

Gweebarra Conservation Group,

Cloghercor, Doochary, County Donegal

Observation on Planning Application 324433

Dear Planners,

It is ridiculous that this application was submitted given the environmental damage that has already occurred due to excavations on the site in 2020 that resulted in a catastrophic bog slide in November of that year. We visited the site shortly after the bog slide and videoed it by air and we can testify to that appalling vista and the collective shock of the local population and Loughs Agency Staff.

Given that the developer's own ornithology report clearly states the presence of breeding Hen Harriers, Merlins, Kestrels, Peregrine Falcons, White Tailed Eagles, Sparrowhawks, Common Buzzards, Grey Wagtails, Red Throated Divers and Red Grouse which are utilising the proposed site or adjoining lands it is obvious that this Application must be refused planning permission definitively once and for all.

The fact that breeding Hen Harriers have been present since the very first planning applications on this site illustrates the illegality of all previous grants of permission.

As the law prohibits killing these birds and calls for their protection and that of their habitat we ask the Commission to uphold the law and refuse permission for this vexatious application.

Yours Sincerely,

Patricia Sharkey for Gweebarra Conservation Group

