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Acronyms

Term	Definition
BIM	Bord Iascaigh Mhara
CBF	Community Benefit Fund
CFWG	Commercial Fisheries Working Group
CLO	Community Liaison Officer
DCC	Dublin City Council
DECC	Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
DHLGH	Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage
DLCRA	Dún Laoghaire Central Residents' Association
DLRCC	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
EIA(R)	Environmental Impact Assessment (Report)
FAQ	Frequently Asked Question
FCC	Fingal County Council
FLO	Fisheries Liaison Officer
FMMS	Fisheries Management and Mitigation Strategy
GMV	Give My View
GW	Gigawatt
MW	Megawatt
NWRAC	Northwestern Waters Regional Advisory Council
OES	Onshore Electrical System
(O)RESS	Offshore Renewables Electricity Support Scheme
PCD	Public Consultation Day
PPN	Public Participation Network
RIFFS	Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum
SDCC	South Dublin County Council
UNECE	The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
WCC	Wicklow County Council
WEI	Wind Energy Ireland
WIN	Women in Infrastructure Network

Executive summary

Dublin Array is a proposed offshore wind farm that is being developed at the Kish and Bray Banks in the Irish Sea, approximately 10 km off the coast of counties Dublin and Wicklow. Dublin Array will export up to 824 MW of electricity to the national electricity transmission system. The wind farm grid connection to the Irish national electricity transmission network includes additional infrastructure; offshore substation platform, two submarine cables offshore, onshore underground cables and onshore substation and a connection to the existing 220kV substation at Carrickmines, County Dublin.

Consultation is a key part of any project. The consultation undertaken to date at Dublin Array has led to constructive feedback from the local community, statutory bodies, elected representatives and other interested stakeholders being incorporated into the project plans, as appropriate. This feedback has enhanced the project team's understanding of the project area and the local community, which will help them to deliver a successful project.

There have been several statutory consultations (associated with applications under the Foreshore Acts, 1933 (as amended) and public consultations with key project stakeholders including statutory bodies, elected representatives, local communities, landowners, fishers and the public throughout the history of the development of the Dublin Array project to date.

A summary of key phases of engagement completed on this project to date is included in the table below.

Table 1 Key phases of Engagement

Period	Stage	Phases of Engagement
Pre 2013	Early Development Phase	Statutory consultations to support two Foreshore Licence applications in 2000.
2013	Early Development Phase	Saorgus Energy undertook the first major public consultation for a 12-week period to inform the public on the lease applications to obtain feedback in relation to the proposal.
2019	General Consultation	General outreach activities by the project team to a variety of stakeholders. This consisted of direct outreach to several statutory stakeholders as well as a statutory consultation associated with foreshore licence (FS007029) application for marine surveys.

Period	Stage	Phases of Engagement
2020	Project Design and Information Consultation	Public Consultation - Due to Covid19 a virtual public consultation with online consultation room with full project details and online public feedback survey.
2021 & 2022	General Consultation	General outreach activities by the project team to a variety of stakeholders. Consultation associated with the application for Foreshore Licence (FS007188) to undertake geophysical, geotechnical, wind, wave and current monitoring and ecological surveys of the proposed array and export cable routes.
2023	Project Design and Updated Consultation	Public Consultation - campaign over a nine-week period with 8 in-person events in 6 locations, a webinar with live Q&A and a virtual consultation room.
2024	Project Information Campaign	2024 project information campaign - This entailed a brochure-drop to directly impacted residents along the proposed export cable corridor outlining the onshore electrical system and associated onshore engineering works. This also included direct engagement with local representatives.

This consultation and engagement period has included a variety of additional structured communications which have been carried out on a consistent basis.

This report has been prepared to summarise all consultation and engagement activities to date for inclusion in the application to An Bord Pleanála for development permission for Dublin Array.

Introduction

This Public Consultation and Engagement Report forms part of a suite of documents to be submitted to the decision-making authority, An Bord Pleanála, as part of a development consent application to construct the Dublin Array offshore wind farm project.

The purpose of this document is to demonstrate the extent of public consultation (statutory and non-statutory) and engagement carried out as an integral part of this project development process. The document sets out;

- Consultation approach
- Details of statutory consultation events carried out to date
- Details of all external engagement activities
- Details of direct engagement with stakeholders
- Details of project website
- Details of media engagement
- Details of industry engagement
- Details of feedback and key issues raised
- Details of how the project team has addressed feedback

1.1 Project Background

The Dublin Array project has been in development since 1999. The initial phase of work was undertaken by a consortium led by Saorgus Energy Ltd who were granted the first two Foreshore Licences to survey the site in 2000. Since then, numerous technical, engineering, and environmental surveys and studies have been carried out at the Kish and Bray Banks to inform the development of the planning stage design and associated environmental assessments.

Two Foreshore Lease applications (to construct the project) for Kish Offshore Wind Limited and Bray Offshore Wind Limited were submitted to the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in 2006 and additional submitted between 2009, and 2013.

In March 2019 Innogy Renewables Ireland entered a 50:50 joint development partnership with Saorgus Energy Ltd for the project and became the lead developer. Innogy became part of RWE Renewables in July 2020. The project will consist of between 39 and 50 turbines delivering up to 824 MW of renewable energy and will be located approximately 10km offshore of counties Dublin and Wicklow.

It will provide enough clean, renewable power to supply up to the equivalent of 770,000 average Irish households and will offset over 1.1 million tonnes of CO₂ (carbon dioxide) per annum for the project's lifetime. It is a key project in helping Ireland achieve its

renewable electricity targets of 80% by 2030 by supplying up to 16% of the 5GW goal for electricity from offshore wind outlined in the Climate Action Plan 2024.

Dublin Array is expected to create over 1,000 jobs during the construction phase of the project, and an estimated 80 direct and 160 indirect jobs during the operational phase. Having secured a contract under the Offshore Renewable Energy Support Scheme (ORESS1) in 2023 the project will also provide a multi-million-euro annual Community Benefit Fund (CBF).

1.2 The Importance of Consultation

Consultation and public engagement are a key aspect of the development of the Dublin Array project and the Applicant is committed to this engagement throughout all phases of the project lifecycle.

The purpose of the consultation activities undertaken to date has been to provide project stakeholders with multiple opportunities to understand the project and to provide national, regional and local input in the development of the project to date. It is also a key objective for the Dublin Array project team to ensure that accurate information is accessible and widely available.

A diverse approach to communications has allowed the Dublin Array team to reach a wide-ranging audience through a multitude of engagement methods such as; our website, public participation networks, through email, digital/print/broadcast media, through direct engagement via the Dublin Array dedicated project phone number and also through the delivery of the project information brochure directly to residents' homes. The targeted expanded outreach of project information created a diverse range of feedback, with proper consideration and detailed responses provided to all observations received.

1.3 Guiding Principles

In implementing its consultation and engagement activities Dublin Array has continually implemented the following principles;

- Dublin Array is committed to engaging with transparency, responsiveness and accountability.
- Dublin Array will continue to engage with all interested parties, identified stakeholders and the public throughout the project from design through planning and subject to consent, into the construction and operational phases.
- Dublin Array will respond to questions, queries and complaints in-line with strict internal timelines that have been set.

- Dublin Array will continue to be open to criticism and feedback on all aspects of the project.
- Dublin Array will seek to understand and, where possible, incorporate the views of the local community in the design, delivery and operation of the Dublin Array offshore wind farm (including onshore aspects); this will be achieved through strategic early and continuous engagement.
- Dublin Array through a variety of means, will strive to ensure that communities are aware and can access benefits available to them over the lifetime of the Dublin Array offshore wind farm.
- Dublin Array will continue to identify engagement opportunities with industry including potential local, regional, national & European supply chain companies
- Dublin Array will strive to communicate and engage using both modern and traditional techniques to ensure all areas of society are given the opportunity to engage.

The consultation processes undertaken to date have been completed in a manner to ensure that clear and accurate information is available to the public and other stakeholder groups in accordance with requirements under Irish Law and the Aarhus Convention.

1.4 Accessibility of Information

To ensure the engagement process is open and accessible to as wide a range of people as possible, Dublin Array has set out several ways for people to engage with the project, including:

- Regularly updated project website.
- Local project office based in Dún Laoghaire.
- Newsletter subscription services.
- Appointed Community Liaison Officer (CLO).
- Appointed Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO)
- A dedicated local project phonenumber.
- Project email address.
- Advertising campaigns for public consultations.
- In-person and virtual public consultations.
- Delivery of the project information brochure directly to homes and businesses adjacent to the onshore electrical system (OES). (Available on our website).
- Utilisation of the Public Participation Networks (PPN) for advertising of public consultation and press releases.
- Engagements and meetings targeted to a wide range of local stakeholders.
- Press releases targeted locally and nationally on a variety of related topics.
- Dublin Array social media accounts.

1.5 National and International Legal Requirements

In developing an application for development permission for the Dublin Array offshore wind farm project, the project team consulted with members of the public and interested stakeholders in accordance with relevant legislative, planning, and best practice requirements.

1.6 Irish Legislative Requirements

With the submission of the planning application for Dublin Array there will be a statutory public consultation as legislated for in Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended (associated secondary legislation).

With the submission of the planning application, the application documentation will be made available online at www.dublinarray-marineplanning.ie and is available to inspect in hard copy as described in the statutory public notices.

1.7 EIA Directive (2014/52/EU)

Several requirements have been integrated into the text of the Environment Impact Assessment Directive (2014/52/EU) to reflect the Aarhus Convention public participation requirements. For example, the definitions of 'the public' and 'the public concerned' as set out in Articles 2(4) and 2(5) of the Aarhus Convention are incorporated into the EIA Directive by Articles 1(2)(d) and (l), respectively. In addition, Article 6 of the EIA Directive sets out the minimum requirements for effective public participation. The aim of Articles 6(2) and 6(3) of the EIA Directive is to ensure that the public shall be informed of matters early in the environmental decision-making procedure, and that the relevant information and documents are made available to the public concerned.

The substantive provisions ensure that the public concerned shall be given “*early and effective opportunities to participate*” in environmental decision-making procedures for consent to projects and, for that purpose, the public concerned is entitled to express comments and opinions when all options are open to the competent authority before the decision on the request for development consent is taken.

1.8 Phases of Consultation

There have been several phases of engagement throughout the development of the Dublin Array offshore wind farm project. Following the pre consent application phase of

engagements, there will be additional phases during the pre-construction, construction, operation and decommissioning phases of the project.

Phase 1 - Early Development Phase Consultation from 1999 to 2018

This covers consultation from the project's inception in 1999 to RWE joining as the lead developer in 2019.

Phase 2 - General Consultation (including Foreshore Licence) in 2019

The consultation in 2019 consisted of direct outreach to several statutory stakeholders as well as a statutory consultation associated with a foreshore licence (FS007029) application for marine surveys.

Phase 3 - Project Design and Information Consultation in 2020

This included direct outreach by the Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) and other team members with statutory and non-statutory stakeholders, as well as the first non-statutory public consultation event since RWE joined as lead developer in Autumn 2020.

Phase 4 - General Consultation (including Foreshore Licence) in 2021 & 2022.

This included direct outreach by the CLO, FLO and other team members with statutory and non-statutory stakeholders as well as a statutory consultation as part of a foreshore licence (FS007188) application for marine survey.

Stage 5 -Project Design and Updated Public Consultation in 2023

This included direct outreach by the CLO, FLO and other team members with statutory and non-statutory stakeholders, as well as the second public consultation event between January 26th and March 31st.

Stage 6 -Project Information Campaign in 2024

A strategic project information campaign comprising of a project brochure and direct engagement with locally elected representatives and additional local stakeholders.

The brochure was distributed to households and businesses along the proposed export cable corridor and a digital version was made available on the Dublin Array website to view and download.

Project information availability

A key objective of Dublin Array has been, and continues to be, to ensure clear and accurate project information is available and accessible to the public.

This goal of information provision is achieved through several methods which have been and will continue to be ongoing throughout each phase of project engagement since RWE joined as lead developer. This ensures that the project team can incorporate their feedback into the project plans. These methods are discussed in this Chapter. Specific statutory and non-statutory activities are discussed in the consultation phases breakdown presented from Chapter 3 onwards.

2.1 Project Website

The Dublin Array website www.dublinarray.com is a key source of project information. Topics covered include the following:

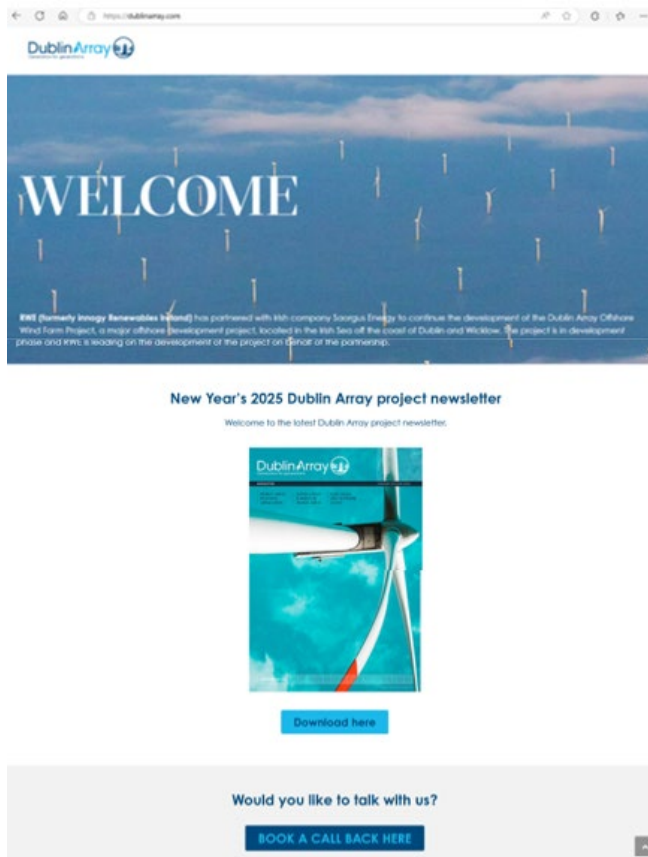
- Latest project information,
- Key facts,
- Details of environment & technical survey works.
- Latest news updates,
- Press releases,
- Case studies / opinion pieces
- Dedicated supplier page,
- Details on the Community Benefit Fund,
- Job opportunities,
- Details of public consultation events including copies of collateral displayed,
- FAQs, and
- Contact details.

