

An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin
D01 V902

23rd March 2026

**Re: Application for substitute consent at Cornode, Portroe, Co Tippereay
(ACP-323824-25)**

Dear Sir,

I have read the observations of the Development Applications Unit of the Dept of Housing about this matter.

I consider that the loss of trees would not have a significant effect on the quality of the wetland habitat of the SPA. The insect food for birds and fish comes from aquatic plants and waterside trees, especially willows. Trees further back may have some value to terrestrial fauna but do not have a significant role for the Q1 features of this site or migratory waterbirds in general. My impressions of the site is that it is still generally wooded and marginal willows hang over places along the shore, except for the actual harbour.

Noise from the development is unlikely to have any effect on the wintering bird populations given the distance involved and general weather conditions. In addition birds become habituated to any regular sounds.

The wastewater treatment was the main question to my mind about this development but I would concur with the opinion expressed as to its adequacy.

Yours faithfully,

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