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RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM SCOPING CONSULTEES

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1. Response from DAU NPWS.

Re: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm near Thurles

From: Housing Manager DAU – Manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie
To: MWP Environmental

Wed 07/12/2022 15:35

Our Ref: G Pre00327/2022 (Please quote in all related correspondence)

A Chara

I acknowledge receipt of your recent consultation.

In the event of observations, you will receive a co-ordinated heritage-related response by email from Development Applications Unit (DAU).

The normal target turnaround for pre-planning and other general consultations is six weeks from date of receipt (1 week added for Christmas). In relation to general consultations from public bodies under the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 to 2011, the Department endeavours to meet deadline dates, where requested.

If you have not heard from DAU and wish to receive an update, please email manager.dau@npws.gov.ie.

Regards
Diarmuid

Diarmuid Buttimer
Executive Officer

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From: MWP Environmental <mwp.environmental@mwp.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 6 December 2022 17:23
To: Housing Manager DAU <Manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie>
Subject: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm near Thurles

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6 Dec 2022

Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Project – Pre-Application Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

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We would greatly appreciate your feedback. If you have any queries or issues relating to the project, please do not hesitate to email me at mwp.environmental@mwp.ie or call on 021 453 6267 or post to MWP, Park House, Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork, T12 X251, Ireland. When contacting us please use the heading 'Brittas Wind Farm – 23318'.

Thank you for your co-operation,

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2. Response from Tipperary County Council

From: Fitzgerald, Tracy <Tracy.Fitzgerald@tipperarycoco.ie>
Sent: Friday 16 December 2022 15:38
To: Maura Talbot
Subject: TCC - Brittas Wind Farm - preplanning ref PP9657

Hi Maura

I wish to advise receipt of your preplanning application which I forwarded to the relevant Planner on the 13th December last, the preplanning reference no. is PP9657. I note you rang the office however I am working remotely today and was unable to return your call.

I deal with the admin for preplannings in the Tipperary North area and we normally quote a timeframe of 4/6 weeks for a response from the Planners +however difficult to guarantee same as there is no statutory timeframe for preplannings. I will however chase it up for you with the planner and as soon as I have same I will email directly to yourselves.

I trust the above is in order.

Kind regards
Tracy

Tracy Fitzgerald
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Tipperary County Council
Nenagh

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3. Response from Dept of Agriculture, Food and The Marine – Felling Section

MWP
Park House
Bessboro Road
Blackrock
Cork
T12X251

11THJanuary2023

Re:Scoping Request for the proposed Brittas Wind Farm near Thurles, Co. Tipperary.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The following are the comments from this Division in relation to the proposed development:

If the proposed development will involve the felling or removal of any trees, the developer must obtain a Felling License from this Department before trees are felled or removed. A Felling Licence application form can be obtained from Felling Section, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Johnstown, Castle Estate, Co. Wexford.

Email: felling.forests@agriculture.gov.ie or

Web: gov.ie-Tree Felling Licences (www.gov.ie)

A Felling Licence granted by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine provides authority under the Forestry Act 2014 to fell or otherwise remove a tree or trees and/or to thin a forest for silvicultural reasons. The Act prescribes the functions of the Minister and details the requirements, rights and obligations in relation to felling licences. The principal set of regulations giving further effect to the Forestry Act 2014 are the Forestry Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 191 of 2017).

The developer should take note of the contents of Felling and Reforestation Policy document which provide a consolidated source of information on the legal and regulatory framework relating to tree felling; [gov.ie- Tree Felling Licences](http://gov.ie-Tree Felling Licences) (www.gov.ie)As this development is within forest lands, particular attention should be paid to deforestation, turbulence felling and the requirement to afforest alternative lands.

In order to ensure regulated forestry operations in Ireland accord with the principles of sustainable forest management (SFM), as well fulfilling the requirements of other relevant environmental protection laws, the Department (acting through its Forest Service division) must undertake particular consultations, and give certain matters full consideration during the assessment of individual Felling Licence applications. This includes consultation with relevant bodies, the application of various protocols and procedures (e.g. Forest Service Appropriate Assessment Procedure), and the requirement for applicants on occasion to provide further information (e.g. a Natura Impact Statement).

Consequently, when the Forest Service is considering an application to fell trees, the following applies:

1. The interaction of these proposed works with the environment locally and more widely, in addition to potential direct and indirect impacts on designated sites and water, is assessed. Consultation with relevant environmental and planning authorities may be required where specific sensitivities arise (e.g. local authorities, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Inland Fisheries Ireland, and the National Monuments Service);¹.
2. Where a tree Felling Licence application is received, the Department will publish a notice of the application before making a decision on the matter. The notice shall state that any person may make a submission to the Department within 30 days from the date of the

3. Third parties that make a submission or observation will be informed of the decision to grant or refuse the licence, and on request, details of the conditions attached to the licence, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision to grant or refuse the licence was based, and where conditions are attached to any licence, the reasons for the conditions. Both third parties and applicants will be also informed of their right to appeal any decision within 14 days to the Forestry Appeals Committee. Felling Licence decision are published online at: gov.ie-Felling Licence Decisions (www.gov.ie)

It is important to note that when applying to a Local Authority, or An Bord Pleanála, for planning permission where developments are:

- a) subject to an EIA procedure (including screening in the case of a sub-threshold development) and any resulting requirement to produce an EIAR; and/or
- b) subject to an Appropriate Assessment procedure (including screening) and any resulting requirement to a Natura Impact Statement (NIS); and
- c) the proposed development in its construction or operational phases, or any works ancillary thereto, would directly or indirectly involve the felling and replanting of trees, deforestation for the purposes of conversion to another type of land use, or replacement of broadleaf high forest by conifer species,

- 1. that there is a requirement *inter alia* under the EIA Directive for an overall assessment of the effects of the project or the alteration thereof on the environment to be undertaken, including the direct and indirect environmental impact of the project;

- and

- 2. pursuant to Article 2(3) of the EIA Directive, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine strongly recommends that, notwithstanding the fact that a parallel consent in the form of felling licence may also have to be applied for, any EIAR and/or NIS produced in connection with the application for planning permission to the Local Planning Authority or An Bord Pleanála, should include an assessment of the impact of and measures, as appropriate, to prevent, mitigate or compensate for any significant adverse effects direct or indirect identified on the environment arising from such felling and replanting of trees, deforestation for the purposes of conversion to another type of land use, or replacement of broadleaf high forest by conifer species.

- 3. Please note that there must be absolute spatial consistency between the felling licence areas submitted to DAFM (second authority) and all related planning documents submitted to the first authority in respect of the felling area(s)

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Boyce
Felling Section
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Johnstown Castle
Co. Wexford

4. Response from EPA.

Re: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm near Thurles

From Wexford Receptionist – REC_WEX@epa.ie

To: MWP Environmental

A Chara,

Your correspondence on 06/12/2022 has been forwarded for attention. Tá do chomhfhreagras ón 06/12/2022 seolta ar aghaidh le haghaidh aird.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Grace Marshall

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5. Response from ESB Networks.

Re: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Near Thurles

From: DialBeforeYOuDig (ESB Networks) – dig@esb.ie

To: MWP Environmental

Mon 19/12/2022 12:33

Good Afternoon,

Unfortunately we cannot accept the provided attachments for legal and security purposes as they are too far away from the requested location and we have to be able to correctly identify requested locations on our system with a Geographic Map.

Can you please provide **a closer Geographic Map (google screenshot, OSi map, etc...)** of the **requested location** with the **work site clearly outlined or marked in a .pdf, .jpeg or .png format**. This is a **'SATELLITE VIEW'** looking down on the requested location. We cannot accept **'STREET VIEW'** map attachments. We cannot accept **'ONLINE PDF's** and we also cannot accept web map links for legal and security purposes as links expire.

