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Schedule of Pre-Application Consultations









Pre-Application Consultation with An Bord Pleanála

The schedule of statutory pre-application consultation with An Bord Pleanála under Section 287 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) (Reference no: 315801-23) is listed in the table below.

Table 1: S287 Consultation (Reference No: 315801-23)		
	Meeting Detail	Date
	Application – Developer submits request to An Bord Pleanála to enter pre-application consultation under section 287(1) of the Planning Acts	5 th January 2023
	The Developer prepared a report in response to a request from An Bord Pleanála dated 20 th February 2023 for the information in its letter to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in accordance with Section 288(1)(a) of the Planning Acts	13 th March 2023
	Meeting No. 1	30 th May 2023

The schedule of statutory pre-application consultation with An Bord Pleanála under section 287A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) (Reference no: 316332-23) is listed in the table below.

21st September 2023

2nd November 2023

14th December 2023

2nd February 2024

Table 2: S287A Consultation (Reference No: 316332.23)

Closure of Pre-Application Consultation

Meeting No. 2

Meeting No. 3

Meeting No. 4

Meeting Detail	Date
Application – Developer submits request to An Bord Pleanála to enter pre-application consultation under section 287(A) of the Planning Acts	26 th October 2023
Meeting No. 1	2 nd November 2023
Design Flexibility Opinion issued by An Bord Pleanála under S287B(2)	On 2 February 2024, An Bord Pleanála issued its opinion on design flexibility, signed 30 January 2024 (the "DF Opinion"). This DF Opinion was subsequently clarified by way of letter dated 4 April 2024 and updated by way of decision pursuant to Section 146A of the Planning Acts on 16 April 2024.

Pre-application Consultation with Other Stakeholders

Additional stakeholders and dates of consultation undertaken as part of the EIAR preparation are listed in the table below.

Stakeholder	Consultation Dates
Birdwatch Ireland	- 13th April 2023
	- 26th July 2023

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Stakeholder	Consultation Dates
Commissioners of Irish Lights	- 08th July 2021 - 27th April 2023
	13th September 202313th December 2023
Coras Iompair Eireann (CIE)	- 07th April 2022
Department of Defence	- 05 th November 2021 - 07 th November 2022 - 10 th January 2023
Drogheda Port Company	- 27th April 2023
Dublin City Council	- 23rd February 2022 - 03rd July 2023
EirGrid	- 10th August 2021 - 08th April 2022 (EWIC)
ESB Networks	- 29th April 2022 - 02nd September 2022
Fáilte Ireland	- 04th September 2023
Fingal County Council	 - 09th April 2021 - 02nd June 2021 - 02nd December 2021 - 12th April 2022 - 25th April 2022 - 19th September 2022 - 19th November 2022 - 13th April 2023 - 23rd June 2023 - 18th July 2023 - 27th September 2023
	- 09th January 2024
Fingleton White (Aviation Fuel Pipeline)	- 04th October 2022
Gas Networks Ireland (GNI)	- 23 rd April 2023
Greater Dublin Drainage Iarnród Éireann	- 09 December 2022 - 10th August 2021 - 22nd September 2021 - 09th May 2022 - 31st May 2022 - 17th October 2022 - 24th November 2022 (DART) - 08 th December 2023 (DART) - 18th December 2023
Irish Coast Guard	- 21st April 2023 - 12th December 2023
Irish Fish Producers Organisation	- 15th June 2023
Irish South and East Fish Producers Organisation	- 15th June 2023
Irish Whale and Dolphin Group	- 26th July 2023
Louth Council	- 29 th September 2021 - 4 th August 2023

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Stakeholder	Consultation Dates
National Monuments Service (NMS)	- 24th October 2022 - 8th December 2023
National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)	- 23rd February 2023 - 11th August 2023
Marine Survey Office	- 23rd October 2023 - 19 th July 2021 - 19 th April 2023
Maritime Area Regulatory Authority	- 18th October 2023
Meath County Council	- 21st July 2023
Met Éireann	- 06th December 2023
Sea Fisheries Protection Authority	- 06 th December 2019 - 27 th October 2022
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (Metrolink)	- 24 th June 2021 - 22nd July 2021 - 25th February 2022
Uisce Éireann	- 23 September 2021- 16th September 2022
Underwater Archaeology Unit (NMS) of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	- 20th July 2021 - 15th February 2022 - 04th July 2023

Pre-Application Public Consultation

The promotion of the public consultation events included advertising in local newspapers, within public buildings and on the proposed development's website (<u>www.northirishseaarray.com</u>). These included printed and electronic advertisements in the paper's weekly circulations, on their websites and leveraging their social media channels.

The events displayed all information that was available on the virtual consultation room (which ran concurrently with the in-person events, as further detailed below) with a minimum of six project team members present at any one time to ensure appropriate technical expertise was present at the event to address any concern a guest may have had.

Table 4: Newspapers Advertising Public Consultation Events

Publication	Print Circulation
Skerries News	2,500
Dublin People	29,500
Meath Chronicle	10,373
Drogheda Leader	20,000
Drogheda Independent	28,000

Table 5: Details of Public Consultation Events

Public Consultation Event	Date and Venue
Public Consultation Event – Round 1 (all events held between 14:00 and 20:00)	 Skerries Sailing Club – 27th June 2023 Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan – 28th June 2023 Clogherhead Community Centre – 29th June 2023 The Village Hotel, Bettystown – 4th July 2023

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Public Consultation Event	Date and Venue
	 The Grand Hotel, Malahide – 5th July; and 2023 The Marine Hotel, Sutton – 6th July 2023
Public Consultation Event – Round 2 (all events held between 16:00 and 20:00)	 Skerries Sailing Club – 7th November 2023 Clogherhead Community Centre – 8th November 2023 Bettystown Village Hotel – 9th November 2023 Balbriggan Bracken Court Hotel – 14th November 2023 Malahide Grand Hotel – 15th November 2023 Rush Community Centre – 30th January 2023
Public Consultation Event – Round 3 (all events held between 16:00 and 20:00)	 Malahide Grand Hotel – 9th April 2024 Balbriggan Brack Court Hotel – 10th April 2024 Skerries Sailing Club – 11th April 2024 Bettystown Village Hotel – 16th April 2024 Clogherhead Community Centre – 17th April 2024

In addition, several virtual consultation rooms (VCRs) were hosted to provide further information on the proposed development to the public and allowed for ongoing engagement and feedback. These VCRs have provided an interactive platform which will provide relevant information to the various stages of the proposed development and have informed the design development and EIAR preparation.

The first VCR was available to view between the 3rd September 2021 and the 22nd November 2021. A second VCR was established in July 2023 to share updated information on the proposed development and provide the public the opportunity for continued engagement and feedback as the proposed development progressed. The second VCR was available to view between July 2024 and March 2024.

A final pre-application virtual consultation room was launched on the 9th April 2024.

Consultation Report

A consultation report has been prepared as part of the planning application, which provides further details on the constitution undertaken for the proposed development. This report is included as Appendix 1.2 in Volume 8 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.