



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Application Form for Permission in respect of a Maritime Area Planning Application.

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	Section 291 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Arklow Energy Limited
Address:	25 North Wall Quay Dublin 1 D01 H104 Ireland
Telephone No:	+353 (0) 402 23074
Email Address (if any):	Arklow.Bank@gevernova.com

3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):

Name(s) of company director(s):	Anne-marie Coyle Seamus Ocaoimh
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Company Registration No.	369950
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Email Address (if any)	Arklow.Bank@gevernova.com

4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):

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Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)

(Please note that if the answer is “No”, all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant’s address)

Yes: [☒] No: [☐]

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

Chris Delahunt

GE Energy (Ireland) Ltd

Unit 1 Croghan Ind Estate

Arklow

Co. Wicklow Y14 DF44

Ph. 087 6752886

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Eric Brennan
Firm / Company:	Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions (GDG)
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Mobile No:	n/a
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Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.

Details referred to in article 4 of the Planning and Development (Maritime Development) Regulations 2021. This can also be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form

Enclosed: The schedule of documents can be found in Appendix 1 of the Planning Application Form Appendices.

6. Site:

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	The Offshore site is located in the Irish Sea, approximately 10 km off the County Wicklow coast. The Offshore site also crosses the nearshore area of Wicklow County Council. The landfall point and associated onshore transmission infrastructure are located on North Quay in the Arklow Harbour, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	ADMIRALTY CHART LICENCE NUMBER:861547932, 633-4,1787-0 TAILTE EIREANN LICENCE NUMBER:50535028 MAP SHEETS: 4428-12/18/17/C
Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.	
Area of site to which the application relates in square kilometres	1.507 sq. km
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	Existing use: Offshore windfarm and all associated offshore and onshore generation & transmission infrastructure. Proposed use:

	None, the project regards the decommissioning of an existing offshore windfarm.
Name of the Coastal Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Wicklow County Council

7. Obligation to obtain permission to carry out development:

Are you in possession of a Maritime Area Consent or a licence granted under section 3 of the Foreshore Act, 1933?
Yes: ☐ No: ☐ N/A: ☒ Arklow Energy Limited is a lessee under a lease issued under Section 2 of the Foreshore Act, 1933. Under section 281(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the applicant has the right to make a planning application. There is also a covenant requiring the lessee to undertake the decommissioning works proposal.
Provide copy of Maritime Area Consent or copy of licence. Enclosed: The Applicant has sufficient rights to make a section 291 application to ACP as set out under section 2.4.1 of the Planning Report in accordance with section 281(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The relevant documentation can be found in Appendix 2 of Planning Application Form Appendices, which includes: 2.1 - Foreshore Sub lease dated 20th June 2003 2.2 - Tripartite Deed dated 20th June 2003 2.3 – Deed of Regularisation dated 14th July 2023 2.4 – Substation Lease dated 25th August 2003 2.5 – Switch House Lease dated 13th November 2006 2.6 - Letter of Consent from WCC

8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):	
Offshore	
Foreshore Lease – FS005349 (11th January 2002)	Foreshore lease in accordance with the Foreshore Act 1933 on the 11th January 2002 to Sure Partners Limited (SPL) to construct, locate and operate a wind farm comprising up to 200 wind turbines on the area know as 'Arklow Bank'. This is referred to as the 'Head Lease'.
Sub-Lease (20th June 2003) (see Appendix 2.1 in Planning Application Form Appendices)	On the 20th June 2003, SPL granted AEL a sub-lease for the development of the first phase of the Arklow Bank Wind Park comprising 7 wind turbine generators to be installed on the leasehold area. Under the terms of the sublease, the agreement is in place for a period of 30 years starting on the date the lease was executed.

Details regarding site history (if known):	
Tri-Partite Deed <i>(20th June 2003)</i> <i>(see Appendix 2.2 in Planning Application Form Appendices)</i>	The Minister consented to the granting of such Sub-Lease on the terms and conditions set out under the Tri-Partite Deed dated 20th June 2003, which formalised the agreement between the Minister, Arklow Energy and Sure Partners Limited.
Maritime Area Consent (MAC) No.2022-MAC-22 <i>(December 2022)</i>	MAC granted by the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communication (MECC) to SPL for the construction and operation of an offshore windfarm and associated infrastructure (including decommissioning) and others works required on foot of any development permission for such offshore windfarm for a period of 45 years. Under clause 4A.1 of the MAC, SPL was required to surrender the existing foreshore lease. This MAC does not relate to the planning application boundary subject of this planning application. It relates to the Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase II, which is discussed below. This MAC specifically excludes the ABWP I sub-lease area. A copy of this MAC is therefore not included as part of this application as it relates to a different project.
Surrender Notice <i>(14th March 2023)</i>	A surrender notice was served by SPL to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (MHLGH) confirming that SPL would not proceed with Phases 2, 3 and 4 of the original Arklow Bank Wind Park (Foreshore Lease FS005429).
Deed of Variation and Deed of Regularisation <i>(14th July 2023)</i> <i>(see Appendix 2.3 for the Deed of Regularisation in Planning Application Form Appendices)</i>	A Deed of Variation was agreed between the MHLGH and SPL to record amendments to the Head Lease required in response to the Surrender Notice. A Deed of Regularisation was agreed between the MHLGH, SPL and AEL to modify the extent of the Sub Lease Area.
ABP-319864-24 <i>(6th June 2024)</i>	Planning application under section 291 of the Planning and Development Act for the construction, operation and decommissioning of Arklow Bank Wind Park 2, an offshore wind farm.
MUL240026 <i>(08/04/26)</i>	A Maritime Usage Licence was granted to Uisce Éireann to conduct a strategic modelling study of water currents and bathymetry along the Southeast Coast of Ireland. There is spatial overlap between this MUL and the planning application.
Onshore	

Details regarding site history (if known):

P.A.Reg.Ref.85/2002
(17th December 2002)

The construction of a switch station building and compound on North Quay, Ferrybank townland, Kilbride, Arklow, as part of the Arklow Bank Wind Park Project. Development consisted of a building to house electrical switchgear and metering equipment.

