

In accordance with sub-section 2(b) of 292 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, An Coimisiún Pleanála gives notice of the furnishing of significant additional information received from Sure Partners Limited in relation to the following proposed development known as Arklow Bank Wind Park 2.

The proposed development is located off the coasts of Co. Wicklow and Co. Wexford.

The proposed development consists of the following principal elements;

The proposed development is the Arklow Bank Wind Park 2 (ABWP2) Offshore Infrastructure (hereinafter referred to as the Proposed Development). The Proposed Development is an offshore wind farm, located off the coast of Co. Wicklow and Co. Wexford, on the east coast of Ireland. A Maritime Area Consent (MAC) (Ref 2022-MAC-002) was granted in December 2022 for the construction and operation of an offshore windfarm and associated infrastructure (including decommissioning and other works) on and around the Arklow Bank in the Irish Sea.

The site of the Proposed Development comprises an Array Area (the area within which the Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs), the Offshore Substation Platforms (OSPs), and associated cables (export, interarray and interconnector cabling) and foundations will be installed) and a Cable Corridor and Working Area (the area within which export, inter-array and interconnector cabling will be installed). The overall Proposed Development site area is 139.4 km² and all of the Proposed Development will be seaward of the High Water Mark (HWM). The Array Area is located approximately 6 km to 15 km off the coast and covers an area of approximately 63.4 km². The Cable Corridor and Working Area extends from the Array Area to the HWM at Johnstown North, north of Arklow Town, Co. Wicklow where the offshore export cables make landfall (the Landfall). The area of the Cable Corridor and Working Area is 76.0 km².

The Proposed Development will comprise:

- I. One of two Project Design Options - Project Design Option 1 (which comprises Models 1a and 1b, one of which will be selected) or Project Design Option 2. Project Design Option 1 (Models 1a and 1b) comprises WTGs with the same rotor diameter, hub height and tip heights and with slight variations in chord width and revolutions per minute (RPM) between the two models. The Project Design Options comprise the following parameters:

Parameters	Project Design Option 1		Project Design Option 2
	Model 1a	Model 1b	
Number of WTGs	56		47
Hub height (above Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT)) (m)	155		162
Rotor diameter (m)	236		250
Upper blade tip height (above LAT) (m)	273		287
Lower blade tip height (above LAT) (m)	37		37
Chord Width (m)	Model 1a	Model 1b	6.9
	5.4	6.8	
Average annual RPM	6.34	5.73	6.19

- II. The WTGs for both Project Design Options will comprise three blades and a horizontal axis rotor. The blades will be connected to the hub, forming a rotor which turns a shaft connected either directly to the generator ('direct drive') or to a gearbox, which are located within the nacelle. Each WTG will be installed on a steel monopile foundation with a diameter ranging from 7 m to 11 m.
- III. Two OSPs each comprising a topside structure with a main structure height of 53 m above LAT, an antennae height of 63 m above LAT, topside length of 46 m and topside width of 33.5 m, supported on a monopile foundation ranging from 7 m to 14 m in diameter. One OSP will be located in the north, and one will be located in the south of the Array Area. The OSP topside structure will contain switch gear, transformers, control equipment, auxiliary electrical equipment, cranes, batteries, generators, fire control systems, communication mast and other ancillary equipment.
- IV. The monopile foundations for the WTGs and OSPs will consist of a hollow steel tube installed into the seabed. WTG monopile foundations will be installed to a depth ranging from 20 m to 37 m below Lowest Seabed Level (LSBL), while OSP monopile foundations will be installed to a depth ranging from 20 m to 45 m below LSBL.
- V. A network of inter-array cabling between WTG and OSP locations with a length of between 110 km and 122 km.
- VI. Interconnector cabling between the two OSPs with a length of between 25 km and 28 km.
- VII. Two export cable circuits extending from the OSPs to the proposed Landfall at Johnstown North with a combined length of between 35 km and 40 km.
- VIII. Associated ancillary works comprising cable protection and scour protection. Cable protection will be installed to prevent movement and exposure of the cables over the lifetime of the Proposed Development where the cables cannot be buried to the required depth. Scour protection will be used to protect the monopile foundations from tide induced scour that may occur around the monopile foundation.

- IX. Ancillary components to be mounted on the monopile foundations including boat landings, Jtubes, platforms and davit cranes to support the construction, operation and decommissioning of the infrastructure described above.
- X. Confirmatory surveys comprising geotechnical, geophysical and environmental surveys.
- XI. Project Design Options 1 and 2 have defined WTG and OSP layouts with a 100 m limit of deviation applying to each location to allow avoidance of site constraints such as difficult ground conditions during construction.
- XII. At Landfall, the export cables will be installed using trenchless techniques between the HWM and the exit point of the trenchless technique. This involves installing the export cables along underground drilled pathways of length between 350 m and 880 m, without the need to excavate an open trench.
- XIII. This application is seeking a ten-year permission and 36.5 year operational life from the date of final commissioning of the Proposed Development.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) were submitted as part of the application for the Proposed Development.

The Proposed Development is likely to have significant effects on the environment of a Member State of the European Union or a state that is a party to the Transboundary Convention (the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, done at Espoo (Finland) on 25 February 1991).

The application relates to a Proposed Development which requires a Dumping at Sea Permit under the Dumping at Sea Act 1996 (as amended).

The significant additional information including an updated EIAR and NIS will be available for inspection free of charge or purchased upon payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making a copy), during public opening hours for a period of eight weeks commencing on the **3rd June 2026** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1
- The Planning Office of Wexford County Council, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford Y35 WY93
- The Planning Office of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow Town A67 FW96

The documentation will be made available for viewing/downloading on the Commission's website: <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/319864>

The documentation may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: <https://www.arklowbank2offshoreplanning.ie/>

Submissions or observations in relation to the significant additional information may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála (The Commission), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of **eight weeks**.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies). There is no fee required to make a submission in relation to those parties/individuals who have already made a valid written submission to the Commission regarding the application. Submissions or observations must be received by the Commission no later than **29th July 2026**.

Such submissions/observations must include the following information:

- (a) the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the submission or observation should be sent;
- (b) the subject matter of the submission or observation;
- (c) the reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full, which may include:
 - (i) the implications of the proposed development for maritime spatial planning,
 - (ii) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
 - (iii) the likely effects on the environment or any European site of the proposed development.

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Commission.

Any enquiries relating to the significant additional information should be directed to the Marine and Climate Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel: 01 8588100)

A person may question the validity of any decision by the Commission by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with section 50 and 50A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the An Coimisiún Pleanála website (www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie