

1. An Bord Pleanála Cover Letter

By Hand
7 June 2024

An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
For the attention of The Secretary

Our ref 281240-00
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File ref L0001/FP/ES

Dear Sir/Madam

North Irish Sea Array Offshore Wind Farm

Notice of Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of an Offshore Wind Energy Project

On behalf of the Applicant, North Irish Sea Array Windfarm Limited, Building 3400, Cork Airport Business Park, Co. Cork, T12 AE76, we hereby submit a planning application in accordance with Section 291 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, for planning permission for the following proposed development:

North Irish Sea Array (NISA) Offshore Wind Farm

Having regard to the nature and extent of the relevant development and any other material consideration, the Developer requests An Bord Pleanála to specify a 10 year appropriate period, within the meaning of section 40 of the Planning Acts, in respect of the proposed development, as provided for by Section 41(1) of the Planning Acts.

The proposed development is an offshore wind farm located off the east coast of Ireland. The proposed development is comprised of offshore and onshore infrastructure and will have an operational life of 35 years. The offshore infrastructure of the proposed development is located off the coast of counties Dublin, Meath and Louth. The onshore infrastructure of the proposed development is located in County Dublin (Fingal County Council and Dublin City Council administrative areas).

The Applicant is the holder of a Maritime Area Consent Ref: 2022-MAC-005 granted for the occupation of the subject maritime area for the permitted maritime usage of the construction and operation of an offshore wind farm and associated infrastructure.

The nature and location of the proposed development is set out in the enclosed Public Notice and a complete description is set out in the documentation accompanying the planning application,

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including the Planning Drawings, Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and Planning Report.

2 no. hard copies and 8 no. electronic copies of the planning application is enclosed for An Bord Pleanála. A list of the application enclosures is provided below. All of this information may also be viewed or downloaded from the following website: <https://northirishsearraysid.ie/>

We would ask that all further correspondence in relation to the planning application is directed to Ove Arup & Partners Ireland Ltd t/a Arup, One Albert Quay, Cork, T12 X8N6.

Yours sincerely

for

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List of Planning Application Documents

1. An Bord Pleanála cover letter (as above).
2. Planning application form, signed and dated.
3. Planning application form appendices, including:
 - Appendix 5.1 – Schedule of planning application drawings;
 - Appendix 6.1 – Shapefile of the planning application site boundary (in the required format), provided with the electronic copies of the documents;
 - Appendix 7.1 – Copy of Maritime Area Consent granted for the occupation of a maritime site for the purposes of the proposed development;
 - Appendix 11.1 – Copy of the relevant page of the Irish Independent containing the project Newspaper Notice;
 - Appendix 11.2 – Copy of the relevant page of the Meath Chronicle containing the project Newspaper Notice;
 - Appendix 11.3 – Copy of the relevant page of the Drogheda Independent containing the project Newspaper Notice;
 - Appendix 11.4 – Copy of the relevant page of the Dublin Gazette containing the project Newspaper Notice;
 - Appendix 12.1 – Schedule of pre-application consultations undertaken;
 - Appendix 12.2 – Schedule of prescribed bodies and copy of notifications of the application sent to prescribed bodies;
 - Appendix 12.3 – Schedule of transboundary consultees and copy of notifications of the application sent to transboundary consultees;
 - Appendix 13.1 – Confirmation notice from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government re provision of required information for its EIA portal.
4. Planning application fee paid by electronic transfer (confirmation of payment enclosed with planning application).
5. Copy of the site notice, as erected, on white background at various locations across the extent of the proposed development, the locations of same being shown on the planning application drawings accompanying this application.
6. Planning report, including:
 - Appendix A – Information provided by Developer under Section 287A of Planning Acts;

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- Appendix B – Design Flexibility Opinion received from An Bord Pleanála under Section 287B of Planning Acts;
 - Appendix C – Form 22: Supplementary information to accompany an application accompanied by an opinion on flexibility; and
 - Appendix D – National Marine Planning Framework Compliance Document.
7. Schedule of legal owners of the lands in question and letters of consent from the legal owners of the lands in question.
 8. NISA Offshore Wind Farm – Report on Approach to Temporary and Permanent Access Points from the Road Network.
 9. Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), comprising 12 no. volumes.
 10. Planning application drawings, as per schedule presented in Appendix 5.1 of the planning application form (see above).
 11. Natura Impact Statement (NIS).
 12. Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment.