Our Case Number: ABP-315796-23



Wicklow County Council Planning Department County Buildings Whitegates Wicklow Town Co. Wicklow A67 FW96

Date: 12 February 2024

Re: Proposed development of an offshore wind farm and associated infrastructure for Arklow Bank Wind

Park (ABWP).

Located on and around the Arklow Bank, approximately 6 to 15 km from the shore at Arklow, Co.

Wicklow.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned pre-application consultation. Please be advised that the consultations have concluded.

A copy of the documentation relating to the Board's pre-application file is enclosed for your information including a copy of the written record of the pre-application consultation meetings between An Bord Pleanála and the prospective applicant. A copy of the pre-application consultation file can be made available for public inspection at this stage and must be associated with any application file documentation when such an application is made. In this regard please note that the Board has directed the prospective applicant to include a statement in the public notices of any planning application indicating that the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the coastal planning authority (as well as the offices of the Board) and on a standalone website. The Board would therefore be obliged if you could make the necessary arrangements in this regard following receipt of the copies of any application documentation from the prospective applicant. Please note that the public will have the right to make submissions/observations on the application only to An Bord Pleanála and within a time limit which will be specified in the public notices (copies of same will accompany the application documentation) and the public should be alerted to this fact when inspecting the file. It is the Board's intention that all the application documentation will remain available for public inspection during the currency of the application.

The Board will also separately communicate with you when any application is lodged indicating the date by which the planning authority may lodge its report on the application under section 291(4) of the Act.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

The attachment contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email marine@pleanala.ie quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Ashling Doherty Executive Officer

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