



An
Bord
Pleanála

Record of Meeting
ABP-315796-23
4th meeting

Case Reference / Description	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.		
Case Type	Marine pre-application consultation under Section 287		
1st / 2nd / 3rd Meeting	4 th		
Date	11/12/2023	Start Time	11:00 am
Venue	Virtually by Microsoft Teams	End Time	11:40 am

Representing An Bord Pleanála

Ciara Kellett, Director of Planning (Chair)

Marcella Doyle, Senior Administrative Officer

Cora Cunningham, Senior Executive Officer

Nichola Meehan, Senior Executive Officer

Niamh Hickey, Executive Officer

Representing the Prospective Applicant
James O'Hara, SSE
Eimear Lenehan, SSE
Marc Walshe, SSE
Kaj Christiansen, SSE
Lauren Kirkland, GoBe Consultants
Ellen MacMahon, GoBe Consultants
Rosemary Daly, Turley
Michael Gordon, Turley

Discussion:

In relation to the 3rd pre-application meeting held on 6th November 2023, the prospective applicant had no comments to make on the record of the meeting.

The Board's representatives provided the prospective applicant with a document containing all the procedures required for making an application.

The Board's representatives advised the prospective applicant of the following procedures:

- An application form must be submitted with the application.
- Public notices must contain the full development description. If an Environmental Impact Assessment Report or Natura Impact Statement is required, this must be included in the public notices. Reference to Transboundary and Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (COMAH) must also be included.
- The application must be advertised in two newspapers, which includes one national newspaper.
- Sample public notices have been provided to the applicant.
- The site notice should be placed as close as possible to the landing point of the proposed development if feasible.
- The Board can check dates of the notices, if necessary, prior to publication.

- The application must be consistent with the opinion issued by the Board under section 287B of the Act.
- Two hardcopies of the application and eight soft copies of the application must be submitted to the Board. The Board would also like the flexibility to request further copies of the application if necessary.
- Five hardcopies and two softcopies of the application must be submitted to the coastal planning authorities which in this case is Wicklow County Council and Wexford County Council. The documentation must be available for inspection at their offices.
- A standalone website must be provided with all of the application documentation and stay live for the duration of the time with the Board and after for the Judicial Review period. The website should be a replica of the documentation submitted in hard copy format and must not be updated unless requested by the Board to do so.
- The prospective applicant must ensure the application is submitted to the Board and the coastal planning authorities shortly after the publication of the notices.
- A period of eight weeks from the date the documents become available for public inspection must be provided in the notices to allow the public to make submissions on the application.
- Prescribed bodies must be given the same timeline of 8 weeks for the making of submissions. A sample notice was provided to the prospective applicant for this also.
- All letters notifying the coastal planning authority and prescribed bodies must be included in the application.
- The fee for lodging an application has yet to be confirmed.

The Board's representatives confirmed Wicklow County Council and Wexford County Council as the Coastal Planning Authorities and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is a prescribed body for the purposes of this application.

The Board's representatives confirmed that a list of prescribed bodies and transboundary consultees will be provided with the closure of the pre-application consultation notice.

The Board's representatives noted that a copy of the Maritime Area Consent should be submitted with the application.

The Board's representatives recommended that reference to the Dumping at Sea Permit should be included in any public notice and stated that this is not a legal requirement.

The prospective applicant queried if the rehabilitation schedule should be included in the application and notices. The Board's representatives advised the applicant to submit it with the application but would not be required to have it referenced in the notices.

The Board's representatives advised the applicant to provide a full description of the proposed development description in the notices. In this regard the Board would review any notice in terms of administrative procedures prior to publication of the notice.

The Board's representatives advised there will be separate reports regarding the 287 and 287A cases.

The prospective applicant intends to lodge an application by the end of March 2024.

Conclusion:

The record of the instant meeting will issue in due course and the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have in writing or alternatively bring any comments for discussion at the time of any further meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11:40 am

 22/1/24

Ciara Kellett

Director of Planning