A project website has been in existence since the early development phase of the project. As well as providing contact details, a booking system has been added whereby people can directly request a call back with a member of the project team at a specified time.

In addition, at the launch of each phase of public consultation, information on how to access the consultation details are added to the website, with copies of the main project information such as exhibition boards and visualisations tools being added following the close out of the consultations.

It is intended that the website will continue to be updated as new project information becomes available. Contact information for the Community Liaison Officer (CLO) will always be included on the website, as will a sign-up form for project updates. The FAQs and latest news update pages will be updated regularly.

Figure 1 Dublin Array Website Homepage



2.2 Newsletter Updates


A subscribers newsletter distribution list was set up in advance of the 2020 public consultation. Anyone who wants to be kept informed about the project can sign up. Information such as upcoming consultations, information campaigns, surveying campaigns, job opportunities & new members of staff is shared within this newsletter. To date over 800 people have signed up, with 5 editions being issued as of 2025. There will continue to be regular newsletters produced as the project progresses. Copies of all newsletters can be found on the Dublin Array website.

2.3 Project Collateral

As well as via the project website, project information has been supplied through a variety of mediums. These include project fact cards, newsletters, brochures, videos and virtual exhibition boards.

Several revisions to a general project fact card have been created, ensuring the most up-to-date project information is always included. The latest project fact card, copy from exhibition boards, project information brochure and 2024 offshore survey campaign video can be seen below.

Examples of Project Collateral;




DUBLIN ARRAY OFFSHORE WIND FARM

KEY FACTS

Dublin Array will deliver up to 824MW of renewable electricity via 39 to 50 turbines which will have a maximum tip height of 310m.

10km - Dublin Array is located on the Kish and Bray Banks, approximately 10km from the coast of counties Dublin and Wicklow.

€2billion - The capital investment is expected to be in excess of €2billion.



? If you have any questions about the project, please email us at dublinarray@rwe.com or call us on **01 902 0317**

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DUBLIN ARRAY OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Up to 824MW Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm is the first Irish offshore project in RWE's global portfolio.

Carbon reduced Dublin Array will reduce Ireland's carbon emissions by up to ~1.5 million tonnes annually

770,000 homes Dublin Array will supply enough renewable electricity to supply the equivalent of up to 770,000 Irish homes

ORESS On June 14th 2023, Dublin Array was successful in Ireland's first ever Offshore Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (ORESS), along with just 3 other Phase 1 projects.

50-50 Dublin Array is 50% owned by RWE and 50% by Saorgus Energy.

Jobs Over 1100 jobs will be created during the construction phase, as well as 80 direct and 160 indirect full time jobs during the operational phase.

Climate Action The Government's Climate Action Plan commits to the delivery of 5 GW (5,000 MW) of offshore wind by 2030. Dublin Array will help Ireland meet this goal.

Communities RWE has a long history of supporting the communities in which we operate. As the project progresses, we will work with communities to develop our approach to supporting the local area. Our community benefit fund, in line with ORESS, will commit €2 for every MWh of electricity created. Depending on the final project capacity, that could equate to over €6.5m a year for local community projects.

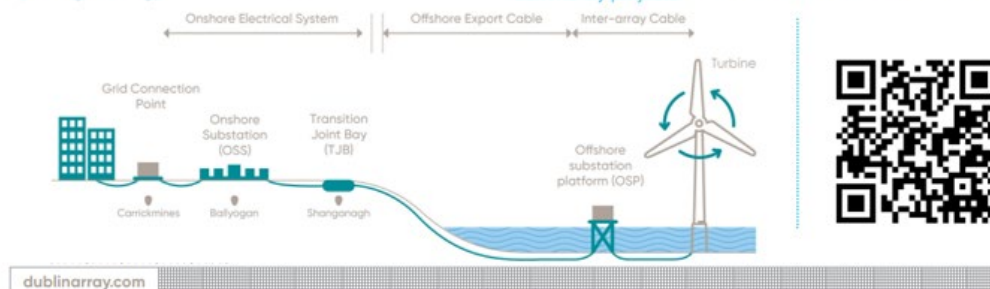


Figure 2 Project fact card

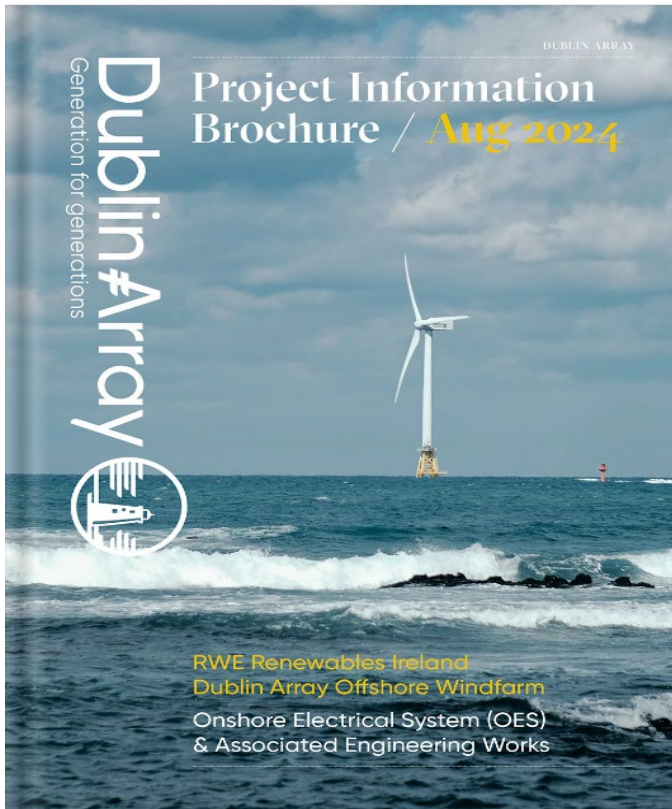


Figure 3 project information brochure cover, August 2024

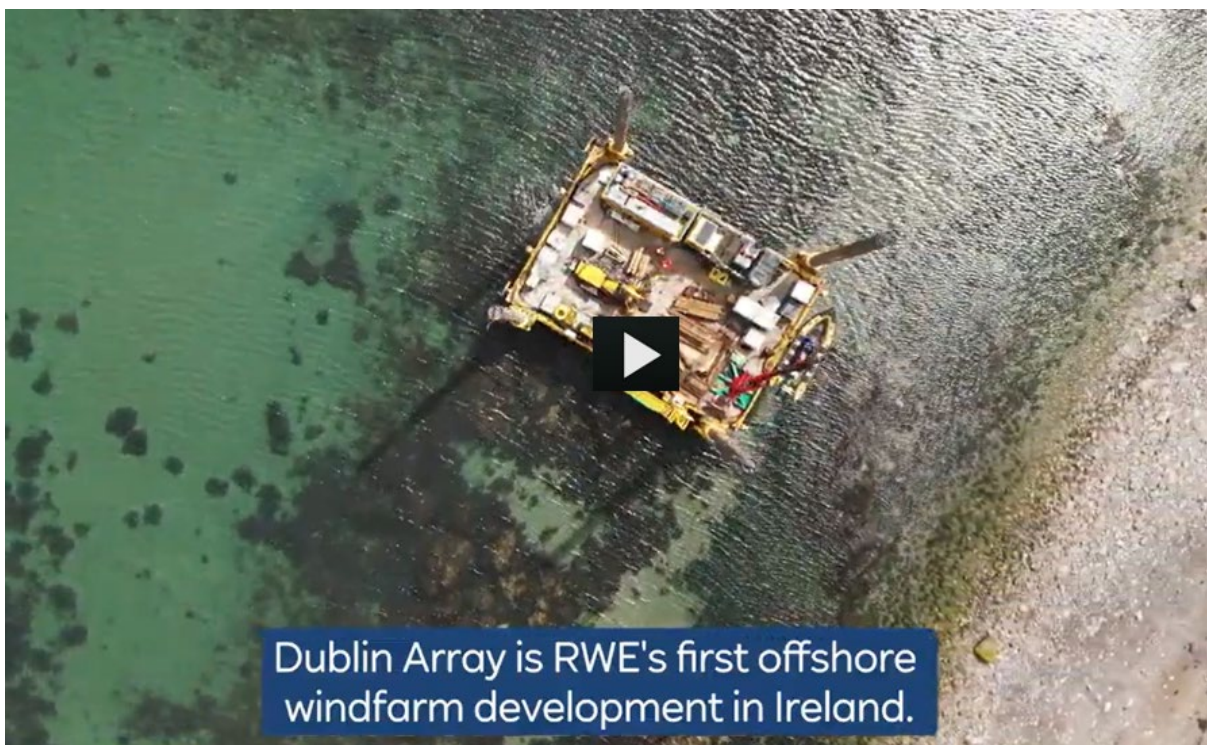


Figure 4 2024 offshore survey campaign public information video, November 2024

2.4 Project Liaison Officers

A Community Liaison Officer (CLO) and Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) have been appointed to the project and are available full time to engage with the local community and the fishing industry.

The CLO has been, and will continue to be, one of the primary points of contact for members of the community and the public. The FLO has been and will continue to be available to engage with commercial fishers in the project area.

Both the CLO and FLO continue to engage with the relevant groups and individuals throughout the project's development, ensuring open lines of communication with stakeholders.

2.5 Fisheries Management and Mitigation Strategy

Dublin Array appointed a Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) in May 2019 as an endeavour to enhance opportunities for meaningful engagement with fisheries stakeholders. The seafood sector is a vital part of Ireland's economy and heritage and the valuable meeting and engagement efforts with fisheries stakeholders active in and around the vicinity of Dublin Array since the appointment of an FLO have facilitated knowledge sharing and information gathering. This has enriched Dublin Array's understanding of local conditions and dynamics, activities, concerns, and areas of importance for the localised fishing sector. Learnings identified through meaningful engagement with the fishing sector have been applied to significantly inform the content of this FMMS.

Dublin Array established a Commercial Fisheries Working Group (CFWG) to support consultation and regular engagement with local fisheries stakeholders and their representatives. The group includes local fishers from the harbours surrounding the proposed wind farm. It is envisaged that this CFWG will remain active throughout the lifetime of Dublin Array to support ongoing relationships between the project and local fishermen, to enable advanced notification of upcoming activities and planned works and to facilitate discussions as required. Dublin Array intend to arrange a maximum of 4 meetings per year during pre-construction and construction phases and a maximum of two meetings per year during the operational phase or such frequency as agreed to be appropriate for the stage of the project. One-to-one discussions between Dublin Array and individual local fishers (and their representatives) will occur as needed throughout all stages of the project lifecycle.

Dublin Array are committed to continued, proactive engagement, to identify solutions to shared issues and concerns within the wider Irish offshore wind market, and to identify solutions to minimise and mitigate against impacts on fisheries stakeholders within the vicinity of the project as far as reasonably possible, while maximising opportunities to support the State in achieving their legal obligations for reductions in carbon emissions as set out in the Climate Action Plan 2023.

Engagement activities to date include;

- Ongoing calls and meetings with individual fishermen by the project FLO, Mike Fitzpatrick, to support understanding of fishing activities within the vicinity of the Project as well as any concerns raised by the fishing industry.
- Public or group meetings, the first of which was held in October 2019. Some of these meetings were held on piers in Howth, Dun Laoghaire, Wicklow and Arklow and some with the attendance of fishers' legal representatives. These meetings were initially to inform fishers about the project and to get feedback from them regarding their fishing activities and later to discuss specific survey plans.
- Calls and meetings with fishers' representative organisations including Regional Inshore Fisheries Forums (RIFFS), producer's organisations, the Northwestern Waters Regional Advisory Council (NWWAC) and Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM).
- Meetings with individual fishermen and/or their representatives to develop co-operation agreements for planned surveys.
- A series of observation surveys on fishing vessels between September 2021 and September 2022, conducted in response to concerns expressed by fishermen about the impact of strong tides on their fishing activities within a wind farm.
- The development of a Dublin Array Commercial Fisheries Working Group (CFWG), with the first meeting held in August 2022, which discussed concerns raised by fishers and Dublin Arrays plans for surveys. A second CFWG meeting was held in February 2023 which again discussed planned survey operations and any residual fishermen's concerns. A third meeting was held in March 2024 to discuss similar topics on upcoming surveys and to discuss the FMMS and its proposed contents. Meeting minutes, and presentations made at the meetings are circulated to all fishers after CFWG meetings.
- Active participation by project team members in the National Seafood Offshore Renewable Energy (Seafood-ORE) Working Group, an initiative of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, where issues of national relevance regarding engagement between the fishing and offshore wind industries are discussed.

2.6 Project Phoneline

A dedicated project phoneline (01 9020317) has been set up to ensure accessibility to project information and the project team. This is in addition to the dedicated project email address, website, and online meeting booking system. Details are included on the Dublin Array website and have been included in local newspaper advertisements for those without internet access.

3. Phase 1 - Early development phase consultation 1999 – 2019

There were several early development phase consultation activities prior to RWE Renewables joining the project as a joint partner and lead developer in 2019, including both statutory and general consultation activities. The statutory consultations were associated with Foreshore Licence applications to undertake survey work. The general consultation work was completed by Saorgus Energy to inform the public about the project, providing an opportunity to engage with the development team and provide feedback and associated with Foreshore Lease applications.

3.1 Early Development Phase: Consultation 1999 – 2013

There were statutory consultations to support two Foreshore Licence applications in 2000. The format was set out by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government as it was a statutory process. Following this consultation, the project continued to be available for consultation with contact details and other information available on the project website.

3.2 Consultation 2013

Saorgus Energy undertook the first major public consultation for the project between the dates of 9th April and 28th June 2013, (a 12-weeks period) The purpose of the consultation exercise was to inform the public on the lease applications which had been made and to obtain feedback in relation to the proposal.

