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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed granting of aquaculture licences in Ballyness Bay, County Donegal.

Ballyness Bay is an area of outstanding natural beauty and an invaluable amenity for both the local community and visitors. It is a place enjoyed by generations of families for swimming, walking, fishing, watersports and simply appreciating the unspoilt coastline. I feel strongly that its natural beauty and character should be protected for future generations.

I am particularly concerned about the potential environmental and visual impact of large-scale shellfish farming. The introduction of aquaculture infrastructure could significantly alter the bay's appearance, while associated activities may negatively affect water quality, marine habitats and the peaceful enjoyment of the area.

As part of the Wild Atlantic Way, this coastline is one of Donegal's greatest assets. Its appeal lies in its rugged, natural and largely untouched landscape. Allowing commercial development of this nature risks undermining the very qualities that make the area so special to residents and tourists alike.

I am also concerned about the implications for any future Greenway development in the area. A Greenway overlooking Ballyness Bay would have enormous potential as a recreational and tourism amenity, offering walkers and cyclists spectacular views of our coastline. The introduction of large-scale aquaculture infrastructure would detract significantly from these views and diminish the experience for those using such a facility. It would be extremely short-sighted to compromise the natural landscape now, particularly when it could play such an important role in future sustainable tourism and community development.

I am also concerned about the potential impact on the wildlife and sensitive habitats surrounding Ballyness Bay, particularly given the environmental protections in place. Any proposed development should be subject to the most rigorous environmental assessment, with particular attention paid to biodiversity, protected species and the possible long-term consequences for the local ecosystem.

While I recognise the economic importance of aquaculture, I firmly believe that commercial interests should not come at the expense of an area of such significant environmental, recreational and cultural value.

Ballyness Bay is a precious natural resource, and once its unique character is compromised, it may be impossible to restore.

I respectfully ask that my objection be taken into consideration and that the relevant authorities prioritise the protection and preservation of Ballyness Bay for the benefit of our community and future generations.

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