

A decorative graphic on the left side of the page. It features a vertical lime green bar. To the right of the bar is a photograph of a wind turbine in rough seas. Below the bar and photo are several white line-art icons of wind turbines arranged in a staggered pattern. In the top right, there is a white-bordered photograph of a worker in a yellow safety vest and white helmet on a wind turbine. The background of the entire page is a teal color with white wavy lines representing water.

# Arklow Bank Wind Park 2

## Planning Documents

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## Leo Kilkenny

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**From:** Leo Kilkenny  
**Sent:** 04 June 2024 10:51  
**To:** chiefexecutive@wicklowcoco.ie  
**Cc:** Christiansen, Kaj; Walshe, Marc; Paul McMonagle  
**Subject:** Notice of a Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Maritime Area Planning Application  
**Attachments:** CPA Notification Letter - WwCC - Email - V5 Final - 290524.pdf

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**4<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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**Sent:** 04 June 2024 11:11  
**To:** minister.ryan@decc.gov.ie  
**Cc:** Paul McMonagle; Walshe, Marc; Christiansen, Kaj  
**Subject:** Notice of a Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Maritime Area Planning Application  
**Attachments:** Prescribed Body Notification Letter - DoECC - V4 - 280524.pdf

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**4<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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## Leo Kilkenny

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**Sent:** 04 June 2024 12:07  
**To:** planning@cru.ie  
**Cc:** Paul McMonagle; Christiansen, Kaj; Walshe, Marc  
**Subject:** Notice of a Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Maritime Area Planning Application  
**Attachments:** Prescribed Body Notification Letter - CfRoU - V4 - 280524.pdf

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**Sent:** 04 June 2024 10:53  
**To:** 'planning.applications@failteireland.ie'  
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**Subject:** Notice of a Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Maritime Area Planning Application  
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**From:** Ryan Watt  
**Sent:** 04 June 2024 11:30  
**To:** Planningsecretariat@dlrcoco.ie  
**Cc:** Christiansen, Kaj; Walshe, Marc; Paul McMonagle  
**Subject:** Notice of a Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Maritime Area Planning Application  
**Attachments:** Prescribed Body Notification Letter - DLRCoco - V4 - 280524.pdf

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Kind Regards

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Yours sincerely,



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## Ryan Watt

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**To:** conor.kelly@transport.gov.ie  
**Cc:** Christiansen, Kaj; Walshe, Marc; Paul McMonagle  
**Subject:** Notice of a Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Maritime Area Planning Application  
**Attachments:** Prescribed Body Notification Letter - The Irish Coast Guard - V4 - 280524.pdf

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**4<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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Strategic Planning and Analysis,  
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4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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## Ryan Watt

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**From:** Ryan Watt  
**Sent:** 04 June 2024 11:00  
**To:** dkelly@southernassembly.ie  
**Cc:** Christiansen, Kaj; Walshe, Marc; Paul McMonagle  
**Subject:** Notice of a Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Maritime Area Planning Application  
**Attachments:** Prescribed Body Notification Letter - SRA - V4 - 280524.pdf

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**To:** info@irishlights.ie  
**Cc:** Christiansen, Kaj; Walshe, Marc; Paul McMonagle  
**Subject:** Notice of a Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Maritime Area Planning Application  
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**Subject:** Notification in relation to proposed development that is likely to have significant effects on the environment of a Member State of the European Union or a state that is a party to the Transboundary Convention  
**Attachments:** Transboundary Body Notification Letter - Dfl - V5 Final - 290524.pdf

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Yours sincerely,



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## Ryan Watt

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**From:** Ryan Watt  
**Sent:** 04 June 2024 11:44  
**To:** kim.harding@levellingup.gov.uk  
**Cc:** Christiansen, Kaj; Walshe, Marc; Paul McMonagle  
**Subject:** Notification in relation to proposed development that is likely to have significant effects on the environment of a Member State of the European Union or a state that is a party to the Transboundary Convention  
**Attachments:** Transboundary Body Notification Letter - DLUHC - V5 Final - 290524.pdf

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## Ryan Watt

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**From:** Ryan Watt  
**Sent:** 04 June 2024 12:20  
**To:** Emily.Curphey@gov.im; offshoreddevelopment.DOI@gov.im  
**Cc:** Christiansen, Kaj; Walshe, Marc; Paul McMonagle  
**Subject:** Notification in relation to proposed development that is likely to have significant effects on the environment of a Member State of the European Union or a state that is a party to the Transboundary Convention  
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## Ryan Watt

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**Cc:** Christiansen, Kaj; Walshe, Marc; Paul McMonagle  
**Subject:** Notification in relation to proposed development that is likely to have significant effects on the environment of a Member State of the European Union or a state that is a party to the Transboundary Convention  
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## Ryan Watt

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**Cc:** Christiansen, Kaj; Walshe, Marc; Paul McMonagle  
**Subject:** Notification in relation to proposed development that is likely to have significant effects on the environment of a Member State of the European Union or a state that is a party to the Transboundary Convention  
**Attachments:** Transboundary Body Notification Letter - PMMMMN - V5 Final - 290524.pdf

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Kind Regards

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## Ryan Watt

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**Cc:** Christiansen, Kaj; Walshe, Marc; Paul McMonagle  
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Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Marine Area Planning Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel: 01 8588100).

Yours sincerely,



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## Ryan Watt

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**From:** Ryan Watt  
**Sent:** 04 June 2024 11:59  
**To:** op@fromnord.fr  
**Cc:** Christiansen, Kaj; Walshe, Marc; Paul McMonagle  
**Subject:** Notification in relation to proposed development that is likely to have significant effects on the environment of a Member State of the European Union or a state that is a party to the Transboundary Convention  
**Attachments:** Transboundary Body Notification Letter - FROM Nord - V5 Final - 290524.pdf

Dear Mr Soisson,

**Notification in relation to proposed development that is likely to have significant effects on the environment of a Member State of the European Union or a state that is a party to the Transboundary Convention (the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, done at Espoo (Finland), on 25 February 1991).**

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Kind Regards

**Delivered by Email**

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**4<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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Yours sincerely,



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6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**COPY OF A DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF AN  
OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT - ARKLOW BANK WIND PARK 2**

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