



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Oral Hearing Agenda ABP-319906-24

Case	Donegal County Council (The SEED Project (Phase 1), Ballybofey) Compulsory Purchase Order 2024
Date	14 th October 2025
Start Time	10.00am
Location	Villa Rose Hotel, Main Street, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal

The purpose of the oral hearing is to provide an opportunity for all parties, who wish to do so, to make further submissions and to allow the Inspector to seek clarification on any relevant issues arising and objections made. Parties will also have the opportunity to ask questions or seek clarification on submissions made at the hearing.

There is no obligation on any party to make a submission to the oral hearing or to ask questions of the other parties. All written submissions already received will be considered by the Inspector and the Commission. **For this reason, submissions previously made in writing need not be reiterated during the course of the oral hearing.**

All parties are requested to be mindful of the nature of this application and to ensure that presentations or questions are relevant to the nature of this CPO.

You are reminded that the Commission has no role or jurisdiction in the determination, or the assessment, of compensation and that any submission made to this hearing should bear this in mind, as no discussion regarding compensation will be facilitated.

On completion of the oral hearing, the Inspector will prepare a report and recommendation on the case for the Commission. The decision to confirm or annul the CPO will be made by the Commission.

The Commission may direct the payment of a contribution towards the costs to any person appearing at an oral hearing, which have been incurred by that person, as a consequence of appearing at the hearing. Any payment will be at the Commission's discretion. Any application for costs should be made in writing to the Commission within three weeks of the date of this hearing.

If you intend to provide a written copy of your submission or use visual aids when speaking (presentations, maps, photos, etc.), these should be submitted to the Inspector during your allocated time for speaking and circulated to other participants in the room.

Submissions presented to this oral hearing will be recorded by a service provider organised by An Coimisiún Pleanála. You are not permitted to record the proceedings of the oral hearing.

The agenda and order of appearance for the oral hearing is set out below, along with a timetable. Parties should please note that this timetable is indicative only and may vary during the course of the oral hearing i.e., all persons named in the objection are included, not just those who have confirmed their attendance.

	AGENDA
	10.00am – Opening of Hearing by Inspector
1	10.15am – Submission by Donegal County Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of CPO and Part 8 Project, including Phasing • Justification for land acquisition with reference to alternatives considered • Council response to written submissions made by Objectors <p>(30 mins max.)</p>
2	10.45am – Submission by Objectors (or their representatives) as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Seamus McMenamin (ii) Michael McMenamin (iii) Mary Lafferty <p>(30 mins max.)</p>
3	11.15am – Break
4	11.30am – Questioning between parties (if required) as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Objectors to Donegal County Council (ii) Donegal County Council to Objectors (iii) Inspector to Donegal County Council and/or Objectors <p>(45 mins max.)</p>
5	12.15pm – Closing Statements (if required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Donegal County Council (ii) Objectors
6	12.30pm – Closing of Oral Hearing by Inspector