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1238	20/11/2025	N/A	A copy of all correspondence between the Chairperson [Coimisiún Pleanála] and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, dated between 15/06/25 and 20/11/25.	Granted	23/01/2026	No	N/A
1240	27/11/2025	318943	Date the external aviation report was received by ACP. Record of due diligence carried out to choose the external aviation consultant agentia. Costs associated with the commissioning of agentia to produce their report. Date and time and letter/email upon which/ by which the applicant Ballycar green energy was provided with details of the aviation consultant and subsequent report.	Deemed Refused	N/A	Yes	Affirmed
1242	12/01/2025	308210 & 308208	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 - section 15 (1)(d) - records already in public domain.	23/01/2026	No	N/A
1245	12/03/2025	322485	All records relevant to this decision. PART 1 – FORMAL REQUEST FOR REVERSAL OF DECISION NOT TO HOLD AN ORAL HEARING 1. Inconsistency With the Planning and Development Act 2000 and ABP Guidelines Under Section 370 and Section 134 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Board holds the discretion to convene an oral hearing where necessary to ensure a fair assessment of the application, or where issues of significance and complexity arise. Your own criteria for oral hearings state that they are appropriate where: - significant public concern exists, - complex environmental or technical issues arise, - further clarification is in the public interest, - or the nature and scale of the development warrant oral examination. This proposal meets all such criteria. 2. Direct Precedent: A Nearly Identical Application Previously Received an Oral Hearing - A previous Bord na Móna application of almost identical scale, location, and design for the same general area was granted a full Oral Hearing and was ultimately refused on the basis of the evidence examined there. It is impossible to reconcile the current decision with the approach taken previously for: - the same developer, - the same geographical area, - similar environmental impacts, - identical community concerns, - and the same technical questions. 3. Extremely Poor Community Engagement by Bord na Móna - Bord na Móna has failed to meet any reasonable interpretation of meaningful community engagement. Only a single-page generic letter was issued to residents; the developer did not attend local meetings, did not host information sessions, and did not provide any forum for local concerns to be raised. This falls below standards required by: - national Wind Energy Development Guidelines, - Aarhus Convention principles, - and best practice for major infrastructure developments. Given the developer's complete failure to engage with the local community, an oral hearing is the only remaining mechanism through which the public can participate meaningfully. 4. Scale, Impact, and Complexity Strongly Favour an Oral Hearing This proposal involves: - 22 turbines, - a 110kV substation, - extensive new access roads, - major environmental, hydrological, landscape, noise, and biodiversity impacts. Such issues are precisely those for which oral hearings exist, providing the essential opportunity to question expert evidence and clarify technical matters. 5. Determining the Application on Written Submissions Alone Would Contravene Principles of Fairness and Natural Justice - Given the scale of impact, the lack of community engagement, the technical complexity, and the precedent of a previous oral hearing for the same site, proceeding without an oral hearing would raise serious concerns regarding transparency and procedural fairness. I therefore request that An Coimisiún Pleanála reverse its decision of 25 November 2025 and convene a full public Oral Hearing. PART 2 – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I hereby request all records held by An Coimisiún Pleanála relating to the decision not to hold an Oral Hearing for this application. This includes, but is not limited to: 1. Internal Decision-Making Records - Any internal reports, memos, briefing notes, recommendations, assessments, or evaluations concerning whether an oral hearing was appropriate. 2. Communications Between ABP Staff and Board Members - Emails, internal messages, minutes, drafts, or notes relating to deliberations or preparation of the decision letter. 3. Communications with Third Parties - Any correspondence between ABP and Bord na Móna regarding the question of whether an oral hearing should take place. - Any communications with Government Departments, statutory bodies, or local authorities concerning this issue. 4. Policies or Guidelines Applied - Any internal criteria or decision-making frameworks used in determining that an oral hearing was not required.	Granted	N/A	Yes	Affirmed
1246	07/01/2026	319073 & 319385	1. Pre-Application Consultation Records (ABP-319073-24 and ABP-319385-24) All correspondence between ABP (now ACP) and Coolpowra Flexgen Limited/Lumcloon Energy/Halston prior to and following the meeting of 7 March 2024 Any presentations, documents, or materials provided by applicant to ABP All internal ABP communications discussing application including structure advice Any analysis conducted by ABP regarding: Whether components should be assessed separately or together EU law compliance (EIA Directive, project splitting case law) Functional integration of gas generation, battery storage, and GIS SID status determinations for different components 2. SID Determination Records All documents relating to decisions that: Gas generation (PA07.320095) qualifies as SID GIS substation (VA07.320094) qualifies as SID Battery storage (PL07.320916) does not qualify as SID Reasoning for different treatment of functionally linked components Any consideration of cumulative 1,325MW capacity Any consideration of project splitting concerns 3. Corporate Ownership/Relationship Records Any records discussing or mentioning: Vitol Group or VPI Holding Limited Castletost FlexGen precedent (VPI 51% acquisition post-approval) Lumcloon Energy's business model or ownership structure Potential data centre connections Ultimate beneficial ownership or intended operation/control	Refused - section 15 (1)(d) - records already in public domain.	N/A	Yes	Affirmed