The following public consultation activities were undertaken:

- Foreshore Lease applications documentation was made available for inspection at six locations (Howth library, Dún Laoghaire library, Bray Garda Station, Greystones Garda Station, Royal Dublin Society – the RDS, Dalkey library).
- Panopods, backlit transparencies of the photomontages, were displayed in curved cabinets to provide a tool to inform the public in relation to potential visual impact arising from the proposed development.
- A website was utilised for information dissemination (including copies of the Environmental Impact Statement and appendices, timeline, FAQs, contact details for project coordinators, opening hours of info points, web contact forum where people could ask questions or offer feedback).

- Print & online media engagements (Irish Times, Evening Herald, Bray People, Wicklow Times, etc)
- Radio broadcasts (Newstalk FM, East Coast FM)
- Use of social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, boards.ie)

The most effective methods by which information was shared during this period are listed in the table below:

Table 2 Project communication methods

Medium	Users	Notes
Social media	The project received extensive feedback on social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Boards.ie)	Strong circulation & conversation regarding news articles and relevant project information.
Print Media	Irish Times Evening Herald Wicklow Times Bray People Wicklow People	Extensive publishing since 1999 to inform the public of the potential project
Broadcast Media	National & Regional Radio broadcast partners (Newstalk FM, East Coast FM)	Interviews & advertisements

4 Phase 2 - Consultation 2019

Once RWE became the development lead for Dublin Array the next phase of consultation commenced in 2019. An updated project website using the pre-existing domain name (www.dublinarray.com) with updated project information was launched in May 2020 and a press release announcing the involvement of RWE was circulated widely.

All press releases up to the completion of this report are included in the “latest news” section of the Dublin Array website.

4.1 Direct Outreach

Throughout 2019 a programme of engagement with statutory consultees, as well as landowners, local stakeholders and local commercial fishermen was completed.

4.2 Foreshore License Application

In addition to the direct outreach, a statutory consultation was carried out related to an application for a foreshore licence (FS007029) to undertake survey work to support the updating of project baseline environmental and physical information. The information from these surveys will be used to inform the wind farm design and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which forms the main part of the development consent application.

Several steps were undertaken to ensure the public and relevant communities were aware that the foreshore licence application had been submitted, including details of how they could take part in the statutory consultation process, which ran from the 18th of October to the 18th of November 2019. The following activities were completed.

4.3 Public Notices

In accordance with standard practice for foreshore licence applications, notices were printed in national and local newspapers to advise the public about the commencement of the consultation phase:

Table 3 2019 Newspaper notices

Newspaper	Dates	Weekly Readership
The Irish Times	- 17 th October 2019	1,451,000
Dublin City Gazette	- 17 th October 2019	180,000
Dublin Fingal Gazette	- 17 th October 2019	(Combined readership of 270,000 with the Dublin West Gazette and Dublin South Gazette)
Dublin West Gazette	- 17 th October 2019	See above
Dublin South Gazette	- 17 th October 2019	See above
Bray People	- 18 th October 2019	(Combined readership with Wicklow People of 112,223)
Wicklow People	- 18 th October 2019	See above

4.4 Website Update

The project website was updated with details of the application and consultation process.

4.5 Information Display

The application documents and information on the consultation process were on public display at the following 10 Garda stations from 16th October 2019 to 6th November 2019.

1. Shankill Dorney Court, Shankill, Dublin 18, D18 CD50
2. Dún Laoghaire Corrig Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin, A96 N299
3. Blackrock 15 Sweetman's Avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin, A94 X660
4. Clontarf Strandville Avenue East, Clontarf, Dublin 3, D03 FA46
5. Irishtown Irishtown Road, Irishtown, Dublin 4, D04 YE33
6. Pearse Street 1-6 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 W289
7. Howth 8 Dunbo Hill, Howth, County Dublin, D13 YR70 (7am-9pm)
8. Bray Convent Avenue, Bray, County Wicklow, A98 EO93
9. Greystones Marine Terrace, Greystones, County Wicklow, A63 N466

10. Wicklow Bachelor's Walk, Wicklow, County Wicklow, A67 HK20

The application documents and were provided via a link to the Department of Housing's website at <http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/applications/overview> and included the details of the consultation process as follows:

"Any person who wishes to make an objection to, or a representation in respect of the grant of the licence sought should do so in writing, giving reasons, within 21 working days of publication of this Notice (quoting ref: FS007029), to Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or foreshore@housing.gov.ie. The closing date for submissions is close of business on Friday 18th November 2019.

All objections and representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment prior to any decision being made in the matter. Material upon which the Minister shall determine this application may be published on the Department's website. In this regard the Department wishes to draw attention to its policy on defamatory material that may be contained in submissions it receives, which may be found at: <http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/public-participation-foreshore-consent-process>."

4.6 Direct Notifications

The Dublin Array project team produced a list of all elected representatives across Dublin and Wicklow. All elected representatives (Teachta Dálanna and Councillors) were advised of the application consultation phase by telephone number, email or a combination of both.

4.7 Submissions

In response to the statutory consultation, 14 public responses were received by the Department. In addition, the following eight statutory consultees submitted responses.

- Marine Institute
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
- Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (underwater archaeology unit and National Parks and Wildlife Service)
- Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Sea Fisheries Protection Authority
- Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (Foreshore section)
- Fingal County Council
- Environmental Protection Agency

- Wicklow County Council
- Dublin City County Council

The submissions were also shared with the team preparing the assessments and reports for the offshore wind farm development consent application so that information of relevance to that application which was provided by consultees could be incorporated. Responses were submitted by the project team via letters to the Department.

5. Phase 3 - Consultation 2020

Throughout 2020 there was ongoing consultation with statutory consultees, elected representatives, commercial fishermen, members of the community and other identified stakeholders. The first planned large scale public consultation since RWE joined in the project was completed between 6th October and 23rd November 2020. This was a non-statutory consultation in that its purpose was general information provision to the public and not directly associated with an application for a survey or development consent. The purpose of the consultation was to re-introduce the project to the local community and public, and to provide the most up-to-date project information at that time.

5.1 Website

During the public consultation, a link to the online consultation portal was added to the website homepage. Following the completion of the public consultation a dedicated page was added with the information that had been shared during the consultation period.

Between the 1st of January and the 31st of December, the website had 8,732 visitors with a total of 32,797 page views. Of these, 4,614 users visited during the public consultation period of 6th October to 10th November, with peaks coinciding with notifications, project updates and press releases.

5.2 Direct Outreach

Throughout 2020 the CLO, FLO and other project team members regularly engaged with stakeholders, including statutory, non-statutory, community members, fishermen and elected representatives. A comprehensive stakeholder register was developed and is continuously updated as new stakeholders are identified. The main stakeholder categories are:

1. Statutory Stakeholders
2. Local Communities
3. Elected representatives
4. General public
5. Recreational Representatives
6. Environmental NGOs
7. Commercial/Business Representatives
8. Tourism Representatives
9. Fishing Representatives

As well as the numerous one-to-one meetings that were held, multiple offers of meetings were made to many other stakeholders, including those in Appendices 2. The

CLO will continue to reach out to local community members and representatives throughout the project and will include other project team members in any future meetings as appropriate.

A project email address, postal address and phonenumber were available 24/7 on the project website for anyone who wanted to contact the project team to request feedback or a meeting.

5.3 Media Engagement

Throughout 2020 there was proactive engagement with the media at key milestones for the project in the form of press releases. In addition, the communications team were always responsive to any media enquiries and undertook comprehensive outreach which resulted in regional and national broadcast and television coverage featuring the Project Director.

5.4 Navigation Workshops

In August a navigational risk assessment process was started. The purpose of this assessment was to identify and assess the potential impacts the construction and operation of Dublin Array may have on shipping and navigation, including recreational users, so that mitigation and avoidance techniques could be incorporated into project plans.

As part of this process, baseline information needed to be gathered to understand how the marine space is used commercially and recreationally. As well as surveys and desk-based studies, a consultation was launched with those who utilise the marine space off the coasts of counties Dublin and Wicklow. This was split into two parts with one focusing on commercial users and the other focused on recreational users.

For the recreation part of the consultation, information on the project was emailed to 43 stakeholders and they were asked to provide feedback on how they utilise the marine space to inform the navigation assessment, as well as being invited to participate in a workshop in November.

Of the 43 invited 16 attended an online workshop where representatives from Dublin Array provided an overview of the project and their baseline assumptions about vessel traffic and outlined how they would be carrying out a navigational risk assessment. Attendees were then asked to provide information on their understanding of how the marine space is used by them and those they represent and given the opportunity to raise questions.

The output of the discussions from the workshop have been considered with various other inputs, such as marine traffic surveys, when assessing impacts within the EIAR.

5.5 Autumn 2020 Public Consultation

Due to Covid19 the public exhibitions had to be delivered virtually with an online consultation room held on the project website. The external collateral consisted of two items. The first was an interactive photomontage viewer displaying both a 240m maximum height turbine layout (61 turbines) and 308m maximum height turbine layout (45 turbines) from seven key layouts across the Dublin and Wicklow coastline. These turbines sizes were chosen based on the best guess of what the available technology would be on the market at the time of construction. The viewer allowed users to rotate 360° from their chosen viewpoint to give a realistic representation of what the wind farm could look like for the different turbine height options. Instructions on how to use the viewer were provided before accessing the interactive images.

Figure 6 Virtual Exhibition Room

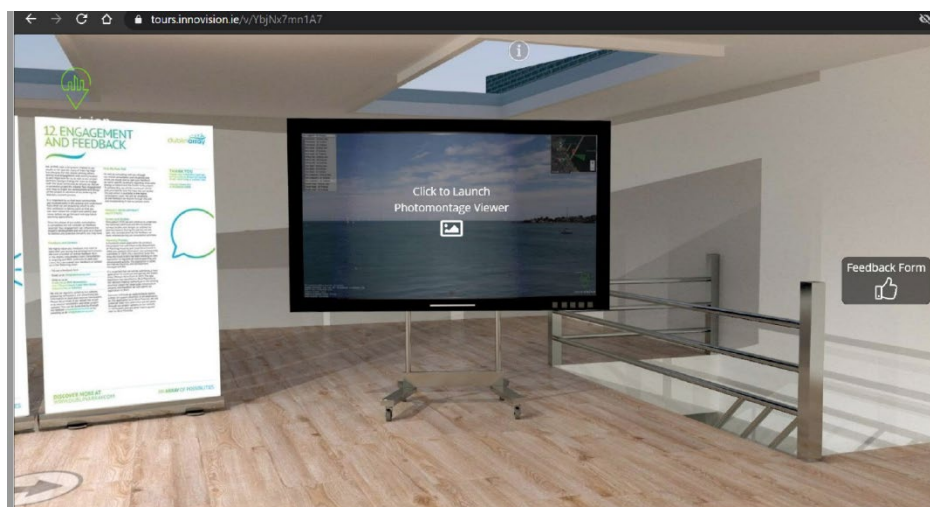
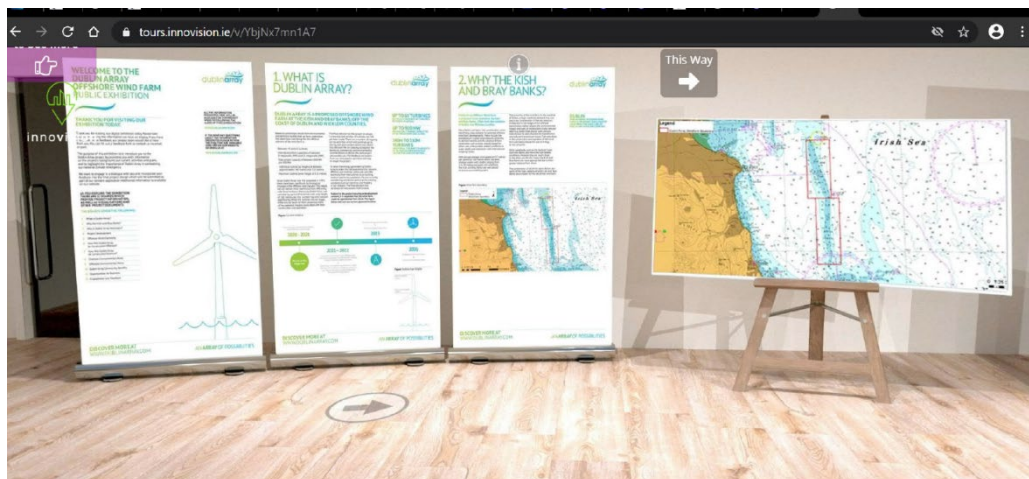
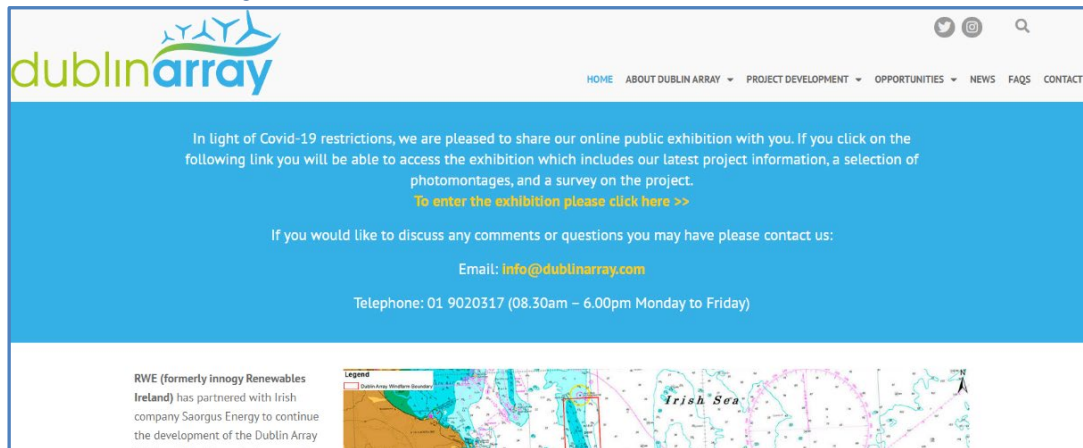


Figure 7 Virtual Exhibition Room – Photomontage viewer

The second tool was an interactive poll. This was created to gain the feedback and opinions of as many stakeholders in the Dublin and Wicklow geotargeted area as possible, with a focus on identifying data-driven decisions that align the Dublin Array project with community priorities.

5.5.1 Consultation Activities

Figure 8 Website Homepage Access to Online Exhibition



Notifications were sent to local elected representatives and community groups (via the Public Participation Networks in Wicklow, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and Dublin City and with direct notifications to individual community groups registered on the project stakeholder database) across Dublin and Wicklow over the first three days after the consultation was launched.

Statutory and non-statutory consultees also received either postal or email notifications detailing where on the consultation portal to find the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping report, which they were invited to comment on. The list of these consultees is included in Appendix 2.

5.5.2 Additional Outreach

As well as engaging the public through advertising, significant direct outreach was undertaken with key local stakeholders and groups. This included meetings and correspondence with local councillors, TDs, numerous statutory bodies, local county councils, tourism bodies, local community groups, environmental NGOs, marine recreation and safety bodies and business representatives such as Chambers of Commerce. Dublin Array will be continuing this direct outreach throughout the project's development. Appendix 3 contains details of the majority of meetings held since 2020.

5.5.3 Publicising the Public Consultation

The first step of publicising the event to ensure as many people engaged with it as possible was to launch an advertising campaign, which began on October 7th. The goal of this campaign was to reach members of the public in the most relevant geographic areas for the project, i.e. Dublin and Wicklow. During the 6.5-week consultation period, several advertisements published in local newspapers, as shown in Table 4 below. The newspapers chosen were the Bray People, Wicklow People and Dublin Gazette. The Bray and Wicklow People have a wide readership in Wicklow and were chosen for this reason. The Dublin Gazette was chosen as it is a free newspaper across Dublin with an estimated readership of 230,000. While the Dublin Gazette halted deliveries for several months during Covid19, deliveries had re-commenced before the Dublin Array consultation launch and continued throughout the consultation period. In addition to the printed version, an online version of the Dublin Gazette was also available.

Table 4 Consultation Advertisements

Newspaper	Dates
Bray People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7th October 2020 - 14th October 2020 - 4th November 2020 - 11th November 2020 - 18th November 2020
Wicklow People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7th October 2020 - 14th October 2020 - 4th November 2020 - 11th November 2020 - 18th November 2020
Dublin Gazette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8th October 2020 - 15th October 2020 - 5th November 2020 - 12th November 2020 - 19th November 2020

There was also both local and national media engagement, with two national radio interviews and articles in national newspapers. The full list of identified media coverage is included in Table 5 below.

Table 5 Key Media Coverage

Media Outlet	Date	Info
1st Project Press Release (launch notification)	7 th October 2020	Circulated to local, national and international papers and energy media outlets

Media Outlet	Date	Info
Energy outlets launch notification	7 th October 2020	Renews, Offshore Wind Biz, EVWind, 4COffshore
Sunday Business Post	11 th October 2020	Front page, with full article on page 5
Dublin People	12 th October 2020	Newspaper article
Wicklow People	14 th October 2020	Newspaper article
Bray People	14 th October 2020	Newspaper article
The Irish Times	9 th November 2020	Newspaper article
Newstalk Radio	9 th November 2020	Interview with Peter Lefroy, Project Director
RTÉ Radio 1 DriveTime	9 th November 2020	Interview with Peter Lefroy, Project Director
NOVA Radio	9 th November 2020	Online article
98FM	9 th November 2020	Online article
KFM Radio	9 th November 2020	Online article
Carlow Nationalist	9 th November 2020	Newspaper article
Afloat.ie	9 th November 2020	Online article
DE24	9 th November 2020	Online article
Dublin Live	9 th November 2020	Online article
The Irish Sun	9 th November 2020	Newspaper article
2nd Project Press Release (one week left)	13 th November 2020	This was sent to elected representatives as well as those above
The Independent	13 th November 2020	Online article
Renews	13 th November 2020	Online article
Afloat.ie	18 th November 2020	Online article and podcast soundbite

5.5.4 Project Poll

A set of 10 questions were created, and three charities were identified to receive donations based on votes of those participating in the poll. The poll was supported by a digital advertising campaign, which allowed for wide engagement, with 670,044 individuals seeing an ad on their social media advertising at least once over the 6.5-week period. The advertising campaign used a pre-defined geographical target area across Dublin and Wicklow within which to serve the advertisements. The target area consisted of those living within short driving distance to the coastline, using the M50 and N/M11 as the outside border.

Figure 9 Geo-Targeted Area Used for Advertisements

RWE - Dublin Array - DTE ON

Location:

Ireland: Parnell Street, Dublin (+7 km), Swords Dublin; Bray, Greystones, Latitude 53.05 Longitude -6.05 Greystones (+1 km), Latitude 53.10 Longitude -6.06 Kilcoole (+1 km), Wicklow, Latitude 53.02 Longitude -6.06 Wicklow (+1 km) Wicklow; Tallaght Dublin, Dun Laoghaire Dublin, Killiney Dublin

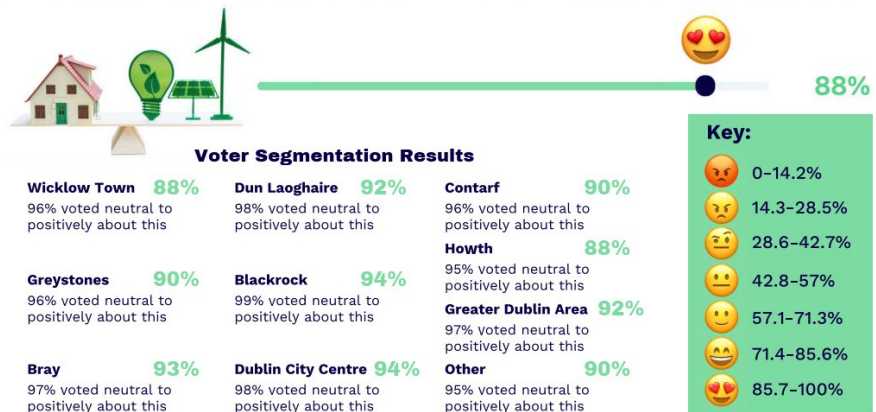
Exclude Location:

Ireland: Dublin Airport (+1 km)

The poll questions aimed to gauge people's views on Ireland's climate mitigation in general, as well as their opinions on the Dublin Array project overall and on specific areas of the project that could then be incorporated into the project plans, such as preferred areas to focus engagement activities and community benefit funds allocation. The questions and results can be seen below.

Q.1 How do you feel about Ireland doing more to generate clean energy?

- Slider question
- 5,028 answered
- 96% voted neutral to positively about this (42.8% and above)
- 3,364 out of 5,028 answered the segmentation question



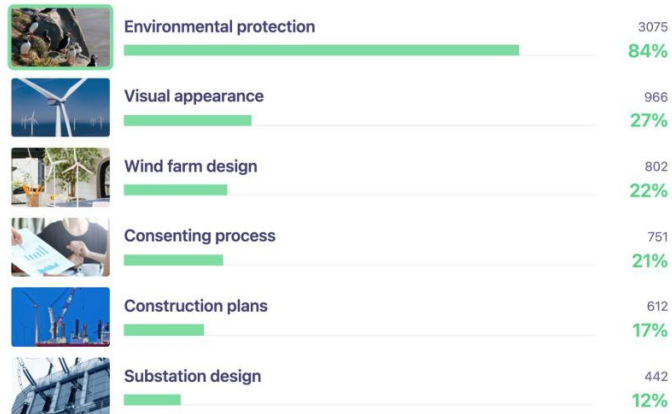
Q.2 Which of the benefits below are most important for Dublin Array to deliver?

- Multiple-choice
- Select up to 3 options
- 3,843 answered
- 3,362 out of 3,843 answered the segmentation question



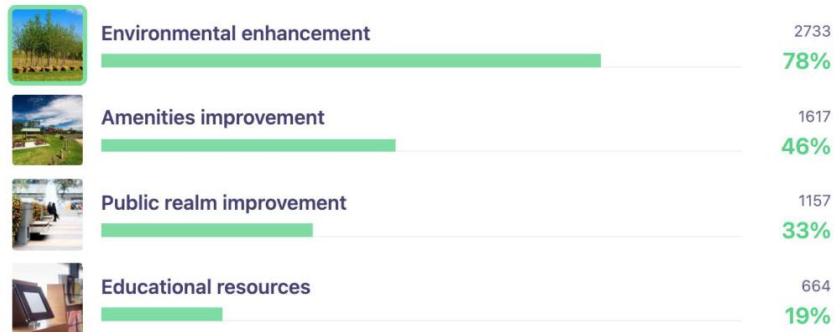
Q.3 Which 2 aspects of the proposed offshore wind farm are most important to you?

- Multiple-choice
- Select up to 2 options
- 3,643 answered
- 3,402 out of 3,643 answered the segmentation question



Q.4 After completion of the onshore construction works, what would you like to see?

- Multiple-choice
- Select up to 2 options
- 3,502 answered
- 3,381 out of 3,502 answered the segmentation question



Q.5 What percentage of Dublin Array's Community Benefit Fund should go to...?

- Distribute question
- 3,436 answered
- 3,378 out of 3,436 answered the segmentation question



Q.6 How could the offshore wind industry best engage with young people?

- Reorder question
- 3,309 answered
- All 3,309 also answered the segmentation question

Highest priority

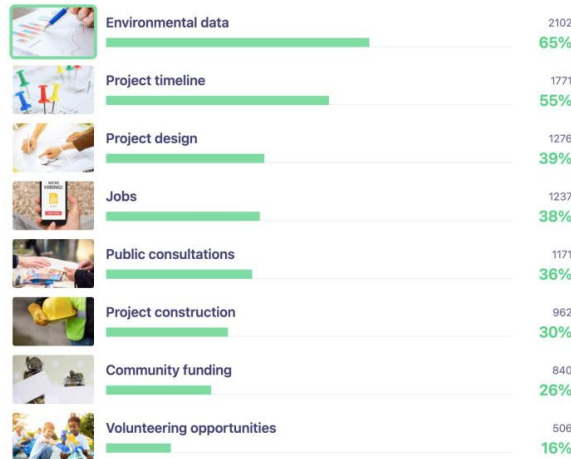
- 1 Schools education 2.04
- 2 Community outreach projects 2.59
- 3 Work experience 2.61
- 4 Third level education 2.76

Lowest priority

The average position of each choice with 1 being the highest and 4 being the lowest

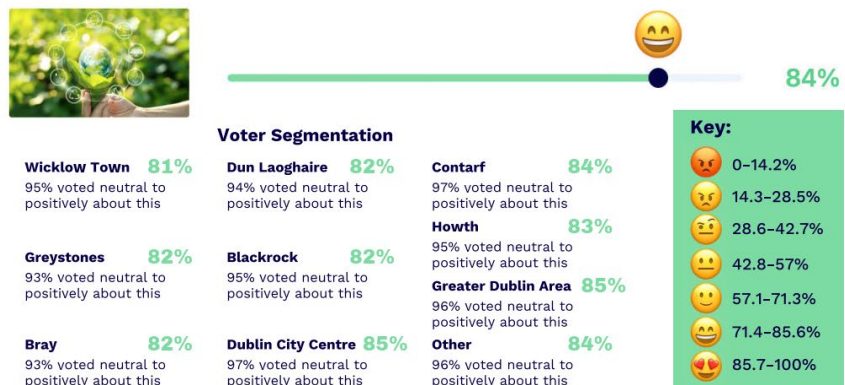
Q.7 What other aspects of Dublin Array would you like to know more about?

- Multiple-choice
- Select up to 4 options
- 3,233 answered
- All 3,233 also answered the segmentation question



Q.8 How important is Dublin Array to Ireland's green energy goals?

- Slider question
- 96% voted neutral to positively about this (42.8% and above)
- 3,282 answered
- All 3,283 also answered the segmentation question



Figures 10 – 17: Project Poll Results

The number of people who answered each question is summarised in Table 6.

Table 6 Number of GMV Respondents Per Question

Question	Respondents	Question	Respondents
1	5,028	6	3,499
2	3,843	7	3,309
3	3,642	8	3,233
4	3,502	9	3,282
5	3,436	10	1,249

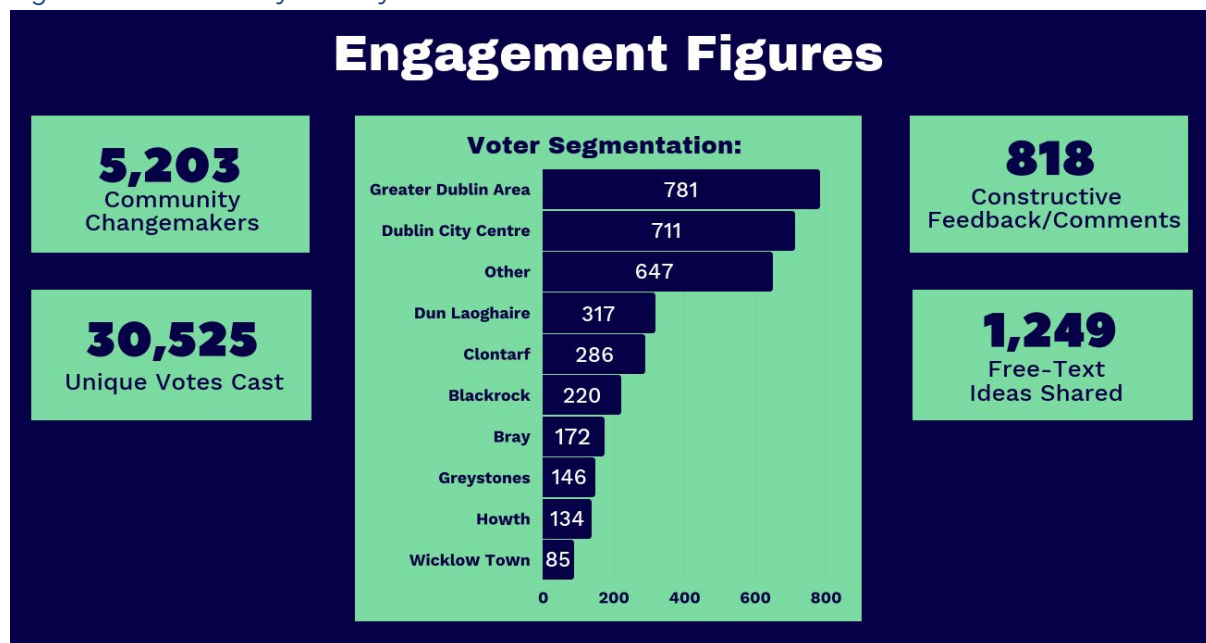
5.5.4 Results of Public Consultation Event 2020

Over the 6.5-week consultation period, 5,203 individuals took part in the poll, and 4,955 people visited the online exhibition via the project website. The availability of the platforms 24 hours per day seven days per week from any internet-connected device for a period of 6.5 weeks removed some of the traditional barriers to consultation i.e. the ability of the public to get to venues at specific times on specific dates.

