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The heavy duty power lines on the site of the proposed windfarm on the outskirts of Glenties. Photo Brian McDaid. 1510bd110

The new Toledo will be displayed alongside the Ibiza, Mill and Leon Copa Plus cars, with the Mill decked out in all-Ireland Champions Donegal's colours.

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Irish objections were answered in English

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Peadar Ó Baoill, who made his submission in Irish on Tuesday at the An Bord Pleanála oral hearing, complained that he and other Irish-speaking objectors received responses in English from Donegal County Council when they made submissions in Irish in regard to the proposed wind farm development outside of Glenties.

Mr. Ó Baoill said he expected the council planning office to deal with him through Irish, but they did not. He also said the 45-member Fintown Fishermen's Association also received a response in English to a submission they had made in Irish.

Speaking in Irish, Mr. Ó Baoill said it was a basic right for citizens of this country to do their business in Irish and his rights as a Gaeilgeoir were ignored.

Mr. Ó Baoill also said he received correspondence from An Bord Pleanála on Sept. 13, 2012, informing him of the date and time of the oral hearing. He received 10 additional letters along with his own, letters addressed to other people who had made submissions to the planning application. Mr. Ó Baoill sent a letter of complaint to An Bord Pleanála and attached copies of the additional letters.

He said the letters which were written in English also included an explanation of the methodology of the planned hearing but there was no mention of this in the Irish version of the letter. Mr. Ó Baoill asked why there was no such explanation in the Irish version, saying that two different standards were being employed.

He said he was angry about the way he was treated and the way the planning office and An Bord Pleanála conducted themselves, saying the experience did not give him or the public in general much confidence in conducting their business through Irish with the planning office or other public organisations.

The people of the Gaeltacht are not second-class citizens, he said