Requests must fit within the format of A3 or A0 sized maps with the magnification no more than 1:2,500 for rural areas and 1:1,000 for high density urban areas.

Please provide the XY Co-ordinates and the full site address of the requested locations when resending this request as this helps us locate the areas more easier with a Geographic Map.

It is **a legal requirement to provide a Geographic Map location** in the correct format we require and please make sure that the **attachments are openable/readable/legible** so we can locate the correct network available for Dial Before You Dig requests and process them accordingly.

Kind Regards

Dial Before You Dig

From: MWP Environmental <mwp.environmental@mwp.ie>

Sent: Wednesday 7 December 2022 18:13

To: Egainprod. Svc <esbnetworks@esb.ie>; DialBeforeYouDig (ESB Networks) <dig@esb.ie>

Subject: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Near Thurles

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7 Dec 2022

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6. Response from Failte Ireland.

Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Project – Pre Application Consultation

From: Yvonne Jackson – Yvonne.Jackson@faukteurekabd.ie

To: MWP Environmental

Fri 16/12/2022 11:39

Hello Maura,

Thank you for your email and EIA Consultation Document for Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Project, Tipperary.

Please see attached a copy of Fáilte Ireland's Guidelines for the Treatment of Tourism in an EIA, which you may find informative for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed project. The purpose of this report is to provide guidance for those conducting Environmental Impact Assessment and compiling an Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIAR), or those assessing EIARs, where the project involves tourism or may have an impact upon tourism. These guidelines are non-statutory and act as supplementary advice to the EPA EIAR Guidelines outlined in section 2.

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Regards & thanks,

Yvonne

Yvonne Jackson

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7. Response from Transort Infrastructure Ireland

From: INFO <Information@tii.ie>
Sent: Friday 23 December 2022 10:56
To: MWP Environmental
Subject: TII22-121211 - Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Project Tipperary

Dear Ms Talbot,

Thank you for your email of 6 December 2022 regarding the above. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) will endeavour to consider and respond to planning applications referred to it given its status and duties as a statutory consultee under the Planning Acts. The approach to be adopted by TII in making such submissions or comments will seek to uphold official policy and guidelines as outlined in the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012). Regard should also be had to other relevant guidance available at www.TII.ie.

The issuing of this correspondence is provided as best practice guidance only and does not prejudice TII's statutory right to make any observations, requests for further information, objections or appeals following the examination of any valid planning application referred.

National Strategic Outcome 2 of the National Planning Framework includes the objective to maintain the strategic capacity and safety of the national road network. In addition, Chapter 7 'Enhanced Regional Accessibility' of the National Development Plan, 2021 – 2030, sets out the key sectoral priority of maintaining Ireland's existing national road network to a robust and safe standard for users. This requirement is further reflected in the publication of the National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland and also the existing Statutory Section 28 Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

With respect to EIAR scoping issues, the recommendations indicated below provide only general guidance for the preparation of an EIAR, which may affect the national road network.

The developer/scheme promoter should have regard, inter alia, to the following:

- Consultations should be had with the relevant Local Authority/National Roads Design Office with regard to locations of existing and future national road schemes, e.g., N62 Thurles Bypass,
- TII would be specifically concerned as to potential significant impacts the development would have on the national road network (and junctions with national roads) in the proximity of the proposed development, N62, N75 and M8 and potential haul route,
- The developer should assess visual impacts from existing national roads,
- The developer should have regard to any EIAR/EIS and all conditions and/or modifications imposed by An Bord Pleanála regarding road schemes in the area. The developer should in particular have regard to any potential cumulative impacts,
- The developer, in preparing an EIAR, should have regard to TII Publications (formerly DMRB and the Manual of Contract Documents for Road Works),
- The developer, in preparing an EIAR, should have regard to TII's Environmental Assessment and Construction Guidelines, including the Guidelines for the Treatment of Air Quality During the Planning and Construction of National Road Schemes (National Roads Authority, 2006),

- The EIAR/EIS should consider the Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 (SI 140 of 2006) and, in particular, how the development will affect future action plans by the relevant competent authority. The developer may need to consider the incorporation of noise barriers to reduce noise impacts (see Guidelines for the Treatment of Noise and Vibration in National Road Schemes (1st Rev., National Roads Authority, 2004)),
- It would be important that, where appropriate, subject to meeting the appropriate thresholds and criteria and having regard to best practice, a Traffic and Transport Assessment (TTA) be carried out in accordance with relevant guidelines, noting traffic volumes attending the site and traffic routes to/from the site with reference to impacts on the national road network and junctions of lower category roads with national roads. In relation to national roads, TII's Traffic and Transport Assessment Guidelines (2014) should be referred to in relation to proposed development with potential impacts on the national road network. The scheme promoter is also advised to have regard to Section 2.2 of the NRA/TII TTA Guidelines which addresses requirements for sub-threshold TTA. Any improvements required to facilitate development should be identified. It will be the responsibility of the developer to pay for the costs of any improvements to national roads to facilitate the private development proposed as TII will not be responsible for such costs,
- The designers are asked to consult TII Publications to determine whether a Road Safety Audit is required,
- In the interests of maintaining the safety and standard of the national road network, the EIAR should identify the methods/techniques proposed for any works traversing/in proximity to the national road network,
- TII recommends that that applicant/developer should clearly identify haul routes proposed and fully assess the network to be traversed. Where abnormal 'weight' loads are proposed, separate structure approvals/permits and other licences may be required in connection with the proposed haul route. All structures on the haul route through all the relevant County Council administrative areas should be checked by the applicant/developer to confirm their capacity to accommodate any abnormal 'weight' load proposed.

In addition, the haul route should be assessed to confirm capacity to accommodate abnormal 'length' loads and any temporary works required.

The national road network is managed by a combination of PPP Concessions, Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contracts (MMaRC) and local road authorities in association with TII. The applicant/developer should also consult with all PPP Companies, MMaRC Contractors and road authorities over which the haul route traverses to ascertain any operational requirements, including delivery timetabling, etc. to ensure that the strategic function of the national road network is safeguarded.

Additionally, any damage caused to the pavement on the existing national road arising from any temporary works due to the turning movement of abnormal loads (eg., tearing of the surface course, etc.) shall be rectified in accordance with TII Pavement Standards and details in this regard shall be agreed with the Road Authority prior to the commencement of any development on site.

- It is noted that grid connection routing is identified as being potentially to Thurles, however, may be subject to change and a specific grid connection routing has been identified. Any grid connection and cable routing proposals should be developed to safeguard proposed road schemes as TII will not be responsible for costs associated with future relocation of cable routing where proposals are catered for in an area of a proposed national road scheme. In that regard, consideration should be given to routing options, use of existing crossings, depth of cable laying, etc.

In the context of the existing national roads network, in accordance with the National Planning Framework National Strategic Outcome no. 2 'Enhanced Regional Accessibility', there is a requirement to maintain the strategic capacity and safety of the network. This requirement is further reflected in the National Development Plan, the National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland and also the existing Statutory Section 28 Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

There is around 99,000km of roads in Ireland, the national road network which caters for strategic inter-urban travel consists of only approx. 5.4% of this. There is a critical requirement to ensure the strategic capacity and safety of this national road network is maintained and significant Government investment already made in the national road network is safeguarded.

The provision of cabling along the national road network represents a number of significant implications for TII and road authorities in the management and maintenance of the strategic national road network and TII is of the opinion that grid connection cable routing should reflect the foregoing provisions of official policy and therefore, avoid grid connection routing proposals along national roads.

Other consents or licences may be required from the road authority for any trenching or cabling proposals crossing the national road. The Authority requests referral of all proposals agreed and licensed between the road authority and the applicant which affect the national road network.

Cable routing should avoid all impacts to existing TII infrastructure such as traffic counters, weather stations, etc. and works required to such infrastructure shall only be undertaken in consultation with and subject to the agreement of TII, any costs attributable shall be borne by the applicant/developer. The developer should also be aware that separate approvals may be required for works traversing the national road network.

Notwithstanding, any of the above, the developer should be aware that this list is non-exhaustive, thus site and development specific issues should be addressed in accordance with best practice.

I trust that the above comments are of use in your EIAR preparation.

Yours sincerely,

Alban Mills
Senior Regulatory & Administration Executive
Ref No. TII22-121211



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8. Response from Department of Transport

From: Transport Department of Transport <info@transport.gov.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 6 December 2022 18:02
To: MWP Environmental
Subject: Transport Dept Automatic reply: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm near Thurles

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Dear Customer,

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We have received your message and the division or staff member that is dealing with your query will provide a full reply within 12 working days in the majority of cases.

In the meantime if you need an answer sooner, you can find answers to most queries on our website, www.gov.ie/transport

Regards,

Customer Services

Department of Transport

Is seo uath-admháil go bhfuarthas do ríomhphoist. Ná freagraíonn leis an roimhphoist seo más é do thoil é mar fanfaidh freagraí leis na uath-admhálacha gan freagairt.

Chustaiméir, a chara,

9. Response from Gas Networks Ireland

Brittas Wind Farm – 23318

From : Donal O’Caoimh – Donal.OCaoimh@gasnetworks.ie

To: MWP Environmental

Wed 07/12/2022 14:05

Maura,

Thank you for your pre-application consultation letter regarding the above wind farm. I can confirm that Gas Networks Ireland have no pipelines in the area of interest.

Regards,

Dónal Ó Caoimh | *Senior Pipeline Safety Engineer*

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Tá an fhaisnéis á seachadadh dírithe ar an duine nó ar an eintiteas chuig a bhfuil sí seolta amháin agus féadfar ábhar faoi rún, faoi phribhléid nó ábhar atá íogair ó thaobh tráchtála de a bheith mar chuid de. Tá aon athsheachadadh nó scaipeadh den fhaisnéis, aon athbhreithniú ar nó aon úsáid eile a bhaint as, nó aon ghníomh a dhéantar ag brath ar an bhfaisnéis seo ag daoine nó ag eintitis nach dóibh siúd an fhaisnéis seo, toirimisce agus féadfar é a bheith neamhdhleathach. Níl Líonraí Gáis Éireann faoi dhliteanas maidir le seachadadh iomlán agus ceart na faisnéise sa chumarsáid seo nó maidir le haon mhoill a bhaineann léi. Ní ghlacann Líonraí Gáis Éireann le haon dliteanas faoi ghnímh nó faoi iarmhairtí bunaithe ar úsáid thoirmisce na faisnéise seo. Níl Líonraí Gáis Éireann faoi dhliteanas maidir le seachadadh ceart agus iomlán na faisnéise sa chumarsáid seo nó maidir le haon mhoill a bhaineann léi. Má fuair tú an teachtaireacht seo in earráid, más é do thoil é, déan teagmháil leis an seoltóir agus scrios an t-ábhar ó gach aon ríomhaire. Féadfar ríomhphost a bheith soghabhálach i leith truaillithe, idircheaptha agus i leith leasaithe neamhúdaráithe. Ní ghlacann Líonraí Gáis Éireann le haon fhreagracht as athruithe nó as idircheapadh a rinneadh ar an ríomhphost seo i ndiaidh é a sheoladh nó as aon dochar do chórais na bhfaighteoirí déanta ag an teachtaireacht seo nó ag a ceangaltáin. Más é do thoil é, tabhair faoi deara chomh maith go bhféadfar monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar theachtaireachtaí chuig nó ó Líonraí Gáis Éireann chun comhlíonadh le polasaithe agus le caighdeáin Líonraí Gáis Éireann a chinntiú agus chun ár ngnó a chosaint. Líonraí Gáis Éireann cuideachta ghníomhaíochta ainmnithe, faoi theorainn scaireanna, atá corpraithe in Éirinn leis an uimhir chláráithe 555744 agus a tá hoifig chláráithe ag Bóthar na nOibreacha Gáis, Corcaigh, T12 RX96.

