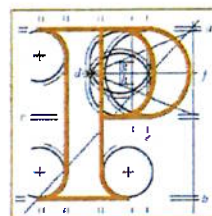


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Date: 16 August 2024

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,

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Re: Fingal SID/04/24 ABP-319866-24 North Irish Sea Array
(submitted online)

A chairde,

I strongly support the development of offshore renewable energy including in the Irish Sea.

I would like to submit observations on one aspect of this project, that is the routing of the cable from the turbine array to the Belcamp electricity substation.

As you will be aware from the application, and from the submissions from the local community, the proposed routing will cause severe disruption to all forms of road travel in the areas affected, including disrupting bus routes, active travel routes, access to schools, etc.

The applicant's documentation describes two alternative options for the cable route as being ruled out, but presents very little analysis to justify those exclusions.

The most obvious is the use of the motorway between Balbriggan and Clonsaugh. The applicant simply says that Transport Infrastructure Ireland won't agree to its use. They do not analyse the environmental impact of this route. The following is at p. 5-43 of the EIAR:

"M1 Motorway - it is TII's policy not to permit high-voltage electrical cables to be routed along motorways. Thus, a route along the M1 was disregarded as a feasible option."

That blanket refusal is contrary to Government policy and in conflict with the duties of public bodies under s.15 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act. The overall obligation (s.15(1)(d) and (e) of the Act) to perform functions in a manner consistent with the furtherance of the national climate objective and the objective of mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the effects of climate change in the State is

clearly engaged. However the obligation to perform functions in a manner consistent with the most recent approved climate action plan (s.15(1)(a)) is specifically relevant to this question in light of the provisions of the 2024 Climate Action Plan (CAP24).

Section 12.4.1.1 Accelerate Renewable Electricity Generation of CAP24 includes the following:

“To reach 80% of electricity demand from renewable sources by 2030:

...

- *“All relevant public bodies will carry out their functions in a manner which supports the achievement of the renewable electricity targets, including, but not limited to, the use of road and rail infrastructure to provide a route for grid infrastructure where this is the optimal solution;”*

The other route which appears to have been ruled out, is the use of a sea cable southwards to the area off Portmarnock beach. From there, the cable could, subject to the necessary analysis, potentially share a route inland to Clonsillaugh with the proposed effluent pipeline from the proposed sewage treatment plant known as Greater Dublin Drainage Project. The planning application for that proposed sewage treatment plant is currently with An Bord Pleanála and can be found online at <https://www.gddapplication.ie/planning-documents/> .

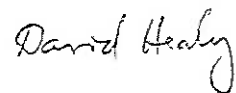


(map from <https://www.water.ie/projects/local-projects/greater-dublin/overview>)

I am copying this observation to both Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Uisce Éireann.

Thank you for considering the above observations.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Healy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'H' and a trailing flourish.

Cllr. David Healy