Skerries Sailing Club

Submission to: Marine/Climate Section, An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough, Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902

Planning Reference: ABP-319866-24
Applicant: North Irish Sea Array Windfarm Limited
Submitted on behalf of: Skerries Sailing Club, Skerries, Co. Dublin

15 October 2026

Subject: Support of North Irish Sea Array (NISA) Offshore Wind Farm and request for consideration

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Skerries Sailing Club, we wish to express our support in principle for the proposed North Irish Sea Array (NISA) Offshore Wind Farm and the contribution it can make to Ireland's transition towards a more sustainable energy future.

As a long-established coastal sailing club, with a strong connection to the Irish Sea, we recognise the importance of protecting our natural resources while also addressing the challenges of climate change. Ireland still relies heavily on imported fossil fuels, with consequences for energy costs and security of supply. Offshore wind seems to us one of the most realistic ways to change that.

As a club, we continue to invest in sustainable energy generation ourselves. Sailing is a sport that depends on and encourages an appreciation of the natural environment, and we recognise the value of initiatives that can reduce the long-term environmental impacts of conventional energy generation while also protecting the local marine environment and birdlife.

As a sailing club that that regularly uses these waters, we would ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to ensure that construction activities and associated vessel movements are communicated well in advance to marine users, and a clear point of contact is maintained for the sailing community throughout construction and operation.

With these safeguards in place, we believe the project can make a positive contribution to our coast and to future generations of sailors who will enjoy these waters. We ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to take our observations into account.

Yours faithfully,

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Fmr. Commodore

For and on behalf of the General Committee of **Skerries Sailing Club**