Go raibh maith agat as d’aird a thabhairt.

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Thank you for your attention.

10. Response from Irish Aviation Authority



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4th December 2022

Ms. Maura Talbot Malachy Walsh & Partners
Park House
Bessboro Road
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T12X251

Reference: 23318
Applicant: Orsted

Description: Proposed Wind Farm at Brittas, Co. Tipperary, approx. 3km north of Thurles town, Brittas, Co. Tipperary, approx. 3km north of Thurles Town.

Dear Ms. Talbot,

Thank you for your letter / scoping report and request for comments in relation to the proposed wind Brittas Wind Farm development to consist of 10 to 12 wind turbines with a maximum turbine tip height of 185m at Brittas, Co. Tipperary.

Based on the information provided, it is likely that the following general observations would be proffered by the Authority during a formal planning process: in the event of planning consent being granted, the applicant should be conditioned to contract the Irish Aviation Authority to: (1) agree an aeronautical obstacle warning light scheme for the wind farm development, (2) provide as-constructed coordinates in WGS84 format together with ground and blade tip height elevations at each wind turbine location and (3) notify the Authority of intention to commence crane operations with at least 30 days prior notification of their erection.

Yours sincerely,

Deirdre Forrest
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11. Response from Inland Fisheries Ireland

From: info <info@fisheriesireland.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 6 December 2022 17:46
To: MWP Environmental
Subject: Fisheries Ireland Automatic reply: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm near Thurles

Dear sender,

Thank you for your contact.

This email address is monitored by the reception desk in Citywest and your email will be forwarded to the most appropriate staff member for follow-up.

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Kind regards

Customer Service

Inland Fisheries Ireland

12. Response from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

From: Customer Service <Customer.Service@decc.gov.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 6 December 2022 17:38
To: MWP Environmental
Subject: DECC - RE: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm near Thurles

Thank you for contacting the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

Our Customer Service team will review your query and forward it to the relevant Division who can provide you with a comprehensive answer.

You should receive this response within 20 working days as stated in our Customer Service Charter. If you do not receive a response within this time, or if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Go raibh maith agat as teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an Roinn Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide

Athbhreithneoidh an fhoireann Seirbhíse do Chustaiméirí d'fhiosrú agus cuirfidh siad ar aghaidh chuig an Rannán ábhartha é a bheidh in ann freagra cuimsitheach a sholáthar duit.

Ba chóir go bhfaighfeá an freagra seo laistigh de 20 lá oibre mar a luaitear inár gCairt um Sheirbhís do Chustaiméirí. Mura bhfaigheann tú freagra laistigh den tréimhse seo, nó má tá tuilleadh fiosruithe agat, ná bíodh drogall ort teagmháil a dhéanamh linn.

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Tá eolas sa teachtaireacht leictreonach seo (agus b'fhéidir sa chomhaid ceangailte leis) a d'fhéadfadh bheith príobháideach nó faoi rún. Is le h-aghaidh an duine/na ndaoine nó le h-aghaidh an aonáin atá ainmnithe thuas agus le haghaidh an duine/na ndaoine sin amháin atá an t-eolas. Murab ionann tusa agus an té a bhfuil an teachtaireacht ceaptha dó bíodh a fhios agat nach gceadaítear nochtadh, cóipeáil, scaipeadh nó úsáid an eolais agus/nó an chomhaid seo. Más trí earráid a fuair tú an teachtaireacht leictreonach seo cuir, más é do thoil é, an té ar sheol an teachtaireacht ar an eolas láithreach. Deimhnítear leis seo freisin nár aims odh víreas sa phost seo tar éis a scanadh.