The high-level summary of the poll engagement results, and advertising reach can be seen in figure 18 below. There was consistent engagement across the 6.5-week period. Voter segmentation was based on people self-identifying, within 5km, where they lived. This was an optional question which not all respondents answered. In total 30,525 questions were answered. Of the 1,249 free text answers, a number were NA (e.g. response to 'do you have any feedback' of no). The remaining 818 were constructive comments that have been analysed and, where appropriate, incorporated into project plans, along with all other feedback received via email, phone, in meetings (online and in-person) and through completed feedback forms.

The full report, which includes engagement metrics and advertising reach, can be found in Appendix 5.1.

Figure 18 Dublin Array Poll Key Metrics



[See metrics for all ads](#)

Social Media Campaign

08.10.20 to 17.11.20

Platforms included Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn



Of the written feedback submitted via email, the feedback form and the poll open feedback questions, the results were as follows:

Total	Positive	Neutral	Negative
970	456 (47%)	438 (45%)	75 (8%)

This feedback does not include specific engagement with the statutory consultees to the project.

There were several recurring themes in the feedback received throughout the consultation. The full list of themes is included in Table 7 below, with a number of these themes discussed in the preceding section.

1 Support for the project (no other feedback)

There was a significant level of positive support for Dublin Array demonstrated throughout this consultation. This does not require any response.

2 Object to the project (no other feedback)

To allow the team to address any concerns people may have, specific objections need to be raised.

3 General project queries

Many queries were received on general project information throughout the consultation. While the answers to the questions raised were already available in the consultation information, in future Dublin Array will endeavour to signpost where to find the information more clearly. The team will also continue to engage directly and ensure

contact details are easy to find so that people can contact the project with any concerns.

4 Community Benefits

Many participants had queries about the makeup and value of a community benefit fund. As a result of the queries, the community benefits page of the website was updated several times as more details became available.

5 Job opportunities

Several participants mentioned they would like to be kept informed of job opportunities. As well as encouraging people to subscribe for project updates to ensure they are notified of any new job postings, a new dedicated page was added to the project website because of this feedback, making it easier for anyone interested to access jobs information.

6 Visual impact queries

A few concerns were raised around visual impacts. Visualisations of what the wind farm may look like from seven different locations were included in the consultation. Following feedback from local elected representatives and other community stakeholders after the consultation closed, these visualisations were added to the project website to ensure 24/7 access for anyone who wanted to view them.

As part of the environmental impact assessment process, a comprehensive assessment of the seascape and landscape visual impact assessment of the development has been completed and are included in Volume 3, Chapter 15.

7 Environmental impact concerns

Several items of feedback were raised concerning the ecological impact of the wind farm, such as the impact of noise on marine mammals, construction and operation impacts on fish stocks and hazards to birds caused by the turbines. As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, comprehensive studies and surveys were undertaken and are included in Part 1, Volumes 3 & 4 (offshore) and Part 2, Volumes 6 & 7 (onshore) of the EIA Report. Feedback received during the consultation has been considered in the EIA process.

8 Positivity about the consultation process

Numerous participants made positive statements regarding the consultation process. This demonstrated that they felt involved in the consultation process. The team has ensured that all feedback received during all consultation to date is incorporated during the EIA process where appropriate, further demonstrating to participants that their engagement was meaningful, and encouraging them to continue engaging as the project progresses.

9 Desire to be kept informed about the project

Many participants confirmed that they would like to be kept informed about the project. They were encouraged to sign up to the project updates distribution list, which is used to keep people informed of any developments such as public consultation events, job opportunities and press releases. There are currently over 800 people signed up to the project mailing list.

5.5.6 Impact of Feedback

The feedback and submissions made during the 2020 consultations on the project were reviewed by the project team, enabling where feasible incorporate of the feedback into project plans as appropriate. This added valuable knowledge and insights to the project.

Feedback category formed through givemyview.com survey service.

Table 7 Overview of Feedback Received

Feedback Category	Description of Feedback	Response to Topics Raised	EIAR Reference
Visual Effects	<p>Consultation and engagement activities resulted in feedback being received highlighting concerns about the visual impact of the wind farm. While many of the respondents supported renewables and wind energy, they felt the visual impact was too great.</p> <p>A number asked that the wind farm be located further out to sea.</p>	<p>The Dublin Array team made clear the multiple reasons why the location was chosen, including the technological restrictions to building fixed bottom turbines in very deep waters, avoidance of shipping lanes, lower construction and operational costs and lower electrical losses versus further from shore locations (which result in lower electricity prices for the consumer).</p>	<p>Volume 3, chapter 15 Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment</p>
Ecological Effects	<p>A number of people raised concerns about the effect on local ecology (marine mammals, fish, birds, bats) during the construction and operation of the wind farm.</p> <p>There were a number of suggestions to paint one</p>	<p>Dublin Array outlined the breadth of onshore and offshore surveys that have been carried out to date and explained the EIA process to those who had concerns.</p> <p>All feedback received was reviewed by the project team, to ensure that they have been addressed in the EIAR and NIS as appropriate.</p>	<p>Volume 3 Offshore Assessment Chapters.</p>

Feedback Category	Description of Feedback	Response to Topics Raised	EIAR Reference
	blade black to lessen the risk of bird impacts.		
Access to visuals	Feedback received included requests for access to visualisations of the proposed wind farm.	<p>The Dublin Array team were able to direct people to the location of the visualisation tool that was created to provide a realistic representation of what the wind farm may look like. This tool was originally set up to support the Autumn 2020 consultation but has been added permanently to the Dublin Array website following feedback from local elected representatives and members of the public.</p> <p>In addition, updated photomontages will be included in the EIAR which have been made available on a standalone website along with all other consent application (planning application) documents.</p>	Volume3 Chapter 15 Seascape, Landscape and Visual Assessment
Impact on marine leisure	<p>Throughout the consultation activities, some stakeholders questioned whether the construction or operation of the wind farm would impact the use of the marine area for leisure activities including; sailing, kayaking, diving and recreational fishing.</p> <p>Several stakeholders pointed to potential positive impacts, such as newly identified scuba diving sites identified during the marine survey work, as well as potential new reefs being created around the turbine bases attracting fish species.</p>	<p>There were numerous engagements with marine leisure representatives throughout the consultation and engagement, including two navigation workshops to which all known local marine leisure groups were invited.</p> <p>The project confirmed that they will not be implementing any exclusion zones around the wind farm or individual turbines so do not expect any negative impacts on recreational activities when operational.</p> <p>During the construction and some maintenance activities there may be some interruption to normal routes, but the project will communicate any restrictions in advance and always endeavour to minimise disruption where possible.</p>	Volume 3 chapters 3.2,3.15,3.174.3.2-1

Feedback Category	Description of Feedback	Response to Topics Raised	EIAR Reference
Impact on tourism	Some stakeholders raised concerns that the project would have a negative impact on tourism.	<p>There is no evidence of tourism being negatively impacted by wind farms.</p> <p>The project team was happy to point out positive impacts of the RWE Rampion Wind Farm off the coast of Brighton in the UK where additional jobs and tourism offerings were created due to the wind farm, such as independent boat tours to the wind farm, as well as the creation of a visitors' centre for the wind farm in Brighton as an additional tourism attraction in the area.</p>	Volume 3 Chapter 17 Socio-economic, Tourism, Recreation and Land Use
Local supply chain and jobs	Throughout the consultation queries were received from people who would like to either supply services to the project, or secure employment at the project.	<p>As a result of these queries, a dedicated supplier page was added to the project website where potential suppliers could input their details which were then reviewed by the procurement team at relevant points in the procurement process for the project.</p> <p>A 'jobs' page was also added to the website where any new openings would be advertised.</p> <p>In responding to enquiries, both pages were highlighted, and people were encouraged to sign up for project updates to be kept up to date of any opportunities.</p>	Volume 3 Chapter 17 Socio-economic, Tourism, Recreation and Land Use.
Publicity and consultation	<p>Numerous people praised the consultation efforts made by the project, including the project poll and online exhibition portal.</p> <p>A number of people also asked for more publicity of the project to enhance local awareness.</p>	Following the feedback that more publicity would be useful, the project utilised the website distribution list more frequently to provide subscribers with updates on the project. This included the sharing of newsletters and copies of press releases highlighting key project activities. To date over 800 people have subscribed. Local elected representatives, PPNs and several other stakeholders also received these updated	N/A

Feedback Category	Description of Feedback	Response to Topics Raised	EIAR Reference
		directly. In addition, press releases, social media posts and advertisements were used to highlight key events and milestones.	
Youth engagement	Multiple people suggested that the project target engagement with young people and consider educational outreach.	<p>In responses to this feedback a dedicated 'educational resources' page has been added to the website, highlighting information that is available in Ireland and at other RWE projects.</p> <p>The project also plans to develop an education strategy in 2025 which will be aimed at young people in secondary and tertiary education, as well as those who are already working in other industries. Engagement with relevant stakeholders such as education, local authority and training bodies will form part of this outreach.</p>	Volume 3 Chapter 17 Socio-economic, Tourism, Recreation and Land Use.
Community benefits	Throughout the consultation and engagement, multiple queries were received regarding opportunities for community benefits.	<p>Several meetings have since been held between local stakeholders and Dublin Array's CLO and Community Benefit Lead. At these meetings information on how the community benefit fund might work were shared, but it was also made clear that until the T&Cs of ORESS1 were published Dublin Array cannot commit to anything. (Note these were since published and Dublin Array was successful in the auction, committing to €2/MWh for 20 years).</p> <p>It was also made clear that when the future community benefit fund is up and running, that where the money is spent will be decided by a committee of local people and that Dublin Array will not be making the decisions on how the money should be spent.</p>	N/A

Feedback Category	Description of Feedback	Response to Topics Raised	EIAR Reference
		<p>A dedicated webpage was added to the project website providing information on the community benefit fund. The page will be regularly updated as more information is available.</p> <p>In addition, all presentations to stakeholders throughout the consultation included an overview of community benefit funds and how they are governed.</p>	
Sustainability of wind	Throughout the consultation, several queries were raised about the sustainability of the electricity resource from the wind farm, i.e. what happens when the wind doesn't blow?	<p>The response given outlined that the national electricity grid in Ireland integrates all the sources of electricity generators and demand. The national electricity transmission system operator, EirGrid, are responsible for moving electricity around the highest voltage network system which is the backbone of the network. The system also operates with a significant amount of back-up which enables variations of power outputs to be managed. For example, coal and gas electricity generation plants can suffer from 'outages' when they must be shut down - sometimes for long periods of time. Back-up is also constantly required for other variations in output, such as surges in demand at mealtimes and during breaks in popular TV programmes.</p> <p>Regarding a wind farm, variations in wind speed are to a large extent predictable and therefore anticipated changes to the output of wind farms can be quantified. This means a degree of forecasting of potential energy generation is possible. Therefore, accommodating significant amounts of wind capacity on the electricity</p>	Volume 2 Chapter 2.6 Appendix 4.3.16-1

Feedback Category	Description of Feedback	Response to Topics Raised	EIAR Reference
		<p>system is not expected to pose an operational challenge to EirGrid, subject to Dublin Array meetings EirGrid's requirements.</p> <p>EirGrid are also planning to connect an increased proportion of renewable generation into the grid and have submitted planning applications for facilities including battery storage and flexible generation to support further integration of renewables on the national grid.</p>	
EU minimum distance	<p>Several people claimed that many or most EU countries do not allow wind farms to be built closer than 22km/12nm from shore and that this is best practice. Therefore, they felt the Dublin Array project shouldn't go ahead.</p> <p>Many of the submissions also proposed that floating wind should be used instead of fixed bottom.</p>	<p>Dublin Array made clear in response to this question that the small number of EU countries that have such restrictions have very different seabed conditions. The reality of the Irish coastline is that as you move further out from shore the seabed depth increases very quickly, compared to the North Sea, for example, which is relatively shallow and gently sloping. Identifying the right location for an offshore wind farm required a careful balance between many technical, environmental and economic factors. But one of the most critical is the seabed depth at any potential location. This is why, for example, there is only one fixed-bottom offshore project planned for the west coast of Ireland despite the excellent wind conditions. There is simply only limited available seabed at 60 metres or less.</p> <p>Floating turbine technology is not at a point where it is cost effective at a largescale and so this technology could not deliver the 2030 national goals of 5GW's of renewable electricity from offshore wind.</p>	Volume 2 Chapter 5 Consideration of Alternatives

Feedback Category	Description of Feedback	Response to Topics Raised	EIAR Reference
		<p>The team worked with Wind Energy Ireland on an information sheet outlining why a 22km exclusion zone would not work in Ireland and how such a zone would mean Ireland could not meet its 2030 climate action goals.</p> <p>FAQs were also added to the website to address these queries providing further information.</p>	
Fishing	Commercial fishermen have expressed concerns about the potential impact on current fishing practices.	Dublin Array continue to consult with local fishermen in the development of the project and associated survey activities. The impacts of the proposed development on commercial fishing activities have been addressed in the project EIAR.	Volume 3 Chapter Commercial Fisheries

5.5.7 2020 Consultation Conclusion

The consultation activities carried out throughout 2020 allowed the Dublin Array team to reach a wide range of people across the project area of Wicklow and Dublin, as well as across other parts of Ireland, all of whom will benefit from increased levels of renewable energy on the electricity grid system.

There was a range of feedback from the Public Consultation that highlighted areas of particular interest or concern for the consenting team to be aware of when developing the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). Table 7 outlines the ways in which these topics were addressed at the time of consultation, and where they are addressed in the EIAR.

