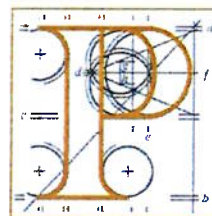


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**An
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Corduff National School
Anna McKeown
Lusk
Co. Dublin
K45 XV34

Date: 16 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.

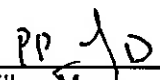
The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

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,



Ellen Moss
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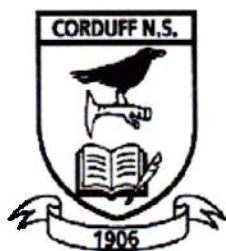
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9th August 2024

Observations on Application 319866, North Irish Sea Array (NISA) wind farm

For the Attention of An Bord Pleanála,

I am submitting the following observations on behalf of the Board of Management of Corduff National School in Corduff, Lusk, Co. Dublin, Eircode K45 XV34 (Roll Number 15650A).

In particular, the Board has referred to the *NISA Environmental Assessment Report, Volume 4, Onshore Chapters, Chapter 24, Traffic and Transportation*. We have noted that **Section 3.2 of the onshore cable** is due to be routed along the **R132 roadway** outside Corduff NS. Tables 24.42, 24.43 and 24.44 advise of a 2-week full road closure of a “negative, significant” nature as well as other temporary 200m partial road closures over 99 weeks of construction. We have also noted that parking for 104 staff is planned at the proposed Blakes Cross Cable Compound (Table 24.35) and will introduce increased daily traffic close to the school, in addition to the daily construction vehicles.

Observation 1: The Board of Management requests that An Bord Pleanála recognises that the layout of the R132 road layout has been re-designed by Fingal County Council during 2023/2024 to install both a northbound and a southbound shared cycle lane from Ballough to Blake’s Cross. These works are still underway and are nearing completion. The Board is surprised to see plans to dig up this multi-million-euro road project so soon after its installation. We are aware that some Fingal County Councillors have already expressed a preference at recent council meetings for routing the cabling adjacent to the M1, which would be far less disruptive. Regardless, our main concern is that the current R132 road design has introduced a significantly narrowed roadway, has halved the school parking and drop-off zone and has re-located the parking from the now defunct hard shoulder to a new parking zone situated between the narrowed roadway and the new shared southbound cycle lane. The road conditions are now treacherous outside the school for our school community. The majority of our students/families and staff will continue to be reliant on the Department of Education school bus service or car transport for the foreseeable future, based on our school’s location, our widely dispersed rural/urban catchment area and the absence of safe pedestrian or cycle routes to join local roads to the R132. The NISA Traffic Data Collection Surveys of 31/03/2022 and 20/09/2022 (Section 24.2.2) were conducted prior to this significant change

in the R132 road layout and function. The information in Table 24.17 on the “Characteristics of the Road Infrastructure Route Sections ...” is no longer accurate for the R132 at Corduff NS. It is requested that additional traffic surveys are conducted to gather more accurate and current data before plans for the cabling route and construction schedule are finalised.

Observation 2: Based on our recent poor experience during the construction phase of the re-designed R132 layout in 2023/2024 in terms of safety, scheduling of works and traffic management, the Board of Management requests that Fingal County Council and An Bord Pleanála make it a condition of any construction contract that construction works between Minister’s Road and Blake’s Cross should only take place on days when the school is closed or outside of school hours. The official school day is 900am to 240pm, or 840am to 3pm when allowing a 20 minute buffer on either side for school traffic. Considering this NISA project is expected to be a two-year project, it should be possible to plan to avoid any works during the 183 day primary school academic year. This will help avoid exacerbating the already unsafe road conditions outside our school and will take into consideration that the only available parking and drop off zone for the school bus, students with disabilities and all school family cars is directly along the southbound lane of the R132 outside the school.

Yours Sincerely,

Anna McKeown
Secretary to the Board of Management
(On behalf of the Board of Management)