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T12/430

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Licencee
submission

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Licence Application T12 / 430 A & B

Your Ref: AQ / APP / 3.



In response to the points raised by the Carrickfin Trust Company Ltd & Coiste Timpeallachta an Ghaoith, I would like to highlight that I have been oyster farming at Braade Strand, Gweedore Bay for 18 years. There are now 3 farmers farming on a current site size of approximately 4 hectares. These families are indigenous to the local community for at least 4 generations.

I have made the application for an additional 2 sites T12/430A (2.34 hectares) and T12/ 430 B (.4911 hectares) a total of 2.8311 hectares. My farm is currently at full capacity. I made the application as I have physically run out of space on my current sites.

These additional sites would enable my family to continue to farm in our local community, without the additional sites, there is not enough area to produce oysters that will sustain the continued employment of 3 farmers. .

My application is for 8 % of the total area currently under appeal. I am committed to the long term sustainability of oyster farming on our local strand at Braade. Our produce is reliant on a clean environment. For the last 18 years, I have respected the environment that I work in and am committed to environmentally sound business practices. A close family friend is an avid environmentalist and is a member of Birdwatch Ireland. Their interest in the environment has influenced me greatly.

My farm is in the central Eastern part of Braade - Gweedore Bay and has always received the support of the local community. It is small in size and is partly hidden from view.

I have applied for 2 small sites that will that will ensure our continued farming in the area. My applications are realistic in their size and are in keeping with the local environment. The sites are adjacent to my current sites which has been part of the landscape for nearly 2 decades.

I would ask you to give due consideration to my responses. I am indigenous to my community and the granting of my application will ensure my continued long term employment in my community..

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