6. PHASE 4 - Consultation 2021 and 2022

Engagement with stakeholders continued throughout 2021 and 2022 with a statutory consultation taking place in November 2021 and June 2022 to support a foreshore licence application. All communication channels remained open, and the project website was regularly updated to ensure information was accessible and any questions could be answered. Project updates were also regularly shared, including the first Dublin Array newsletter in the summer of 2021.

6.1 Website

During 2021 and 2022 the project website was updated as new project information became available. Between the 1st of January and the 31st of December 2021, the website had 6,453 visitors with a total of 26,275 page views.

Between the 1st of January and the 31st of December 2022, the website had 6,104 visitors with a total of 22,180 page views.

During this period there was also a brand re-design for Dublin Array to ensure it was distinguishable from other offshore wind farm projects with a similar design. An updated logo and other design elements were added to the website as well as all new project collateral.

6.2 Direct Outreach

Throughout 2021 and 2022 the CLO, FLO and other project team members regularly engaged with stakeholders including statutory, non-statutory, community members, fishermen and elected representatives.

Numerous meetings were held which enabled the project team to better understand the concerns and questions different stakeholder groups had, which could then be incorporated into project plans.

The website distribution list was utilised to keep interested parties up to date on project news, with over 800 having signed up by the end of 2022.

6.3 Media Engagement

The main direct media engagement was in support of the foreshore licence application. Local and national newspaper advertisements were placed at the launch of the consultation, and a press release was later released which resulted in coverage in seven local newspapers and industry bulletins. An example of media advertisements can be found in Appendix 4.

6.4 Foreshore Licence FS007188 Statutory Consultation

In addition to the direct outreach throughout 2021, two phases of statutory consultation were carried out related to an application for a foreshore licence: the first in 2021 and the next in 2022. The scope of the Licence included site investigation and wind wave and current monitoring to provide information to refine the foundation

design, sizing and installation methodology and to finalise offshore cable route and landfall detailed design and installation methodology. The Licence also included environmental monitoring to collate data on the baseline environment against which to monitor change.

The first phase of consultation was held between the 18th of November and 17th of December 2021. A second phase of consultation was held between 30th of June 2022 and the 29th of July 2022, during which the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Governments carried out their screening for Appropriate Assessment, in accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended.

Several steps were undertaken to ensure the public and relevant communities were aware that the foreshore licence application had been submitted, including details of how they could take part in the statutory consultation process. These included:

6.4.1 Public Notices

In accordance with requirements for foreshore licence applications, notices were printed in national and local newspapers to advise the public about the commencement of the consultation phase. Appendix 4 includes copies of these notices:

Newspaper	First consultation phase Dates of publication	Second consultation phase Dates of publication
The Irish Independent	- 18 th November 2021	- 30 th June 2022
Dublin Gazette	- 18 th November 2021	- 30 th June 2022
Bray People	- 17 th November 2021	- 29 th June 2022
Wicklow People	- 17 th November 2021	- 29 th June 2022

6.4.2 Website Update

Information on the foreshore licence consultations was added to the 'latest news' page of the project website which is publicly available 24 hours a day.

6.4.3 Information Display

The application details and information on the consultation process were on public display at the following 13 locations from 18th November to 17th December 2021 and 30th June to the 29th July 2022.

1. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 K6C9
2. Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8
3. Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, A98 W627
4. Greystones Library, Mill Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, A63 KN52
5. Wicklow Library, The Mall, Main Street, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow, A67 X504
6. Shankill Garda Station, Dorney Court, Shankill, Dublin 18, D18 CD50
7. Dún Laoghaire Garda Station, Corrig Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin, A96 N299
8. Blackrock Garda Station, 15 Sweetman's Avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin, A94 X660
9. Clontarf Garda Station, Strandville Avenue East, Clontarf, Dublin 3, D03 FA46
10. Irishtown Garda Station, Irishtown Road, Irishtown, Dublin 4, D04 YE33
11. Pearse Street Garda Station, 1-6 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 W289
12. Howth Garda Station, 8 Dunbo Hill, Howth, County Dublin, D13 YR70 (7am-9pm)
13. Wicklow Garda Station, Bachelor's Walk, Wicklow, County Wicklow, A67 HK20

The application documents were provided via a link to the Department of Environment and included the details of the consultation process as follows (with additional dates for the second round of consultation):

The public were invited to make submission to the Marine Planning and Foreshore Section, during the period of between 18 November 2021 and 17 December 2021 (quoting ref: FS007188) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or foreshoreORE@housing.gov.ie. The closing date for submissions was close of business (17.30) on 17th of December 2021.

6.4.4 Notifications

All local elected representatives (updated from the 2020 public consultation outreach where representatives had changed) were contacted by phone by one of the project team on the 16th of November 2021 in advance of the statutory consultation period launching, and a follow up email with further details was sent to all Dublin and Wicklow elected representatives from the five Local Authority areas (FCC, DCC, SDCC, DLRCC, WCC). The calls and subsequent emails were made in advance of the public advertisement so elected representatives were prepared should any constituents contact them regarding the application.

6.5 2021 and 2022 Consultation Conclusion

Across the two stages of statutory consultation for Foreshore Licence FS007188 a total of 35 public submissions were received by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, as well as from the following prescribed bodies. They were also shared with the team preparing the assessments and reports for the Offshore Wind Farm Development Consent application so that information of relevance to that application which was provided by consultees could be incorporated. Responses were submitted by the project team via letters to the Department.

- Marine Survey Office
- Wicklow County Council
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine
- Marine Institute
- Development Application Unit, Dept of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht
- Dublin City Council
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Commissioners of Irish Lights
- Marine Planning and Foreshore Unit, Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government (3 submissions from different sections)

The feedback received during the statutory consultations, as well as that from direct outreach including meetings, emails and phone enquiries, was shared with the consenting team for incorporation into the EIAR, where appropriate.



Figure 19 One of the Public Consultation Events in Bray

7. PHASE 5 - Consultation 2023

In 2023 the second largescale Public Consultation was held between the 26th of January and 31st of March. The purpose of the consultation was to update local

communities, the public, public representatives and other interested stakeholders on the latest project plans, including emerging preferred onshore cable routing details. This was the first Public Consultation that included in-person information days as there were no longer Covid-19 restrictions in place at that time.



Figure 20 One of the DART station billboard posters at coastal stations from Howth to Greystones

There were 8 in-person consultation events where members of the public could come without pre-booking at six locations;

- Thursday, January 26th, Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin, 2pm - 9pm
- Wednesday, February 1st, Little Flower Hall, Main St, Bray, Co Wicklow, 2pm - 9pm
- Saturday, February 4th, Little Flower Hall, Main St, Bray, Co Wicklow, 9am - 1pm
- Wednesday, February 22nd, Greystones Rugby Club, Greystones, Co Wicklow, 2pm - 9pm
- Thursday, March 2nd, Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, Killiney, Co Dublin, 2pm - 9pm
- Tuesday, March 7th, Clayton Hotel, Leopardstown, Co Dublin, 2pm - 9pm
- Saturday, March 11th, Clayton Hotel, Leopardstown, Co Dublin, 9am - 1pm
- Marine Hotel, Sutton, 29th March, 2pm - 9pm

There was also ongoing engagement with statutory consultees, elected representatives, commercial fishers, members of the community and other identified stakeholders throughout the year.

7.1 Website

During 2023 the project website was periodically updated with project information and updates. During the Public Consultation, a link to the online consultation portal was added to the website homepage in addition to the webinar presentations. Following the completion of the public consultation, a page was added with the information displayed during the consultation period.

Between the 1st of January and the 31st of December, the website had 15,122 visitors with a total of 25,343 page views. Of these, 3,440 users visited during the public consultation period of 26th January and 3rd of April.

7.2 Direct Outreach

All elected representatives were contacted by email and the Project Director contacted TDs in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown so they were prepared should any constituents contact them regarding the consultation. Public representatives were invited to attend the consultations events, and this offer was taken up by a few councillors and a TD.

Throughout 2023 regular meetings were offered to local elected representatives and community groups, and the External Affairs Manager and Community Liaison Officer (CLO) were available to contact and set up and lead meetings. Several meetings were held throughout the year including with the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council management team, the Wicklow County Council management team, Bray Municipal Council, County Councillors from the Green, Labour, and Fine Gael parties as well as community groups. Representatives from the supply chain were also encouraged to contact the project team and numerous meetings were arranged with relevant team members.

The Dublin Array website has a booking form on its homepage where people can request a specific time for a call back to discuss the project. Where their preferred time is not available, an alternative time is agreed. Contact details for the Dublin Array External Affairs Manager and CLO are also available on the website.

Members of the project team also attended numerous events at which they were available to speak with other attendees including:

- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Climate Action Plan public consultations;
 - o 3rd October 2023, Parish Pastoral Centre, Main Street, Dundrum, Co. Dublin.
 - o 10th October 2023, The Assembly Hall, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

- Wind Energy Ireland Trade Show 2023 (RWE were a strategic partner), 11th – 12th October 2023, Sport Ireland National Indoor Arena, Blanchardstown, Dublin.
- Dublin Array Supplier Engagement Day, 20th September 2023, Royal Marine Hotel Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin
- Wind Energy Ireland Annual Offshore Conference.
- Portmarnock Community School Careers Expo, 1st December 2023, Portmarnock, Dublin.

Two Dublin Array project newsletters were issued in 2023. One in January of 2023 provided details in relation to the upcoming public consultation. The second newsletter was then issued in September 2023 which gave an update on the associated timelines of the project and a summary of the public consultation campaign.

7.3 Media Engagement

Extensive media campaign took place for the second round of Public Consultation which included an advertising campaign, press releases and broadcast interviews, there were several other examples of media engagement in 2023, please see Appendix 4.

7.4 Public Online Webinar Event

As part of our engagement, we held an online webinar on 8th of February taking place via Zoom from 7pm to 8pm. The webinar consisted of presented slides covering the themes of the exhibition followed by a questions and answers sessions which allowed attendees to ask questions directly to the team.

The Project Team online to present the project:

Name	Role
Peter Lefroy	Project Director
Paul Kelly	Senior Consents Manager
John Lowry	Engineering Manager
Gillian Moore	Offshore Consents Manager
Emma Gilleece	Community Liaison Officer

Table 8 Webinar Presenters

Some of the *issues raised during Q and A, were the following:

- Are the blades recyclable?
- Environmental surveys on seabirds and mammals
- Impact on tourism
- Does energy generation happen during times of low wind speeds?

- Job creation

Any questions that could not be answered due to time constraints were responded to by email. The presentations were recorded and were uploaded onto the Dublin Array website and YouTube channel for the benefit of those who could not attend while it was streamed. A LinkedIn and Twitter account were set up to increase project reach via social media.

7.5 Information Display

To publicise the public consultation, an advertising strategy including national and local print media, radio, social media bus shelter and DART station posters was launched. These were launched shortly before the consultation went live and were continued throughout the nine-week consultation period. Details of the advertising campaign can be seen in Appendix 4.

Elected representatives, community groups via Public Participation Networks and subscribers to the Dublin Array website project updates list received details of the online and in-person events at the launch of the consultation period.

The material available for review included three monitors showing the cable route (also made available in print form) and photomontages of; the view today, the view at the lowest turbine range and the view at the upper end of the turbine range. a range of views along the Dublin and Wicklow coast which a range of three scenarios 35 exhibition boards covering the following 22 topics as well as an updated online visualisation tool. These as well as the 2020 consultation materials are available to view on the Dublin Array website at: <https://dublinarray.com/consultation/> and in Appendix 6;

- 01 What is Dublin Array?
- 02 Why the Kish and Bray Banks?
- 03 Why is Dublin Array important?
- 04 Project Development
- 05 Offshore Wind Electricity
- 06 How will Dublin Array be constructed Offshore?
- 07 What Onshore Infrastructure is required?
- 08 Substation
- 09 Cable Route Options
- 10 Onshore Environmental Assessment
- 11 Environmental Impact Assessment
- 12 Physical Processes
- 13 Benthic ('Seafloor') Ecology
- 14 Birds

- 15 Marine Mammals
- 16 Visual Impact Assessment
- 17 Marine Archaeology
- 18 Marine Users
- 19 Dublin Array Community Benefit Fund
- 20 Opportunities for Business
- 21 Operations and Maintenance
- 22 Engagement and Feedback

