I fully support the Aarhus Convention, and am a member of several planning committees, including a Council Planning SPC in Wicklow.

The positive benefits of AIE

We cannot have accurate responses to policy without knowing what exactly is going on.

You can make things more citizen friendly by

- 1. minimising the grounds for refusing requests and exemptions
- 2. making more flexible the appeals process, including the use of fees

I would ask you to fully embed our rights to knowledge under the Aarhus Convention, and have an education campaign to government bodies about their responsibilities around Freedom of Information and AIE.

Best

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