N/A
362	08/10/2025	N/A	The following information in relation to renewable energy planning applications processed by ACP: 1. The number of solar farm applications currently in the system, and the number granted, with an indication of the associated megawatt (MW) capacity where available. 2. The number of wind energy applications currently in the system, and the number granted, with an indication of the associated MW capacity where available. 3. The number of biogas / anaerobic digestion facility applications currently in the system, and the number granted, with an indication of the associated MW capacity where available. 4. The total MW of renewable energy capacity (solar, wind, and biogas) already granted permission in County Cork through decisions by ACP.	Refused 5(1)(b) and 5(1)(c) - the information held in a manner that is readily reproducible and accessible by information technology or by other electronic means" and "ensure that environmental information compiled by or for it, is up-to-date, accurate and comparable	30/10/2025	No	N/A
363	09/10/2025	323780	Date as to which the link to view the drawings ceased working Confirmation as to why these drawings are not available and if any subsequent amendments are being made since these were first lodged with the planning authority on 29th Sept If amendments are being made, please furnish the details (drawing number, nature of change) between the version as uploaded / lodged on 29th Sept to the current version	Dealt with outside AIE	N/A	No	N/A
364	10/10/2025	323780	"all raw data; supporting records relating to all background Noise surveys, the Noise prediction, and Shadow flicker modelling data as part of the Ballinlee Wind Farm (Ref. 323780)	Refused 7(3) - Information requested is already available to the public in another reasonable and easily accessible manner	06/11/2025	No	N/A
365	15/10/2025	N/A	A copy of the background noise dataset and wind shear data relating to baseline noise monitoring for the Ballynisky Wind Farm development.	Refused 7(5) - information is not held Transferred to another AIE body	22/10/2025	No	N/A
366	18/10/2025	N/A	The Lorna Lynch report	Refused 8(1)(iv) - refused where disclosure of the information would adversely affect the confidentiality of the proceedings of public authorities	27/11/2025	Yes	Affirm - refused 8(a)(i), 8(a)(ii) and 9(1)(b)
367	22/10/2025	323579	I seek access to all raw data and supporting records relating to the background noise surveys, noise prediction and shadow flicker modelling that underpin the Ballinla Wind Farm planning application (Ref. 323579, Co. Offaly).	Refused 7(3) - Information requested is already available to the public in another reasonable and easily accessible manner	20/11/2025	Yes	Affirmed

368	29/10/2025	N/A	Number of Wind Farms and Solar Farm Applications before the Board for consideration – stated total per MW of capacity per Wind Farm and per MW capacity per Solar Farm o Note for the above, please state total Nr of windfarms in terms of MW Capacity at both Appeal Stage and Total direct application as SIDs • Number of Wind Farms and Solar Farms Granted in the 10 years by the Board, stated as MW of capacity per Wind Farm per MW capacity per Solar Farm	Refused 5(1)(b) and 5(1)(c) - the information held in a manner that is readily reproducible and accessible by information technology or by other electronic means" and "ensure that environmental information compiled by or for it, is up-to-date, accurate and comparable and 7(3)(a) - information requested is already available to the public in another reasonable and easily accessible manner	20/11/2025	No	N/A
369	30/10/2025	N/A	Please provide the following records held by An Bord Pleanála / An Coimisiún Pleanála relating to Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) applications that were declared invalid on the basis that the applicant did not own the relevant lands and/or had not provided the written consent of the landowner (i.e. the validation requirement reflected in s.37E(1)(b) PDA 2000 and associated application documentation): 1. A list/schedule of all such SID applications received between 31 January 2007 and 17 October 2025 that were declared invalid for this reason, including for each case: o ABP/ACP reference number (if assigned), o Project name / description, o Location, and o Date of invalidation and the stated reason. 2. For each application identified in (1), copies of: o The validation/invalidation letter(s) issued to the applicant, o Any validation checklist or internal note/report recording the reason for invalidation, o Any correspondence with the applicant concerning landowner consent/interest in land (emails or letters sufficient to evidence the reason for invalidation).	Refused 7(3) - Information requested is already available to the public in another reasonable and easily accessible manner	27/11/2025	No	N/A
370	03/11/2025	323452	I request any records held by An Bord Pleanála concerning Folio GY52584F from 1 January 2020 to the present, insofar as they relate to environmental information, including any potential impacts of the proposed substation for the Bellville Solar Farm on water, biodiversity, habitats, or local communities.	Refused 7(5) - information is not held	27/11/2025	No	N/A
