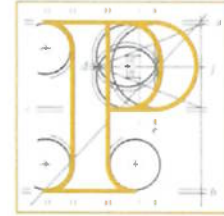


Our Case Number: ABP-319866-24



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Theresa Kerins
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Date: 14 August 2024

Re: Proposed development known as North Irish Sea Array ("NISA") Offshore Wind Farm
Located off the coast of Counties Dublin, Meath and Louth (www.northirishsearraysid.ie)

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission and fee in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions/observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of Dublin City, Fingal, Meath and Louth County Councils and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to marine infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email marine@pleanala.ie quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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8 August 2024

Dear Sir, Madam,

Re: Application No. OA29N.319866
North Irish Sea Array Wind Farm Ltd
North Irish Sea Wind Turbines

I refer to the above application in making this observation while realising at the same time the need for renewable energy sources for our homes and our industries:

1. Size is a really serious concern. The proposed wind turbines are enormous and seem to be among the biggest anywhere in the world. They will be more than seven times taller than the Rockabill Lighthouse.
2. Nor will they be sited far from our shorelines and will be clearly visible from Drogheda Bay and Baltray to Skerries, even to Howth. Please note that the coast line from Mornington to Gormanston has been named the Gold Coast by Meath Co Councilt because of its beaches and beauty but these gigantic "beauties" will uglify the view for the thousands of people visiting and living here.
3. Considering the proposed two years of constant excavation and building works Statkraft and CIP must site the turbines in line with practice that is internationally accepted and so at least 22 km from the nearest part of the coastline.
4. Wildlife will be hugely affected at: Malahide Estuary, Rogerstown Estuary, the Boyne/Blackwater SAC and SPA and the Nanny SPA Area which stretches from Bettystown to Irishtown, which is an area adjacent to Gormanstown. Remember that the pipeline will make landfall at Gormanstown.

5. Modern technology has been developed that is far less disruptive such as "Oscillating Poles" which do not have the turbine blades which cause death and injury to migratory birds. These oscillating poles would probably cause less disturbance to marine life too. Nor do they need the "flashing" lights required on the turbines due to the rotating blades.

Turbines last for thirty years and there will be maintenance during those years. Their destruction after that will again cause harm to flora and fauna. May I ask the obvious question, why, oh why, must all new projects in the area cause so much upset and damage? Growing up in Bettystown years ago we had a beautiful village. How it has changed and the latest ugly object, the enormous all-purpose building constructed almost on the sand, is a typical example. ^{Later} I wonder will we be paying for the power when the wind doesn't blow for the new unsightly turbines!

Yours +

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