P.A Reg. Ref 117/2004
(31st October 2004)

The erection of an electrical transformer housing within a fenced compound at North Quay, Arklow, Co. Wicklow as part of the Arklow Wind Park Project.

The application included the modification of existing site boundary by 1.45m to the north, construction of a reinforced concrete plinth to support the transformer, construction of a reinforced concrete bund to retain possible oil spillages, erection of a wall consisting of cladding panels (to match existing switch station) to shield transformer from sea spray, installation of an oil interceptor, minor modifications to existing surface water drainage system provision and laying of ducts below ground to carry cables, and the installation of a transformer with dimensions 4.75m x 3.95m in plan and 4.60m in overall height.

The development was to be situated largely on the site of the existing Switch Station Compound on North Quay, for which planning permission was granted in 2002 (P.A.Reg.Ref.85/2002). These lands were leased from Arklow Harbour Commissioners in 2002. It should be noted that the property, responsibilities and liabilities of the Harbour Commissioners were transferred to Wicklow County Council in 2012.

Planning permission was granted to Arklow Energy Ltd. in October 2004.

Note: Full details of the site's planning history can be found in the Planning Report.

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

Brief description of nature and extent of development	In accordance with section 291 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Arklow Energy Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Coimisiún Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development: The decommissioning of the Arklow Bank Wind Park (ABWP) Phase I, an offshore wind farm (OWF), consisting of a generating station with wind turbine generators (WTGs) located in the maritime area, in the Irish Sea, approximately 10 km off the County Wicklow Coast. The onshore substation is located on North Quay in the Arklow Harbour, Arklow, Co. Wicklow. The Proposed Works Offshore will consist of the decommissioning of the generating station, the met mast and the Proposed Works Onshore will consist of the decommissioning of the onshore transmission infrastructure. The Proposed Works Offshore will consist of: • The dismantling and removal of the 7 no. WTGs components including full de-energising of the WTGs, permanent removal of the rotors and blades, removal of the nacelles and of the towers. • The dismantling and removal of the Met Mast , specifically of the top section that includes the meteorological sensors and of the triangular platform. • The cutting out of the transition pieces, connecting the WTGs and met mast to their foundations. • The cutting of the monopiles in water depths ranging from -6.59m mLAT (WTG 2) to -10.55 mLAT (met mast) and associated dredging to facilitate removal. • The removal of residual scour protection. • The unburial, cutting and removal of all inter-array cables which are approximately 7.4 km in length with a diameter of 100 mm. • The unburial, cutting and removal of the offshore export cable which is approximately 15.6 km in length to the landfall point with a diameter of 127mm. The Proposed Works Onshore will consist of: • The dismantling and removal of the substation building and all internal equipment. • The removal of cooling oil from transformer and transport to a licensed waste facility. • The removal of grey water from submerged oil interceptor tanks. • The excavation and removal of concrete bund. • The permanent removal of onshore cable between the landfall point and the onshore substation. • The clearance, levelling and reinstatement of the site. Planning permission is sought up to the 19th June 2033 to align with the duration of the Foreshore Sub Lease.
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	The proposed development is not likely to have significant effects on the environment of the United Kingdom and Isle of Man, state party to the UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has not identified any significant transboundary effects. The application relates to a development which comprises an activity requiring a Dumping at Sea permit. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development .
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10. Development Details:

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?		X	
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?		X	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		X	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			X
Do the Comah Regulations 2015 (Control of Major Accident Hazards) apply to the proposed development?			X

11. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: [X] No: []
The newspaper was published on:

Wednesday 26th August 2026 in Wicklow People (see appendix 3.1 in Planning Application Form Appendices) Wednesday 26th August 2026 in the Irish Daily Star (see appendix 3.2 in Planning Application Form Appendices)
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
A site notice has been erected on site at the location shown on planning drawing 26015-GDG-ZZ-XX-DR-C-0010 on the 9th September 2026. A copy of the notice is provided in Planning Application Form Appendices – Appendix 3.3 A dedicated planning application website: http://www.arklowbank1decomm-planning.ie/

12. Pre-application Consultation:

Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála
Schedule of any other pre application consultations –name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form. Enclosed: Please see Appendix 4 – Pre- Application Consultations in Planning Application Form Appendices Yes: [☒] No:[☐] Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification. Enclosed: Yes: [☒] No:[☐] Enclosed: Please see Appendices 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 in Planning Application Form Appendices

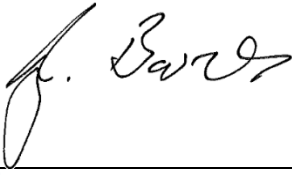
13. Confirmation Notice:

Copy of Confirmation Notice
Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application. Enclosed: Please see Appendix 6 in Planning Application Form Appendices

14. Application Fee:

Fee Payable	€100,000 (cheque enclosed)
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I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Board in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Board.

Signed: (Applicant or Agent as appropriate)	
Date:	9 th September 2026

General Guidance Note:

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed maritime area development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Regulations and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.