13. Response from Geological Survey Ireland

FW:EIS 22/947 – Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Near Thurles, Co. Tipperary

From: Clare Glanville – Clare.Glanville@decc.gov.ie

To: MWP Environmental

CC GSI Planning

Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Near Thurles, Co Tipperary

Your Ref: 23318

Our Ref: 22/497

Dear Maura,

With reference to your email received on the 08 December 2022, concerning the proposed Brittas Wind Farm Near Thurles, Co Tipperary, please find attached response and dataset sheet from Geological Survey Ireland.

If you have any further queries or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me Clare Glanville, or my colleague Trish Smullen at GSIPlanning@gsi.ie.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Glanville



Dr Clare Glanville Senior Geologist Geoheritage & Planning.

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GSI datasets
relevant to EIA & SEI



22_497 Brittas Wind
Farm Co Tipperary.p

From: MWP Environmental
Sent: Wednesday 7 December 2022 17:50
To: GSI Planning
Subject: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Near Thurles

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7 Dec 2022

Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Project – Pre-Application Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Malachy Walsh and Partners (MWP) have been commissioned by Ørsted to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Planning Application for a proposed wind farm at Brittas, Co. Tipperary, approx. 3km north of Thurles town.

Details of the proposed project are provided in the attached project description document (see figures 1 and 2 in the project document for site location maps). We consider this project to be Strategic Infrastructure Development under the Seventh Schedule of the Principal Act of the Strategic Infrastructure Act, 2006, as amended, and are engaging with representatives of An Bord Pleanála in this regard. All other statutory authorities and key stakeholders are also being consulted about this project during the pre-application phase.

We would greatly appreciate your feedback. If you have any queries or issues relating to the project, please do not hesitate to email me at mwp.environmental@mwp.ie or call on 021 453 6267 or post to MWP, Park House, Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork, T12 X251, Ireland. When contacting us please use the heading 'Brittas Wind Farm – 23318'.

Thank you for your co-operation,

Maura Talbot

Senior Environmental Consultant

For and on behalf of Malachy Walsh and Partners

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14. Response from Institute of Geologists



Maura Talbot,
Senior Environmental Consultant,
Malachy Walsh & Partners,
Park House,
Bessboro Road,
Blackrock,
Cork,
T12 X251.

20th December 2022

Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Project, Pre-application Consultation

Dear Maura,

Thank you for your letter dated 6th December 2022.

The role of the Institute of Geologists of Ireland is to provide professional accreditation for geoscientists in Ireland and to advance the science and practice of the geosciences in Ireland. Therefore, the IGI have no role in the planning process and are not a prescribed body for the purpose of EIAR scoping or consultation. As such we do not respond to EIAR scoping enquiries from planning applicants or their agents.

Yours sincerely,

EurGeol. Cian O'Hora PGeo,
President, IGI.



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15. Response from Office of Public Works

Automatic Reply: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Near Thurles

From: Info OPW – info@opw.ie
To: MWP Environmental

Wed 07/12/2022 18:11

Thank you for your email to the Office of Public Works.
Your query has been forwarded to the relevant section within the OPW for direct reply.
If you do not receive a response within 20 working days, please email this address again for further assistance.

All Media queries should be emailed to pressoffice@opw.ie

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Go raibh maith agat as an ríomhphost uait chuig Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí.
Seoladh do cheist chuig an rannóg chuí taobh istigh den OPW a thabharfaidh freagra díreach duit.

Sa chás nach bhgaigheann tú freagra taobh istigh de 20 lá oibre, seol ríomhphost chuig an seoladh seo arís le do thoil, chun cúnamh breise a fháil.

