



An
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Pleanála

Record of Meeting ABP- 315801-23 1st meeting

Case Reference / Description	Offshore windfarm with a maximum of 42 WTGs off the coast of Dublin, Meath and Louth.		
Case Type	Marine pre-application consultation under Section 287		
1st / 2nd / 3rd Meeting	3 rd		
Date	2 nd November 2023	Start Time	11:00am
Location	An Bord Pleanála	End Time	11:40am

Representing An Bord Pleanála
Ciara Kellett, Director of Planning
Stephen Kay, Assistant Director of Planning
Karla McBride, Senior Planning Inspector
Eugene Nixon, Consultant
Marcella Doyle, Senior Executive Officer
Ashling Doherty, Executive Office

Representing the Prospective Applicant
Anna Jamieson, Statkraft Ireland
Erin Snaith, Statkraft Ireland
Fiona Patterson, Arup
Tina Raleigh, Statkraft Ireland via Microsoft Teams
Enda O'Doherty, Statkraft Ireland via Microsoft Teams

The meeting commenced at 11:00

The Board's representatives asked if the prospective applicant had any comments or questions on the previous meeting held on the 21st September, 202. In response the prospective applicant stated that clarifications to the record are submitted as part of the presentation in slide number 4.

Presentation by the prospective applicant:

The prospective applicant gave an update on key elements of the project and stated that the project is advancing with a maximum of 49 turbines as opposed to 35-46 as was outlined in previous meetings. The reason for the change was stated to relate to potential procurement issues. There has been further engagement with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) in relation to the North-West Irish Sea candidate Special Protection Area. (cSPA). Engagement with Phase one developers has continued. The next round of in-person public consultations will be held in November in Skerries, Clogherhead, Bettystown, Balbriggan and Malahide.

Discussion:

The Board's representative stated it was their understanding that the Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2023 provides for the making of a single application under section 291 to the Board which will include the onshore element of the project.

The Board's representatives sought clarity in relation to the existing pre-application consultation process under section 182A taking into account the onshore elements of the proposed development.

The prospective applicant stated that all the onshore elements of the proposed development have been discussed as part of this pre-application process and at the Board's recommendation they will review the existing section 182A pre-application consultation and close it off prior to submitting the full application which will include offshore and onshore infrastructure and the cable routes under section 291.

The prospective applicant also confirmed that a separate planning application will be submitted for the proposed Operation and Maintenance Base (O&M) and stated that there will be an assessment of the cumulative impacts in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted to the Board.

The prospective applicant stated that no transboundary effects have been identified but assessments are being finalised.

The prospective applicant confirmed they had a pre-application consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in which the EPA advised the prospective applicant to consider some items. A follow-on meeting will be held prior to submitting the proposed application.

Conclusion:

The Board's representatives outlined the next steps of the process and stated that a final meeting will be held to cover the procedures for the making of the application.

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 11:40am

 22.11.23

Ciara Kellett

Director of Planning