
FW: Beaufort sub-sea fibre optic cable system

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Dear All,

Please see attached response from the Climate and Environmental Planning Policy Unit of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to your letter of the 5 May 2026 concerning a proposed development likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary State. I have also attached your original letter to the Minister for reference.

Regards,

Emmet Moriarty

Climate and Environmental Planning Policy

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27 May 2026

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Re: The proposed installation of the Beaufort sub-sea fibre optic cable system from the terminus of works under the granted Foreshore Licence [FS007361] at the 12 nautical mile (nM) limit to the extent of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the coast of Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford.(www.beaufortcableprojectmarineplanningapplication.com)

Dear Ms Moss,

I refer to your letter dated 5 May 2026, notifying the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage, that An Coimisiún Pleanála has received an application for approval in relation to the above planning application that is accompanied by an EIAR and is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary State.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your notification and to confirm, on behalf of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, that the Department has no observations to make on this matter and that An Coimisiún Pleanála should proceed to notify all relevant authorities as intended. However, I note reference to Article 124(3) of the Planning and Development Regulations and in that regard, if the Commission wishes to have some form of consultation with the Department that can be facilitated.

I also wish to note that if any difficulties arise with procuring contact details for any of these authorities please let us know and in that event, the Department will be happy to assist.



Yours sincerely,

Declan Grehan

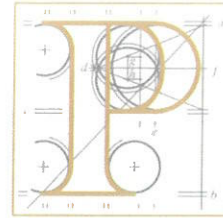
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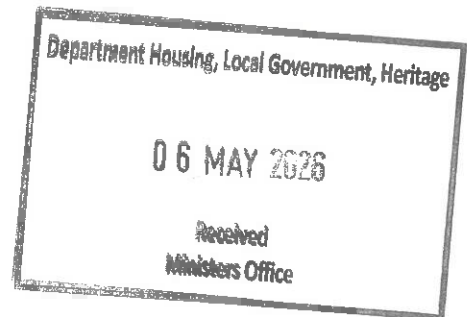
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Date: 05 May 2026

Re: The proposed installation of the Beaufort sub-sea fibre optic cable system from the terminus of works under the granted Foreshore Licence [FS007361] at the 12 nautical mile (nM) limit to the extent of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the coast of Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford. (www.beaufortcableprojectmarineplanningapplication.com)

Dear Minister,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received an application for approval under section 291 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, from Amazon MCS Ireland Limited for the above-mentioned proposed development on the 22nd April, 2026.

The Commission is of the opinion that the proposed development to which the application for approval relates would be likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary State – United Kingdom and Wales.

In accordance with Article 124 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, the Commission hereby notifies you of this application for approval. Please note the following details of the application:

Name of the Local Authority: Wexford County Council

Location of the land to which application relates: Off the coast of Kilmore Quay, County Wexford

Description of proposed development: The proposed installation of the Beaufort sub-sea fibre optic cable system from the terminus of works under the granted Foreshore Licence [FS007361] at the 12 nautical mile (nM) limit to the extent of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

I would like to bring to your attention that Article 124(3) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, which requires the Minister to consult with the Commission in relation to the proposed development.

Any response to this notice should be received within five weeks from the date of this letter i.e. **on or before the 9th June 2026**. I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter.

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A digital copy of the application and environmental impact assessment report is enclosed for your information. If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission. Please quote the above-mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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