Figure 21 Virtual Exhibition Room

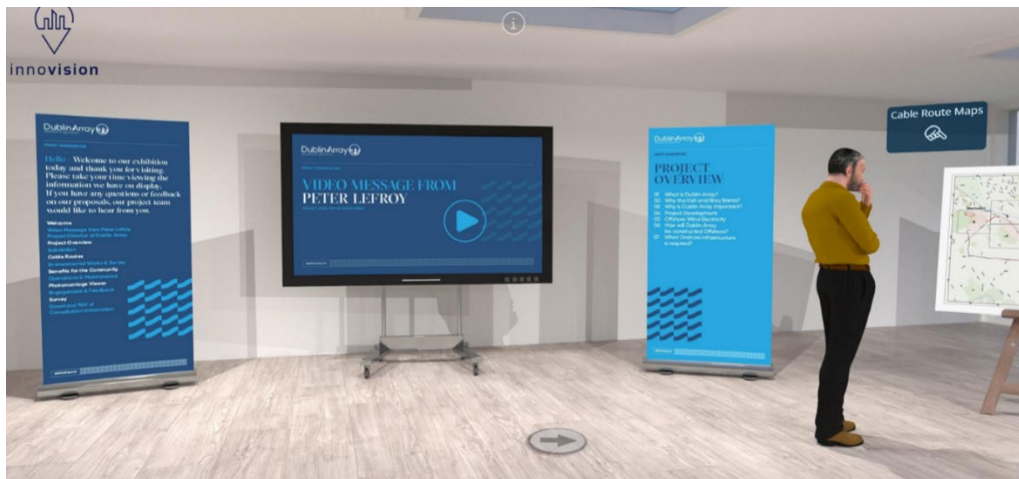
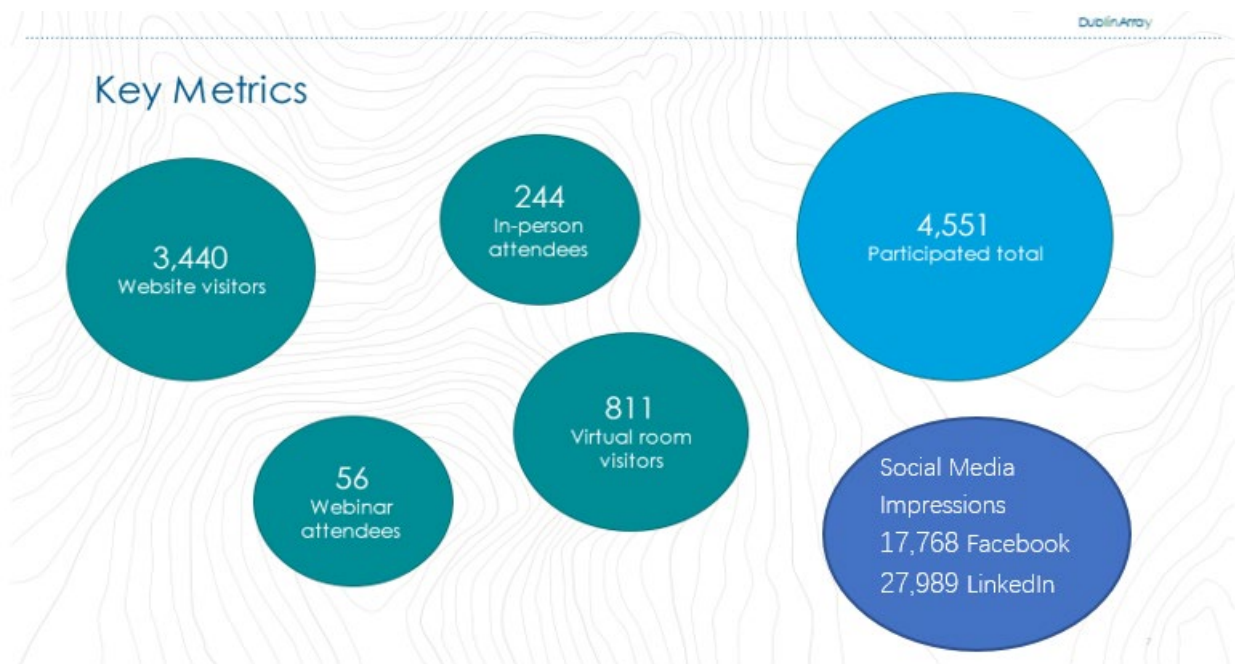


Figure 22 Virtual Exhibition Room – Photomontage viewer



7.6 Results of Public Consultation Events 2023

Across all methods of engagement 4,551 people participated in the public consultation. This included visitors to the virtual consultation room and website, webinar subscribers and in-person attendees at the eight public information events across Dublin and Wicklow.



Similar recurring themes to the 2020 public consultation were noted, and included the following:

- General support for the project (with no further comments)
- Support because view project as necessary, but see some negatives such as potential biodiversity impacts
- Object to the project due to the perceived visual impact
- Proximity to shore
- Preference for floating wind
- Queries around impacts on birds
- Queries around impacts on marine mammals
- Queries around impacts on benthic ecology (i.e. seabed)
- Concerns around noise from turbines
- Concerns around coastal erosion
- Queries about the impact of onshore works and any disruption, including noise
- Queries around onshore route
- Technical queries (cable type, turbine type, substation details)
- Queries around job opportunities
- Queries around community benefit fund (CBF) opportunities

The key themes and any specific queries relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) were integrated into the environmental impact assessment process.

7.7 Impact of Feedback

The feedback and submissions made during the 2023 consultations on the project were reviewed by the project team, enabling where feasible incorporation of the feedback into project plans as appropriate. This added valuable knowledge and insights to the project.

The feedback category has been formed through givemyview.com survey service.

Table 9 Overview of Feedback Received 2023

Feedback Categories	Specific issues (if any)	Response to topics raised	EIAR Reference
Visual Effects	Objections due to not liking how the wind farm would look. Many said they supported offshore wind but wanted it somewhere else.	Team provided visuals of what the wind farm may look like. There will be visual impact, and we want to ensure people are able to see realistic visuals as early as possible. Visualisation tool from 2020 and 2023 public consultation are available on the website. Team also outlined the reasons the site was chosen as an ideal location for an offshore wind farm.	Volume 3 Chapter 3.15 Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
Preference for floating / Proximity to shore	Many people said they are pro ORE but not if they can see it, and that floating ORE can deliver the 2030 targets.	It is not possible for floating technology to deliver ORE needed to attempt to meet the 2030 national goals as it is still a very new technology with the largest site at the time of the consultation being Kincardine, which has a capacity of 50MW. Dublin Array's capacity will be up to 824MW. This is due to the fixed bottom industry being over 20 years' old and a proven, tested and efficient technology.	Volume 3 Chapter 3.15 Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
Impacts on birds	Some general concerns raised, as well as the following being mentioned specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kittiwakes - Shags - Brent geese - Redwing 	Team members outlined the range of bird surveys and published data that is being reviewed, and that there will be a section of the EIAR dedicated to this very topic.	Volume 3 Chapter 3.6 Offshore and Intertidal Ornithology
Impact on marine mammals	Some general concerns raised, mostly related to noise disturbance during construction. The following animals were mentioned specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dolphins - Seals 	Team members outlined the range of marine mammal surveys and published data that is being reviewed, the mitigation measures that will be in place during construction such as the presence of an MMO, and that there will be a section of the EIAR dedicated to this very topic.	Volume 3 Chapter 3.5 Fish and Shellfish

Feedback Categories	Specific issues (if any)	Response to topics raised	EIAR Reference
Impact on benthic ecology	<p>Some queries around impact of the wind farm on the seabed were raised.</p> <p>General concern for the issue of sandbanks</p>	Team members outlined the range of surveys and published data that is being reviewed, and that there will be a section of the EIAR dedicated to this very topic.	Volume 3 Chapter 3.3 Benthic and Subtidal and Intertidal Ecology
Onshore route selection	Questions were raised around why Shanganagh Cliffs was chosen for landfall as well as general queries around onshore cable route selection process.	<p>Team members outlined the site selection process for a suitable landfall location along the extent of the coastline from Killiney Hill to Bray harbour. Team members discussed the parameters required to identify a suitable area of greenspace along the coast with suitable access for and an appropriate land-use zoning policy. Technical feasibility, socio-economic impact and environmental impacts were all considered in the identification of the landfall locations.</p> <p>Team members went through the consultation boards and maps to explain the onshore cable route selection process and the output of the assessment. Consultation with the local authority, EirGrid, landowners and other service providers were incorporated into the assessment. This was communicated to all.</p>	Volume 2 Chapter 2.5 Considerations of Alternatives and 2.6 Project Description
Noise from turbines	Some concerns that noise from the turbines would be heard onshore.	Team confirmed the wind turbines would not be audible from shore over baseline noise levels.	Volume 3 Chapter 3.16 Noise and Vibration (Terrestrial Receptors)
Concerns around coastal erosion	Some queries and concerns raised that the wind farm would increase the rate of coastal erosion at Shanganagh Cliffs	The team confirmed installation of the offshore export cables from land will use a trenchless (below ground) technology to firstly install two ducts, with the offshore export cables subsequently pulled through using a winch (a device used to pull cables). Using trenchless technology will mean that there will be no works impeding on the cliffs or at the intertidal area beneath them.	Volume 2 Chapter 2.6 Project Description
Onshore works	<p>Queries were raised about the onshore works, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration 	The team outlined current known details about onshore construction, such as a construction timeframe of 2.5 years, that there will be two circuits, that the offshore and onshore cables are joined at the TJB and	Volume 2 Chapter 2.6 Project Description

Feedback Categories	Specific issues (if any)	Response to topics raised	EIAR Reference
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of cables Construction methodology Proposed export cable corridor 	<p>that there would be a traffic management plan which would be consulted on locally, but noted many specific details cannot be fully addressed in advance of a detailed design process.</p> <p>A section of the emerging preferred onshore cable route was revised following important feedback from residents during this consultation campaign. This was captured in the project information brochure that was distributed in 2024 to residents along the onshore cable route.</p>	
Technical queries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turbines Foundations Substation (offshore) Substation (onshore) Blades (are they recyclable) 	<p>Several specific technical queries were received. Where answers were available these were shared, but as the turbine type, foundation type and offshore substation plans and designs are not yet finalised, estimates were provided for many of the queries received. The Crown Estate's Guide to Offshore Wind was also shared in response to some written queries guide-to-offshore-wind-farm-2019.pdf (thecrownestate.co.uk) to facilitate understanding of the concepts and terminology associated with offshore wind farms and their development.</p>	Volume 2 Chapter 2.6 Project Description
Job opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do we do internships/grad/ training? How many jobs at O&M base? Will Irish people get the jobs? 	<p>Team outlined estimates of job creation during construction (c. 1,000) and operation (c. 80 FTE). The team added that internship and graduate programmes will play a part in future recruitment strategies for the Dublin Array wind farm.</p> <p>Team also directed people to the RWE website for information on available job openings and graduate opportunities.</p>	Volume 3 Chapter 3.17 Socio-economic, Tourism, Recreation and Land Use
Community Benefit Fund opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Size of fund? When available? Who can apply? 	<p>Team outlined that the fund would be €2/MWh and that funds would become available from Commercial Operation Date (COD) of the project. Update: Following the project's success in ORESS1 this is confirmed, with the fund being circa. €6.5m per annum for 20 years. There will be an element of funding made available from the commencement of construction. The team added that the Community Benefit Fund Committee once incorporated will be responsible for the management of the fund.</p>	N/A

Feedback Categories	Specific issues (if any)	Response to topics raised	EIAR Reference
Site selection concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrupt planning system • Developer chosen – no government input • “Support ORE” but not here/wrong location • Developer just handed planning permission with no consultation. • Area of conservation. 	<p>Team reiterated that we do not yet have planning permission and will be applying for a development consent (planning permission) to An Bord Pleanála. At that time people can submit views, objections or letters of support.</p> <p>The site was selected as it is close to the largest electricity demand hub in the country that to date has no largescale renewable energy production. It also avoids busy shipping lanes by being along the sandbanks which are navigational hazards. Its proximity to shore reduces the length of cable, and the distance maintenance vessels need to travel, reducing its carbon footprint. The wind farm array is not in an SAC or SPA.</p>	Volume 2 Chapter 2.5 Selection of Alternatives
Impact on marine recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queries around exclusions zones and any impacts on sailing and rowing • Concerns for swimming during construction phase 	Team confirmed the project would not be imposing any exclusion zones once the wind farm is operational. During the construction and for maintenance activities there may be some interruption to normal routes, but the project will liaise with any effected groups in advance to agree a strategy.	Volume 3 Chapter 3.17 Socio-economic, Tourism, Recreation and Land Use
Project ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do RWE fully own? • Will RWE fully own? • Will all profits go to Germany? • Why not owned by Irish government? 	<p>Team confirmed Dublin Array is a 50:50 joint venture between Saorgus Energy Ltd, the original developer of the project, and RWE who became lead developer when they bought into the project in 2019 (as then innogy).</p> <p>The project will bring economic benefit to Ireland through job creation, rates paid, the multi-million-euro annual Community Benefit Fund (CBF). The project must also create profit for the developers as without this the project would not be built. RWE are the world’s second largest developer of offshore wind and bring that experience to Ireland. The Irish government do not have any experience or expertise in building largescale offshore wind farm infrastructure and so would not be an appropriate developer. The project will also have an expected capital investment of</p>	N/A

Feedback Categories	Specific issues (if any)	Response to topics raised	EIAR Reference
		over €2bn which would need to be funded by Irish taxpayers if the government were the developer.	
Health concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise Shadow flicker EMF 	Team confirmed shadow flicker, and noise will not be an issue onshore as the turbines will be located approximately 10km offshore. The EMF from the buried electricity cables onshore is extremely low frequency, like electric household appliances e.g. laptops. ³	Volume 3, Chapter 3.16 Noise and Vibration, Chapter 3.19 Major Accidents and Disasters
Impacts on fishers	Several people raised concerns about negative impacts on fishers	Dublin Array has been engaging with fishers for several years to try and find the best route to co-existence. During survey work and construction, the team will inform fishers in advance of the locations and co-ordinate, where possible, to reduce any negative impact.	Volume 3 Chapter 9 Commercial Fisheries
Planning Concerns	Concerns whether An Bord Pleanála is fit for purpose – if they are resourced to consider our planning application. Why does it take so long to consent an offshore wind farm when we have to reach net zero targets. How can the public ensure that the environmental studies by the consortium will be rigorously challenged by the planning process?	An Bord Pleanála is the statutory body appointed for making decision on planning applications for large scale strategic infrastructure projects such as Dublin Array. The resourcing of An Bord Pleanála is not a matter over which the team have any direct influence but are supportive of an appropriately resourced consenting authority as it leads to more effective and timely decision making.	N/A
Impact on tourism	Has the visual impact been considered in relation to cruise ships/ferries	We recognise the importance of tourism to the coastal communities close to the wind farm site and will assess potential effects as part of our wider programme of environmental assessment. The UK's first commercial wind farm at Delabole constructed a visitors' centre, which received 350,000 visitors in its first ten years of operation and a MORI poll in Scotland showed that 80% of tourists would be interested in visiting a wind farm.	3.17 Volume 3 Chapter 3.17 Socio-economic, Tourism, Recreation and Land Use
Decommissioning	Why the wind farm needs to be decommissioned after many years? Is it not the question of updating or	The Maritime Area Consents issued for the project (the legal right to occupy the seabed once planning permission is secured) require the project to be decommissioned at the end of the lifetime of the consent – 45 years.	Volume 7.2 Decommissioning and Aftercare Plan

Feedback Categories	Specific issues (if any)	Response to topics raised	EIAR Reference
	modernising the wind farm? If decommission does take place say in 50 years' time, what will replace the clean electricity come from the wind farm?		
Archaeology	How will UXO be found and managed in these areas?	UXO encountering and the associated actions to be taken in the event of such is described in the Project Description.	Volume 2 Chapter 2.6 Project Description
Substation	Does the existing Carrickmines substation and the local grid network need upgrading prior to energisation of the Dublin Array? Or is it ready for the wind farm export?	The Carrickmines 220 kV substation where Dublin Array is proposed to connect to the existing electricity transmission network has sufficient capacity to receive the electricity generated by Dublin Array. The connection of Dublin Array to the network is a regulated and strictly controlled process administered EirGrid – the national electricity transmission system operator.	Volume 2 Chapter 2.6 Project Description

7.8 Industry Engagement

Throughout 2023 the Dublin Array team undertook more direct outreach and engagement with the Irish supply chain than had been done to date. This included running the project's first Supplier Engagement Day on 20th September in the Royal Marine hotel in Dún Laoghaire. This was the first event of its kind for the offshore industry in Ireland and attracted nearly 100 delegates. Minister Ossian Smyth delivered the keynote address and several presentations from representatives from RWE, Enterprise Ireland, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and three Irish companies already working in offshore wind.

