

An
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Record of Meeting ABP-315800-23 3rd meeting

Case Reference / Description	Proposed Dublin Array offshore wind farm. Located approximately 10km off the coast of counties Dublin and Wicklow, at the Kish and Bray banks.		
Case Type	Marine pre-application consultation under Section 287		
1st / 2nd / 3rd Meeting	3 rd		
Date	01/11/2023	Start Time	14:00 p.m.
Venue	Offices of An Bord Pleanála	End Time	15:30 p.m.

Representing An Bord Pleanála
Ciara Kellett, Director of Planning (Chair)
Stephen Kay, Assistant Director of Planning
Conor McGrath, Assistant Director of Planning
Eugene Nixon, Consultant
Marcella Doyle, Senior Administrative Officer
Cora Cunningham, Senior Executive Officer
Niamh Hickey, Executive Officer

Representing the Prospective Applicant
Peter Lefroy, RWE
Paul Kelly, RWE
John Lowry, RWE

Siobhan McCabe, RWE
Jamie May, RWE (on-line attendance)
Gillian Moore, RWE (on-line attendance)

Presentation by the prospective applicant:

The prospective applicant stated that there have been no material changes to the project since the second meeting. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report is well advanced and the section 287A design flexibility process is currently influencing the overall project programme.

The prospective applicant spoke about the ongoing judicial review case regarding their foreshore licence and noted that there is currently a stay on the licenced activities.

The prospective applicant noted that the survey work completed to date is sufficient to inform design for the preparation of the planning application. All ecological, geological and archaeological surveys necessary at this time are complete. Further pre-construction survey work will be required, including surveys along the export cable route which will traverse the Fraser Bank, to identify sand waves and other constraints. The prospective applicant is proposing two export cable routes of 1km in width.

The prospective applicant stated that the advice from the last meeting was clear, and they required no clarification.

A discussion was held regarding the section 287A design flexibility process. The prospective applicant stated it currently intends to identify three turbine options and their associated design parameters in their section 287A request. Those associated design details should arise directly from the turbine technology to be utilised. The Board's representatives advised that construction methodologies are not considered to fall under the section 287A design flexibility process. The Board's representatives advised that all aspects and elements of the proposed development should still be fully assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and that the application should be clear as to the nature and scope of development for which

planning permission is being sought. The prospective applicant stated that it would most likely be lodging the section 287A request by the end of November 2023. The Board's representatives confirmed that they would therefore aim to hold a subsequent meeting regarding this pre-application consultation by the first week of December 2023. In this regard, the Board's representatives advised that the legislation provides for 1 meeting only in relation to the section 287A process. It was also stated that justification should be provided regarding flexibility for each of the options and details required and all of this information should be easily set out in the EIAR.

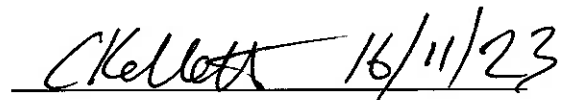
The Board's representatives advised that transboundary consultees and procedural matters will be discussed in the final pre-application meeting. An Bord Pleanála are awaiting the finalisation of the schedule of fees for section 291 applications.

The Boards representatives advised that if the prospective applicant is proposing to include the onshore grid connections to Carrickmines in the section 291 application, then details in this regard should be submitted so they can be included in the pre-application consultation process. The Board's representatives advised that if separate planning applications will be lodged for onshore and offshore elements then landfall elements should be carefully considered to address issues of jurisdiction and to ensure completeness of the application. The Board's representatives also requested clarity with regard to the inclusion of the Operations and Maintenance base in Dun Laoghaire Harbour in the section 291 application. The prospective applicant stated that it will provide updates on these queries in the next meeting.

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 15:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature, appearing to read 'CKellett', is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the date '16/11/23' is handwritten.

Ciara Kellett

Director of Planning