371	09/11/2025		Scope of Request: Please provide all records held by An Bord Pleanála from 1 January 2020 to present relating to the following: 1. Internal Guidance and Procedures Any internal guidance documents, procedures, checklists, or training material used by An Bord Pleanála inspectors, planners, or decision-makers when assessing BESS applications, appeals, or environmental impacts Any technical notes, standard operating procedures (SOPs), or best practice guidance on BESS assessment Any reference materials on lithium-ion energy storage hazards, thermal runaway, or fire risk used for inspector training Any guidance on fire safety risk assessment or consideration of fire service consultation in BESS planning appeals 2. Risk Assessments and Technical Analysis Any risk assessments, technical evaluations, environmental analyses, or scientific briefings prepared by or for An Bord Pleanála concerning: Thermal runaway fire risks in BESS facilities Toxic gas emissions (hydrogen fluoride, cyanide, carbon monoxide) from BESS thermal events Firewater contamination risks and PFAS chemical persistence Environmental impacts of BESS incidents on groundwater or surface water Proximity of BESS facilities to residential areas and public health implications Any technical notes comparing international fire safety standards (NFPA 855, NFCC guidance) to Irish planning requirements for BESS Any analysis of whether BESS should be subject to mandatory Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under Planning and Development Regulations Schedule 5	Deemed refusal	N/A	Yes	Affirmed - deemed refusal
372	11/11/2025	322485	Under the AIE Regulations 2007–2018, please provide the following in digital form, via reply to this email, and in paper form via post: (a) any record noting, approving, or directing the deferral of the decision in Case reference: PA14.322485; (b) the most recent inspector status report, target timetable, or escalation note; (c) internal emails/memos between the inspector, Case Unit, applicant, third parties, and Board members/secretariat referring to the deferral or revised decision date; (d) any entries on tracking systems/schedulers showing original and revised milestones; (e) any notice templates or guidance concerning informing parties of decision deferrals. Further to this email, a registered letter, containing same, has also been issued to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a postal response.	Deemed refusal	N/A	Yes	Vary

373	24/11/2025	323104	I am writing to request access to environmental information under the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018 (S.I. No. 133/2007), in relation to Case Reference PC92.323104, concerning the proposed Anaerobic Digestate Treatment Facility. Specifically, I request access to the following information: 1. All records relating to the pre-application consultation between An Coimisiún Pleanála and the developer in this case, including: • Minutes of meetings • Correspondence (emails, letters, memos) • Submissions or reports from the developer • Observations or advice given by An Coimisiún Pleanála 2. Information or documentation relating to community engagement referenced in the preapplication process, particularly: • Any material submitted by the developer outlining consultation with local residents • Any comments or assessments by the Board regarding the adequacy of community engagement	Refused 8(1)(iv) - refused where disclosure of the information would adversely affect the confidentiality of the proceedings of public authorities	19/12/2025	No	N/A
374	01/12/2025	308210	Please furnish us with copies of all records of any kind and in any storage medium paper or electronic, including emails, text or WhatsApp messages, held by the Commission, its staff, officers or consultants, in relation to the above application and which are not present on the physical files under the above Commission references which are required to be made available for inspection at the Commission's offices by way of public access. Please note a similar request was made under cover of two letters dated 4th April 2019 and replied to by the Board in two letters dated 1st May 2019 (references AIE177 and AIE178). This request is for records created on or after 1st May 2019 to date.	Refused 7(3) - Information requested is already available to the public in another reasonable and easily accessible manner	23/01/2026	No	N/A
375	10/12/2025	314485	In relation to application PL06F.314485, ACP made a decision to grant permission and notified the EU Commission: https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/latest-news/dublin-airport-eu-notification The EU Commission wrote back to ACP and requested more information by December 8th 2025. Could you please provide me with all the information and emails shared with the EU Commission. Please include information and emails, if any, from ANCA or Fingal County Council or any Government Department or agency that was also provided to the EU Commission for this December 8th deadline.	Deemed refusal	N/A	No	N/A
376	15/12/2025	320145 and 322956	The Connaught Tribune published an article on 27th November 2025 : “Progress on N59 improvement works outside Oughterard” This stated “In late October, Galway County Council submitted changes to planning conditions to an Coimisiún pleanála to resolve issues with the approvals process. The new plans have gained the support of the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Inland Fisheries Ireland, which was a key obstacle for planners.” Please provide all communications regarding the N59 between any combination of the parties: NPWS, IFI, Galway County Council and An Coimisiún Pleanála between 2022 and 2025.A	Refused 7(3) - Information requested is already available to the public in another reasonable and easily accessible manner and 8(1)(iv) - refused where disclosure of the information would adversely affect the confidentiality of the proceedings of public authorities	26/01/2026	No	N/A
377	15/12/2025	N/A	Copy of the rates agreed between the Commission and FieldFisher and Byrne Wallace for their work representing the Commission in planning judicial reviews. Please provide the rates at the most detailed level available and include rates for counsel broken down to the same level of detail and by junior and senior counsel. Copies of all bills received by the Commission from FieldFisher and Byrne Wallace in the period 2024 to 2025 (to date)	Deemed refusal	N/A	Yes	Vary
378	15/01/2026	306247	1. Please clarify which case in the High Court quashed your decision to grant substitute consent for the historic peat removal by Bord na mona for the kilberry 2. what other applications were implicated in the High Court decision.	Part granted	15/01/2026	No	N/A