1247	09/01/2026	321255 & 309991	Under the AIE Regulations, and the FOI Act, I would like to request access to any records for the period 2016 to 2025 for planning applications ABP-321255-24 and ABP 309991-21 and Ballinclare Quarry, Kilsaran Concrete Quarry, Ballinclare Co Wicklow.	Refused - section 15 (1)(d) - records already in public domain.	23/01/2026	No	N/A
1248	14/01/2026	N/A	I request access to aggregate statistical records held by ACP / ABP relating to the outcome of planning appeals for one-off backland / rear garden residential development. For each of the calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & ;2025, please provide: The total number of planning appeals determined by An Coimisiun Pleanála / An Bord Pleanála that relate to: one-off residential development located to the rear of an existing dwelling or within a backland site context (however described or categorised internally). Of those appeals, the number that were allowed or allowed with conditions; and dismissed / refused. Where available, a brief description of any internal classification, coding, or terminology used to identify one-off backland housing residential appeals. This request is for aggregate numerical data only. I am not seeking personal data, site addresses, or individual decision records.	Refused - section 15 (1)(d) - records already in public domain.	23/01/2026	Yes	Affirmed
1249	16/01/2026	N/A	A copy of any briefings, reports and minutes prepared for any Quarterly Liaison Meetings in 2025 with the department under which this organisation sits	Withdrawn	N/A	No	N/A

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1250	21/01/2026	N/A	"I am requesting access to the following records concerning a named ACP Official's transition from a planning consultancy firm to An Coimisiún Pleanála and his subsequent appointment as Inspector: 1. Conflict Screening & Ethics Assessments All internal conflict of interest screening forms, ethics assessments, determinations, approvals, recusal assessments, or case allocation restrictions arising from a named ACP Official's previous role as Principal Planner with a planning consultancy firm. 2. Recusal & Case Allocation Restrictions Records of any case allocation decisions, restrictions, recusals or portfolio controls applied due to his previous consultancy work with a planning consultancy firm or associated applicants/developers. 3. Board Meeting Records (BMRs) Any Board Meeting Records, minutes, notes or extracts where a named ACP Official's previous work for a planning consultancy firm was considered, including any discussion of conflicts, recusal, or ethics clearance. 4. Correspondence with Ethics Officer(s) Internal correspondence between senior management, the Ethics Officer, FOI Officer or Board members concerning conflict screening, recusal, ethics review or case allocation for a named ACP Official. 5. A planning consultancy firm Client Transition Records Any records identifying actual or prospective planning consultancy firm clients or projects known to ACP in assessing conflicts and case assignment. For the avoidance of doubt, this request is particularised by reference to documentation held by ACP/ABP confirming that a named ACP Official's represented a prospective applicant on ABP-307058-20 (Proposed windfarm, County Galway) during a pre-application consultation on 22/06/2020. This establishes a clear conflict-screening trigger and demonstrates that relevant records must exist, if the ethics process was properly applied. If such records do not exist, this raises serious governance and public confidence concerns as it would indicate that a former Principal Planner for a private consultancy who represented wind farm developers before ABP was appointed as Inspector without any conflict screening, ethics assessment, recusal determination or Board oversight."	Part Granted	20/02/2026	Yes	Affirmed
1251	19/11/2025	N/A	To obtain what third party representatives contacted an bord pleanála on the applicant behalf and what information was provided to your office by the above quoted individuals.	Refused - section 15 (1)(d) - records already in public domain.	27/01/2026	No	N/A
1252	01/07/2026	315688	I request, under the Freedom of Information Acts 2014-2023, access to the complete Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) screening file relating to Pre-Application Reference ABP-315688-23 (EirGrid 110 kV Letterkenny GIS Development). This request includes, but is not limited to, all records relied upon by An Bord Pleanála in determining that the proposed development did not constitute Strategic Infrastructure Development under section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), including: 1. The full Inspector's reports and internal assessments. 2. Records and minutes of all pre-application consultation meetings; 3. Internal correspondence and memoranda (including emails) between Board members, Inspectors, and staff concerning SID jurisdiction; 4. All maps, drawings, layout plans and corridor/interface drawings relied upon, including any subsequently removed or substituted drawings (including but not limited to those in the 0016-0018 series); 5. Any Annex III EIA screening notes or matrices; 6. Any Appropriate Assessment screening or Natura-related records considered at SID stage; 7. Any records referring to cumulative or in-combination assessment with the N13 / TEN-T project; 8. Any legal advice or opinions obtained in relation to SID jurisdiction (with redactions only to the extent strictly permitted by law). The development directly affects lands in my ownership (Folios DL 811 and DL 57082) and my dwelling, which were included within the red-line boundary relied upon at SID screening stage (Drawing No. 321084AK-JAC-ZZ-XX-DR-Z-0010) and identified as key visual receptors (VP3 and VP4). I therefore have a direct interest in, and legal entitlement to, these records.	Refused - section 15 (1)(d) - records already in public domain.	02/11/2026	Yes	Varied
