

Laura Crawford

From: Loughgiel Dancing School <loughgielschoolofirishdance@gmail.com>
Sent: 26 May 2025 13:59
To: Planning
Subject: Support of Planning Application for Armoy Wind Farm Project
Attachments: Loughgiel School of Irish Dancing.docx

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Ms Elaine Olphert
Planning Department
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
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Email: planning@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Thursday 22nd May 2025

Dear Ms Olphert,

Loughgiel School of Irish Dancing letter of support for planning application LA01/2022/1567/F

I write to you again on behalf of the Loughgiel School of Irish Dancing to emphasise our support for the proposed Armoy Wind Farm project as referenced above.

If developed, the project will bring many socio-economic and environmental benefits to the local area; and it will support a number of local clubs and organisations including our own dancing school. This support is essential for voluntary groups like ours as funding is so hard to come by, particularly in rural areas. Therefore, it will be greatly appreciated by our members and will mean we can continue to invest in and grow the school, which is already valued by so many people in the area.

From the Council's perspective, the additional rates income created by the wind farm should be warmly welcomed, especially given existing financial pressures and rates increases, which are a burden to residents throughout the borough.

Given the wide benefits offered by the proposed wind farm, it is disappointing to see the planning report makes a recommendation for refusal. It is our hope that members of the planning committee recognise the overwhelmingly positive aspects of the project and support the approval of the application.

Kind regards,

Denise Dobbin
On behalf of Loughgiel School of Irish Dance

Laura Crawford

From: ARMOY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Sent: 26 May 2025 11:16
To: Planning
Subject: Fwd: Coolkeeran Road - wind farm LA01/2022/1567/F

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Begin forwarded message:

From: ARMOY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Date: 26 May 2025 at 10:41:32 BST
To: planning@causewaycoastand
Subject: **Coolkeeran Road - wind farm LA01/2022/1567/F**

Monday 26th May 2025

Denise Dickson
Head of Planning
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
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Dear Ms. Dickson,

Ref: Armoy Community Association support for planning application LA01/2022/1567/F

I am writing to you to emphasise Armoy Community Association's support for the planning application referenced above for the new wind farm located off Coolkeeran Road, Armoy.

As stated in previous correspondence, we were supportive of the last application and are hopeful that the current proposal will be successful. Therefore, as a local voluntary organisation we were disappointed when we learned of the planning officer's report including a recommendation to refuse the project.

When operational, the wind farm will provide very important opportunities for local organisations in the Armoy area, including the Armoy Community Association, to receive much-needed support to sustain their activities which many local people rely on. I am sure you are aware that this kind of support is difficult to come by and this opportunity would mean a lot in Armoy in what for decades is officially described as a poor/ deprived / hard pressed area.

The wind farm can create important social, economic and environmental benefits for the local area and Northern Ireland as a whole. In addition to this, the Council stands to benefit from the business rates intake that will be generated as a result of the wind farm.

For the reasons outlined in this letter, we remain hopeful that the Council's Planning Committee will look favourably on the application and support an approval.

Thanks for the opportunity to present this from the perspective of our community group striving to make our place a better place.

Regards

Gerry,

Gerry Burns
Armoy Community Development Association

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Laura Crawford

From: Jillian Ohlrich
Sent: 27 May 2025 07:07
To: Planning
Subject: Letter of Support- Armoy Wind Farm Project
Attachments: 23.05.2025 Armoy Cross Community Playgroup letter of support for Armoy Wind Farm.docx

Dear Elaine,

I hope this email finds you well?

Please see attached my letter of support for the Armoy Wind Farm project on behalf of Armoy Cross Community Playgroup.

Kind regards,

Jillian Squires
Chairperson

Friday 23rd May 2025

Ms Elaine Olphert
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
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planning@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Dear Ms. Olphert,

Additional letter in support of the proposed Armoy wind farm project (LA01/2022/1567/F) from Armoy Cross Community Playgroup

I am writing to reiterate Armoy Cross Community Playgroup's strong support for the proposed Armoy wind farm project (planning reference number: LA02/2022/1567/F).

I was disappointed to see the recommendation that the application is refused, however I am hopeful it will receive a positive hearing and ultimately approval at Planning Committee.

