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Kilminchy Court
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Ref: Boards Determinations 2019 / Cooley Oysters Ltd: AP56/2019

Dear Sir Madam,

My sons own and operate Cooley Oysters Ltd, farming oysters in Carlingford Lough. They have been following in the family tradition of oyster farming started by myself in the early 1980's in Ballagan.

In all this time operating and living in this area I have never heard anything negative reported to me from neighbours or from visitors to the area about oyster farming activity.

As a local resident and landowner I support this application and have completed a visual assessment in support of this position.

In addition to the Visual Impact Assessment Report attached, I would also like to mention that I am aware that an adjacent site [T01/102A] which is higher up on the foreshore has received a positive determination for its Aquaculture/Foreshore Licensing Application in December 2019. A large proportion of site T01/119 is behind T01/102A and I believe would not have the same visual impact and does not encroach on the foreshore as T01/119 is situated between other licenced areas.

I also feel that the accessibility to area T01/119 is limited as there is no public access for pedestrians or cars from the road to this area and therefore would not be regularly in use by the public regardless.

In relation to the available space for foreshore amenity I believe this is not a problem, as there are large areas of foreshore available.

Please see attached the Visual Impact Assessment in support of AP56/2019.

Regards

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