

APPLICATION FORM

APPENDIX 5

LIST OF PRESCRIBED BODIES AND NOTIFICATION LETTERS



Prescribed Bodies
1. Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
2. Minister for the Environment, climate and Communications
3. Minister for Transport
4. Minister for Defence
5. Minister of Agriculture, Food and Marine
6. Environmental Protection Agency
7. Maritime Area Regulatory Authority
8. Minister for Rural and Community Development
9. Marine Institute
10. Inland Fisheries Ireland
11. Health and Safety Authority
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14. An Taisce
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16. National Transport Authority
17. Irish Aviation Authority
18. Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
19. Eirgrid
20. Commissioner of Irish Lights
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22. Galway County Council
23. Clare County Council
24. Southern Regional Assembly

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Ms Maria del Socorro Planning Referrals, An Taisce, 5 Foster Place, Temple Bar, Dublin, D02 V0P9

Date: 17th January 2024

Our ref: 220404

Your ref: N/A

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