The proposed project represents a great opportunity for the local area as it will create substantial social, economic and environmental benefits. It also provides vital benefit for local groups, including the Cross Community Playgroup at a time when funding is difficult to obtain, and costs continue to rise.

We are also fully supportive of the environmental benefits of the project which will play an important role in reducing Northern Ireland's reliance on fossil fuels and help achieve greater levels of sustainable energy independence. This ties into the commitment made in the Climate Change Act that at least 80% of our electricity should be from renewables by 2030.

Given the importance of the project and the benefits it will create, we would like to see it approved and progressed as soon as possible.

Regards,

Jillian Squires
On behalf of Armoy Cross Community Playgroup

Laura Crawford

From: Philip Christie
Sent: 24 May 2025 20:38
To: Planning
Cc: Philip Christie
Subject: PROPOSED WIND FARM PROJECT COOLKEERAN ROAD ARMOY LA01/2022/1567/F
Attachments: GLEN ROVERS GAC ARMOY PLANNING LETTER.jpeg

Dear Ms Olphert, attached find letter of support for the above project.
Please confirm receipt of this email.
Many thanks and best regards.

PHILIP CHRISTIE



Planning Department

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24/5/2025

Dear Ms Olphert

RE: PROPOSED WIND FARM PROJECT COOLKEERAN ROAD ARMOY

I would like to reiterate Glen Rovers GAC Amoy support for the planning application for a new wind farm at Coolkeeran Road Amoy (planning reference LA01/2022/1567/F)

Projects like the Amoy wind Farm bring socio-economic and environmental benefits to small isolated rural communities that otherwise wouldn't be available. As well as the private investment that will be made in the areas a result of the wind farm, the project will provide very important opportunities for local groups to receive long-term financial support that otherwise would not exist. **Very few funding bodies support isolated rural communities which are neglected therefore this project will bring life back to isolated rural communities by offering financial support.**

Wind farms also offer numerous other benefits including renewable energy production environmental advantages, and economic growth. Wind energy is a clean and inexhaustible resource, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions. **Economically, wind farms create jobs, boost isolated rural economies, and can be cost-effective once established.**

Therefore, it is with frustration we note the recommendation to refuse the application as set out in the planning report. It is our hope that the Council's Planning Committee will see the relevant policy reasons and potential benefits of the project to the local Amoy area and further afield as an opportunity to support this application. This support would be very much welcomed locally.

Kind regards.

PHILIP CHRISTIE (Treasurer and Trustee of Glen Rovers GAC Amoy)



Páirc an Cromach

154 Glenshesk Road, Amoy,
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Laura Crawford

From: Philip Christie
Sent: 27 May 2025 10:49
To: Planning
Cc: Philip Christie
Subject: PROPOSED WINDFARM PROJECT COOLKEERAN ROAD ARMOY
Attachments: Letter to planners GRCG Windfarm.jpeg

Dear Ms Olphert

Please find attached letter of support from Glen Rural Community Group Armoy regarding the planning application for windfarm on Coolkeeran Road Armoy.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Many thanks and best regards.

PHILIP CHRISTIE (Glen Rural Community Group Armoy)

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27/5/2025

Dear Ms Olphert

RE: PROPOSED WIND FARM PROJECT COOLKEERAN ROAD ARMOY

As a registered N Ireland charity operating from a rural community centre in Glenshesk area of Armoy, Glen Rural Community Group Armoy wishes to express its full support for the proposed windfarm development on the Coolkeeran road, currently under planning consideration by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

Our charity is volunteer-led and serves an isolated rural population where opportunities for economic development and funding are limited. The proposed windfarm offers a unique opportunity to bring lasting benefits to the Armoy and Glenshesk areas – benefits which extend beyond environmental sustainability to include job creation, community investment, and support for local sports and voluntary groups.

We understand that, if approved, the project will allocate financial support to initiatives such as ours. This would help us sustain and expand vital services and activities for rural residents. The windfarm's contribution would be especially valuable in a time when public funding for rural development is scarce.

We respectfully urge all members of the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to support this planning application. It represents a practical and timely investment in the future resilience and wellbeing of our isolated rural community.

Yours sincerely

ANNA DOUTHART (Chairperson of Glen Rural Community Group (Armoy))