



An
Bord
Pleanála

Record of Meeting
ABP-315809-23
4th meeting

Case Reference / Description	Proposed development of Codling Wind Park, an offshore wind farm in the Irish Sea, located in the Codling Bank, approximately 13-22 kilometres off the coast of County Wicklow, between Greystones and Wicklow Town.		
Case Type	Marine pre-application consultation under Section 287.		
1st / 2nd / 3rd Meeting	4 th		
Date	19/12/2023	Start Time	11:00 a.m.
Venue	Virtually by Microsoft Teams	End Time	11:30 a.m.

Representing An Bord Pleanála
Ciara Kellett, Director of Planning (Chair)
Stephen Kay, Assistant Director of Planning
Deirdre MacGabhann, Senior Planning Inspector
Eugene Nixon, Consultant
Marcella Doyle, Senior Administrative Officer
Nichola Meehan, Senior Executive Officer
Niamh Hickey, Executive Officer

Representing the Prospective Applicant
Lis Royle, CWP
Callum Draper, CWP
Jerry Barnes, MacCabe Durney Barnes
Alan Roberts, A&L Goodbody
Brendan Curran, A&L Goodbody
Sean Leake, CWP (online attendance)
Fiona Campbell, CWP (online attendance)

Discussion:

The prospective applicant submitted a document on 18th December 2023 containing their comments on the record of the meeting held on 16th November 2023.

The prospective applicant began by discussing the Maritime Area Consent (MAC) amendment. A formal application will be made to MARA under MAC 1 to alter the MAC boundary. However, the view of the prospective applicant is that the change will be a non-material variation and no difficulty will be caused to the pre-application process in relation to this change and that this will be resolved before lodging an application.

In relation to community gain, the prospective applicant is requesting that the Board does not include a condition regarding community benefit as it is already obliged under ORESS Terms and Conditions to have a community benefit fund and this could create confusion and/or onerous requirements if two benefit funds are required. The Board's representatives advised that the benefit should be described in detail. The prospective applicant also noted that the value of the fund will be communicated over the next few months.

The prospective applicant noted that additional measures are proposed in a standalone document relating to biodiversity enhancement and queried if it should submit this alongside the application. The Board's representatives advised that the document could be submitted alongside the application but should not relate to any activity or actions that would require assessment within the application process e.g.

those comprising strategic alliances with research institutions etc. The prospective applicant confirmed it has already consulted with Transboundary consultees and does not believe there will be any significant effects regarding transboundary issues from this project. The Board's representatives confirmed that if the Board considers that there are potential significant effects, they will provide a list of consultees when the pre-application consultation is closed.

The Board's representatives discussed the final steps of the pre-application process, and advised a meeting will be held in January to inform the prospective applicant regarding the procedures for making an application. The prospective applicant confirmed it is finalising the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement. The prospective applicant confirmed it is happy to close the pre-application stage once the procedures meeting has been held.

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 11:30 a.m.

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Ciara Kellett

Director of Planning