Ba chóir ceisteanna meáin a sheoladh trí ríomhphost chuig pressoffice@opw.ie

Is freagra uathoibrithe é seo. Ná seol freagra ar an ríomhphost seo le do thoil.

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16. Response from Southern Reg. Assembly

Re: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Near Thurles

From: Alice Byrne Kelly – abyrnekelly@southernassembly.ie

To: MWP Environmental

Thu 08/12/2022 11:02

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the below correspondence.

This correspondence has been forwarded to the planning division for review,

Le dea-ghuí,

**Alice Byrne Kelly
Clerical Officer
Corporate & Planning
Southern Regional Assembly**

Working from home



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17. Response from IDA (Ireland Foreign Direct Investment Agency)

From: Carl Keating <Carl.Keating@enterprise.gov.ie> on behalf of Info <Info@enterprise.gov.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 7 December 2022 08:45
To: Gavin, Paul; MWP Environmental
Cc: Inward Investment Unit Mailbox; Marian Cassidy
Subject: IDA - Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm near Thurles
Attachments: 23318 Project Details Brittas Consultation_6 Dec 2022 - All stakeholders.pdf

Dear Maura,

I refer to your recent e-mail enquiry below.

I have forwarded your email for **attention and direct reply** to:

Mr. Paul Gavin,
Property Manager,
IDA Ireland,
Three Park Place
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Email: paul.gavin@ida.ie

Kind Regards

Carl Keating
Aonad Seirbhíse do Chustaiméirí/Customer Services Unit

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18. Response from An Taisce (National Trust for Ireland)

From: Advocacy Queries <advocacyqueries@antaisce.org>
Sent: Tuesday 6 December 2022 17:29
To: MWP Environmental
Subject: An Taisce - Thank you for your query Re: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm near Thurles

Thank you very much for your email.

Please note that we receive a large volume of correspondence and resources are very limited. As such, we are unfortunately unable to respond to every query and ask that you review [these frequently asked questions](#).

Queries from An Taisce members are prioritised. We endeavour to respond to all member queries within one week. If you are a member, please reply to the original message with your member number (if you did not include it already). If you wish to become a member, please visit [the membership page on our website](#).

If your email relates to a specific planning application or issue, please provide the relevant reference number where applicable, full details of the site, building or issue of concern. Photos, if possible, are also very helpful.

Kind Regards,
The Advocacy Team

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Phone: 01 454 1786
www.antaisce.org

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19. Response for Irish Wildlife Trust (IWT)

From: IWT Info <info@iwt.ie>
Sent: Thursday 22 December 2022 14:56
To: MWP Environmental
Subject: IWT -Re: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Near Thurles

Dear Maura,

Apologies for the late reply.

Thank you for contacting us. We do not have the staff capacity to respond to this consultation at the moment but we will endeavour to respond if possible.

Kind regards,
Fabiola Vieira

On Wed, 7 Dec 2022 at 18:04, MWP Environmental <mwp.environmental@mwp.ie> wrote:

7 Dec 2022

Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Project – Pre-Application Consultation

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20. Response from Birdwatch

Automatic reply: Consultations Re: Proposed Brittas Wind Farm Near Thurles

From: Info@birdwatchireland.ie

To: WMP Environmental

Wed 07/12/2022 17:45

Thank you for your email. Please note that we receive a high volume of emails. We endeavour to respond as quickly as possible, but during busy periods please note that there may be a delay.

Many thanks for your patience,

The BirdWatch Ireland team

21. Response from Scouting Ireland

Thank you for your enquiry. Due to staff shortages, we are experiencing a backlog. We will endeavour to action your query as soon as possible.

If you are enquiring about the 12 Days of Christmas please contact fundraising@scouts.ie.

If you are interested in joining scouts, please visit our website on the following link - <https://www.scouts.ie/join-the-scouts>

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