1253	26/01/2026	N/A	Under 'FOI3.1 ALTERNATIVE SITES' in Environmental Impact Assessment Reports submitted for the development of wind farms; In respect of consideration of alternative sites, the EIAR will set out the reasonable alternative sites available to FuturEnergy Ireland DAC which will include consideration of suitable land banks held in ownership by Coillte. Details on the assessments carried out to identify the proposed site location as appropriate for this project will be provided. In the case of Wind Farms in Co Leitrim granted planning permission between 2023 and 2025. - The identification of the reasonable alternative sites for turbines of 150 - 185m, which were considered as suitable land banks held in Coillte ownership, - Details of proposed site locations FuturEnergy listed for development of wind farms in Co Leitrim.	Refused - section 15 (1)(d) - records already in public domain.	30/01/2026	No	N/A
1254	30/01/2026	320009	I request access to all records held by An Coimisiún Pleanála, in whatever form or medium, relating to the above application, for the period 1 January 2024 to 22 December 2025. For the avoidance of doubt, this request expressly includes records held: • in electronic or hard-copy form: • on individual or shared email accounts: • on internal messaging systems or collaboration platforms • as attachments, enclosures, or embedded comments: • whether formally placed on the planning file or not. 1. Emails and inbound correspondence All emails (including internal emails, external emails, replies, forwards, and attachments) sent to or received by: Members of the Commission, Commission staff; the appointed Inspector. This includes emails received from Galway County Council, third parties, advisers, or other public bodies, whether solicited or unsolicited 2. Internal deliberative and briefing records All internal memoranda, briefing notes, internal emails, handwritten notes, annotations, margin notes, draft texts, or working documents prepared for, circulated to, or considered by Members of the Commission in advance of, during, or following the determination of ABP-320009-24 3. Departure from Inspector's recommendation Any record (including email correspondence) that identifies, discusses, analyses, or justifies the decision to reject or depart from the Inspector's recommendation to grant substitute consent, including records evidencing alternative reasoning, policy interpretation or internal disagreement 4. Commission meeting records The full agenda, minutes, attendance records, decision sheets. voting records (if any)9 internal emails arranging or summarising meetings, and post-meeting sign-off documentation relating to the Commission meeting(s) at which ABP-320009-24 was considered 5. Inter-authority communications All correspondence, including emails and attachments, between An Coimisiún Pleanála and Galway County Council relating to ABP-320009-24 including communications occurring outside the formal submission process 6. Policy interpretation and legal context Any internal guidance, emails, memoranda, or working documents relied upon in interpreting or applying section 177K of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended); and landscape sensitivity or coastal protection policies of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. insofar as such materials informed the refusal decision in ABP-320009-24 7. Governance, compliance, or procedural records Any record (including internal emails) relating to governance, conflict checks, procedural compliance. or internal review processes considered in connection with this application	Part Granted	03/04/2026	No	N/A
1255	02/02/2026	N/A	I am writing in relation to the derelict building located at 18 Thomas Street, Dublin 8. I understand that this building has been rezoned for residential use and that, in time, it is likely to be either redeveloped or demolished. By way of background, the former establishment McGruders was a well-known public house and music venue throughout the late 1990s and early 2000s. The premises closed in 2009 following the loss of its licence and a decline in attendance, and the building has remained unused since that time. I understand that one or more site visits were carried out at this location in or around 2023. My reason for contacting you is to enquire whether any photographs of the interior of the building were taken during these site inspections. I am currently trying to document the site as thoroughly as possible for historical and archival purposes, as very little imagery of the interior appears to exist publicly. If any such photographs are available and can be shared, or if you could advise on whether they are accessible through another department or process, I would greatly appreciate your guidance.	Handled outside FOI	02/09/2026	No	N/A

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1256	12/02/2026	500535	1. Administrative Handling of the Appeal All administrative records relating to: • Processing of the appeal • Assignment to inspector • Internal file management notes (excluding deliberative material exempt under the Act) • Communications between administrative staff regarding scheduling or procedural decisions 2. Oral Hearing Consideration All records relating to: • The consideration of whether to grant an oral hearing • Any internal memoranda or recommendations regarding the oral hearing request • Any correspondence between the Board and Dublin City Council relating to the oral hearing request (Excluding legally privileged material.) 3. Communications with Dublin City Council All correspondence between An Coimisiún Pleanála and Dublin City Council relating to: • Boundary amendments • Site notice issues • Procedural compliance • Requests for clarification or additional information 4. Communications with the Applicant All correspondence between An Coimisiún Pleanála and Tuath Housing Association relating to: • Procedural matters • Clarifications • Requests for additional documentation • Scheduling or appeal management	Refused - section 15 (1)(f) - FOI body intends to publish records within 6 weeks. - Section 29 (1)(a)- if records concerned contain deliberative data.	N/A	Yes	Affirmed
1257	17/02/2026	318302	Can I have a comment about Aughinish Alumina expansion JR being dropped today please? Campaigners are still concerned about health and environment impacts, but I understand they were told they couldn't win.	Handled outside FOI	23/02/2026	No	N/A
1259	25/02/2026	500094	Complete file copy	Refused - section 15 (1)(d) - records already in public domain.	03/06/2026	No	N/A