

Petition 0951/2008 by Erik Beving (Dutch), on discrimination in connection with regional planning in Ireland

The petitioner, a Dutch citizen resident in Ireland, considers that Irish rural planning legislation discriminates in favour of local agricultural landowners, and preventing newcomers from building homes. The petitioner indicates that the County Cork authorities have rejected his wife's application for planning permission on land purchased in Cashelfean, arguing that the need for new residences in this rural area has not been demonstrated. The petitioner contests this decision, considering that his property rights have been infringed and that this is encouraging property market speculation through a 'locals-only' policy. He is accordingly seeking a European Parliament inquiry.

Information

- The petition is supported by Kathy Sinnott MEP.

Recommendation

- Declare admissible;
- Request information from the European Commission.