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Dear Sir/Ms

I have just been informed in the last few days that there are plans to grant license's to a number of persons or companies to grow oysters on our local Strand. It would appear that this has been done in an underhand way.

This has this not been advertised in our local papers eg Donegal News, Highland Radio. or Radio Na Gaeltada why is there so much secrecy. Why was there no Environmental Impact Study carried out on the locality.

Are you aware that being part of **The Wild Atlantic Way** that it is important to have our area look well. We live beside **Donegal International Airport** which Is recognized as the Sixth nicest Airport visually in the world from the Air.

There are Oysters plots being farmed closer to the Channel and although they are not nice to look at people did not object even though the interfered with boats and changing the flow of the tide. The disappearance of sea food, Cockle's, Winkels , Black Shells ect. However what is now being proposed is absolutely ridiculous. It is a fact that the French are coming here having already polluted their own beaches. It is also not useful to have locals apply for a license's and then sell them on to foreigners. Why allow people to profit from local facilities

What proposals are there for processing the Oysters from this massive extension. Does the fact that there is raw sewage being pumped into the bay by **Donegal Co. Council** not give food for thought. There is also a Fiber Glass Factory and a Waste Refuse Company adjacent to the Bay is there anything leaching from them.

It would appear that we in Donegal are being treated with a certain amount of disrespect when it comes to planning for Windmills, Pylons, and now Oyster Farms. These parts are supposed to areas of Special Conservation but only when it suits the powers to be, not the locals.

I for one will object to this project and the granting of Licience's

Yours Sincerely  
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