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Our family home for many generations is situated in Killult, Ballyness Bay.

It is with great concern that I have noted the apparent support of DAFM and ALAB in favour of the oyster farm applicants. There has been a clear opposition to oyster farming by the vast majority of the residents in the Ballyness area, whose wishes are being systematically ignored.

It appears the minor economic benefit for a handful of individuals is to override the significant economic impact to the major tourism industry, which benefits the far wider community of Ballyness Bay and surrounding areas.

There are major concerns regarding damage to the natural environment in the bay, an area which is part of the Wild Atlantic Way and known for contributing to its natural beauty. The introduction of non-native (potentially invasive) species of clams and Pacific oysters into the bay and surrounding area without full research into the environmental impact and risk is reckless.

The major damage to the local environment once commercial shellfish farming has been introduced is well documented elsewhere.

For the reasons above, I strongly object to the granting of Aquaculture licences in the Ballyness Bay area.

Regards

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