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Dear Independent Planning Commission,

My name is Warwick Fish, and I am writing to you as the proud owner and operator of Fish and Sons, a fifth-generation Rural Agriculture and Produce store that has served our local farming district for over 167 years. As a father of four high school students and a recent addition to the real estate profession, I am deeply invested in the well-being of our community and its future.

I am writing to express my severe objection to the proposed Glanmire Solar Farm Project (SSD-21208499), a project that, if approved, would have far-reaching consequences for our local farming district. Fish and Sons has been an integral part of this community, and I have a profound understanding of the pressures faced by our local farmers. The proposed solar farm poses a threat not only to rural communities but also to our townships.

Here are the key reasons for my objection:

1. **Legacy of Agriculture:** Fish and Sons has been a testament to the enduring legacy of agriculture in our region. The proposed solar farm would encroach upon prime agricultural land, threatening the very essence of our farming practices. The longevity of our family business is intertwined with the prosperity of local farmers, and this project would jeopardize their ability to sustain their livelihoods.
2. **Impact on Local Farming Practices:** I understand the immense pressure our local farmers face daily. The Glanmire Solar Farm would not only diminish the amount of prime agricultural land available but also cripple the existing farming practices. The ability of local farmers to produce and sell in bulk to our community would be severely compromised.
3. **Devaluation of Agricultural Land:** In my recent role as a Real Estate agent, I have witnessed firsthand the major devaluation that projects like the Glanmire Solar Farm can bring to prime agricultural land and properties in the wider proximity. Our community thrives on the success of our farmers, and the devaluation of agricultural land would have a detrimental impact on the economic fabric of our district.
4. **Rural Perspective:** From a rural perspective, it is essential to hold onto as much prime agricultural land as possible. Our community's sustainability is contingent upon the health and vitality of our agricultural practices. Approving this project would erode the very foundation of our rural identity.

I implore the Independent Planning Commission to consider the long-term consequences of the Glanmire Solar Farm Project on our community. It is crucial that we prioritize the preservation of prime agricultural land and support the farming practices that have sustained us for generations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that, in your deliberations, you will take into account the voices of those deeply connected to the land and committed to the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,
Warwick Fish



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