In addition, RWE were a strategic partner for Wind Energy Ireland's first Trade Show on October 11th and 12th. The event brought together Ireland's growing domestic supply chain, key players in the global wind energy industry, and showcased Irish and international research. There were over 1,000 delegates and nearly 100 speakers across two stages including the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Simon Coveney, as well as RWE's Peter Lefroy who took part in the opening panel discussion on Day 1.

8. Phase 6 - 2024 Public Information Campaign

8.1 Direct Outreach

Project Information Campaign 2024 – As part of this external engagement campaign the following tasks were completed:

- Direct and indirect engagement with locally elected representatives along the proposed export cable corridor and operations & maintenance base.
- Direct and indirect engagement with nationally elected representatives along the proposed export cable corridor and operations and maintenance base.
- Delivery of project information brochure to homes and businesses adjacent to the proposed landfall location and along the proposed export cable corridor “*RWE Renewables Ireland Dublin Array Offshore Windfarm Onshore Electrical System (OES) & Associated Engineering Works*”.
- Extensive engagement post brochure delivery, directly with members of the public, elected representatives and community groups.
- Direct engagement with other key stakeholders as per appendix 3.

Proactive engagement with elected representatives and community groups in advance of the 2024 offshore survey campaign to ensure advance notification was given to all local stakeholders regarding the upcoming survey work.

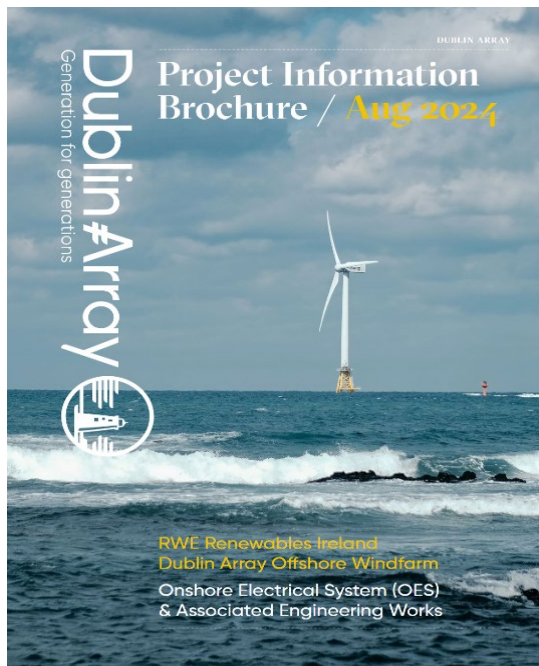
A “*New Year’s Newsletter*” was issued to all subscribers in January 2025 providing details and updates on all activities that took place over 2024.

A Dublin Array project update was included in the DLRCC Public Participation Network (PPN) and Dún Laoghaire Central Residents’ Association (DLCRA) end of year newsletters for 2024.

8.2 Website

During 2024 the project website was periodically updated with the most up to date project information and latest news articles. Quarterly updates of the website took place in 2024 with eight “*latest news*” articles being published during 2024.

The project information brochure was uploaded in August 2024 to the homepage of the Dublin Array website and is viewable online or downloadable.



A RWE case study titled “Dublin Array Offshore Windfarm – “2024 Offshore Surveying Campaign” was also uploaded to the Dublin Array website in December 2024.

An opinion piece “*Shaping the Cluster Landscape for Supply Chain Success*” was uploaded to the website in November 2024, aligning with the RWE hosted roundtable at the 2024 Wind Energy Ireland Trade Show focusing on the need for marine cluster development in support of the offshore wind sector.

The Dublin Array website continues to have a booking form on its homepage where members of the public can request a specific time for a call back and/or meeting to discuss the project.

Between the 1st of January and the 31st of December 2024, the website had 7,184 visitors with a total of 52,285 page views.

8.3 Media Engagement

Press releases issued in 2024 covered topics such as, the successful recruitment of a new Project Director, careers opportunities, opinion pieces (marine clusters & supply chain) and industry events.

The Dublin Array X (formerly Twitter) and LinkedIn accounts were active throughout the year and provided project updates and news to 1200 and 990 followers and connections respectively.

In December 2024 a video asset was produced and posted on social media channels and the Dublin Array website in order to illustrate the 2024 offshore survey works that took place over the Summer months.

8.4 Industry Engagement

Dublin Array held its first Skills Event on 24th October 2024 in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire with 40 invited attendees representing key stakeholders from the Irish supply chain, other ORESS 1 projects and the offshore renewables skills industry.

Throughout 2024 we continued to engage with the wider renewables energy industry and interested parties in Ireland through such activities as;

- The 2024 Wind Energy Ireland (WEI) **National Offshore Conference** took place January 30th-31st in Dublin. 2024. Dublin Array Project Director Vanessa O'Connell presented '*Taking Stock on Phase 1*' on the successes and challenges facing Dublin Array as an ORESS-1 offshore project.
- Co-sponsorship of a Women in Infrastructure (WIN) event in Trinity College on the July 24th, 2024. **"Climate Justice - That time is now"** in conversation with **Mary Robinson** - first woman President of Ireland, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Chair of The Elders, and Co-Founder, Project Dandelion.
- The Dublin Array Offshore Wind, **People & Skills in the Supply Chain Workshop** on October 24th, 2024. Around 40 representatives from industry, government and educational institutions came together to share insights on how Ireland can better support the offshore wind supply chain. Minister Ossian Smyth (TD) provided the key-note address, with Skillnet Ireland playing a central role in the delivery of the workshop also.
- RWE proudly sponsored the **Wind Energy Trade Show 2024**, supporting Ireland's path to carbon neutrality. The Dublin Array team promoted RWE's expanding role in delivering Ireland's renewable energy ambitions. The team also took a leadership role in hosting the marine cluster development roundtable event of key stakeholder. Dublin Array Project Director Vanessa O'Connell joined a keynote panel on "*Ireland's energy independence journey*".
- "Preparing for Offshore Wind" event hosted by Wicklow County Council took place on the 26th of November in Clermont House, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow. Dublin Array representation included two guest speakers and a Dublin Array stand.
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- 9. Conclusion

Consultation and engagement are an important part of the development of any infrastructure project. As demonstrated by this report, there has been extensive engagement and consultation throughout the development of this project by RWE (the applicant for development permission).

The two largescale Public Consultation events in 2020 and 2023 attracted over 5,000 and 4,000 participants respectively, with hundreds of direct notifications going out at their launch. Regular press releases, project newsletters and other project updates were also issued throughout the development to the project's website subscribers, which at the time of writing stands at over 800 people.

The project team have participated in meetings with elected representatives, local authorities, statutory bodies, community groups, marine recreation representatives, Public Participation Networks, business representatives and skills representatives regularly and will continue to do so as the project continues. Team members have also participated in events such as local authority public consultations, school careers fairs, and industry events such as the Supplier Engagement Day and the People and Skills in the Supply Chain workshop to further engage with stakeholders.

Throughout all engagement events, ensuring information was accessible and meaningful was a priority, with project information being available in different formats (e.g. online, printed, in-person exhibition boards) and the team being contactable by email, phone or post.

The engagement and consultation undertaken to date has been a key part of the development activities for the project, providing opportunities for members of the community and other interested stakeholders to provide feedback to the project team. This feedback, where appropriate, has been incorporated into project plans, with tables 7 and 9 in this report highlighting the relevant sections of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report accompanying the planning application for Dublin Array that addresses the issues and themes that were raised.

Dublin Array is committed to ongoing consultation and the project team will continue to provide structured consultation phases as the project progresses through its pre-construction, construction and operational phases. Thank you to all the individuals, groups and organisations who engaged with the Dublin Array project team as the project has developed to date.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Navigation Workshop Consultees

Organisation
Dublin Bay Cruises
Go Sailing
East Coast Rowing Council
Irish Sailing Association
Irish Federation of Sea Anglers (Leinster Council)
Irish Sea Kayaking Association
East Coast Sea Kayaking Club
RNLI Dún Laoghaire
RNLI Wicklow
Irish Water Safety
Bray Harbour Mooring Holders' Association
Bray Rowing Club
Bray Sailing Club
Bray Head Fishing & Social Club
Bray Sea Scouts
Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club
Dalkey Rowing Club
Dalkey Scuba Divers
Sailing in Dublin Club
Dún Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club
National Yacht Club
St. Michael's Rowing Club
Curragh sub aqua club
Triton Diving
Oceandivers
Irish Scuba Academy
Seal Bay Divers
Dublin Bay Sailing Club
Dún Laoghaire Power Boat School
Royal Irish Yacht Club
Royal St George Yacht Club
Atlantic Youth Trust
Sail Training Ireland
Greystones Harbour Sea Scouts
Greystones Rowing Club
Greystones Sailing Club
Howth Sea Angling
Howth Yacht Club
Feelgood Scuba

Malahide Yacht Club
Poolbeg Yacht & Boat Club
St. Patricks Rowing Club
Omega Sub Aqua

Appendix 2: EIAR Scoping Consultees

Name
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (incorporating the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the National Monuments Service)
Development Applications Unit, Department of Housing
Minister for Climate Action, Communications Networks and Transport
Marine Survey Office Department for Climate Action, Communications Networks and Transport
Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Sports, Culture and the Gaeltacht
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Minister for Transport (referred to in November 2019 as Department of Climate Action, Communication Networks and Fingal County Council
Wicklow County Council
South Dublin City Council
Dublin City Council
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
Howth Harbour
<u>Dublin Port Authority/Company.</u>
<u>Dun Laoghaire Harbour</u>
Wicklow Harbour, Arklow Harbour and Bray Harbour
Environmental Protection Agency (including Office of Radiological Protection)
Health Service Executive
Irish Water
Office of Public Works
Commissioner for the Regulation of Utilities
EirGrid
Transport Infrastructure Ireland
Arts Council (A Comhairle Ealaíon)
Failte Ireland
An Taisce
Heritage Council

Name
Regional Planning Authority (Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly)
Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) - formerly Regional Fisheries Boards
Sea Fisheries Protection Authority
Commissioners for Irish Lights
Marine Survey Office
Marine Institute
Waterways Ireland
Irish Aviation Authority
Any relevant Airport Operators (Baldonnell/Casement, Dublin, Newcastle, Weston)
CIE (Coras Iompar Éireann) Main
CIE (Coras Iompar Éireann) Irish Rail
CIE (Coras Iompar Éireann) Dublin Bus
Railway Safety Commissioner (Commission for Railway Regulation)
National Transport Authority (which subsumed the Dublin Transportation Office)
Minister for Defence
Health and Safety Authority
Irish Coast Guard
Bats Conservation Ireland
Birdwatch Ireland
Coastwatch Europe
Irish Seal Sanctuary
Irish Whales and Dolphin Group
Irish Wildlife Trust
Geological Survey of Ireland and Irish Geological Heritage Programme
An Bord Pleanála
Met Eireann
Universities and other third level institutions (relevant research projects)
Bord Iascaigh Mhara

Name
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber of Commerce
Bray and District Chamber of Commerce (covers Bray, Arklow, Wicklow and Greystones)
Wicklow Chamber of Commerce
Clontarf Business Association
Dublin Chamber of Commerce
Fingal Chamber of Commerce
Dalkey Community Council
Save our Seafront
Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association
Coastal Concern Alliance
Flossie and the Beach Cleaners
Minister for Finance
Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment
Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform
Enterprise Ireland
Economic and Social Research Institute
Irish South and West Fish Producers Organisation
Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation
Irish Fish Producers Organisation
Anglo North Irish Fish Producers Organisation
Northern Ireland Fish Producers Organisation
National Inshore Fisheries Association
Irish South and East Fish Producers Organisation
Northwestern Waters Advisory Council
National Inshore Fisheries Forum
North East Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum
South East Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum
Irish Naval Service
Irish Tourist Industry Confederation

Name
Seapoint Rugby Club
Ballybrack Football Club
Cabinteely Football Club
Foxrock Cabinteely GAA Club
Cabinteely Athletic Club
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Poolbeg Yacht & Boat Club
St. Patricks Rowing Club
Omega Sub Aqua
RNLI
Teagasc
Bord Gais
Gaslink (this is Gas Networks Ireland)
Eircom
ESB, ESBI, ESB Networks
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

Appendix 3: Examples of key Stakeholder Meetings

Date	Contact	Organisation	Attendees
18/09/2020	Black, Declan	Marine Survey Office	Paul Kelly, Declan Black
08/10/2020	O'Toole, Micháel	Irish Coast Guard	
23/10/2020	Moloney, Martin		Jamie May, Marin Moloney
29/10/2020	Curran, Frank	Wicklow County Council	Paul Kelly, Peter Lefroy, Breege Kilkenny, Cllr Derek Mitchell, Sorch Walsh, Kate Dempsey, Peir Leonard, Peter Lefroy, Roy Conway, Tim Greenwood, Billy-Arklow Marine Services, Susan Nichols, Kristoper Calder, Adrian Bell, Lorcan O'Toole, Christine Flood, Liam, Simon Greenwood, Paul Doherty, David Forde, Marc Devereux, Susan Nichols, Paul Ivory, Pat O'Suilleabhain and Lorraine Gallagher
05/11/2020	Planning Manager, Environmental	Fáilte Ireland	Eda Martin, Paul Kelly, Shane Dineen, Yvonne Jackson
06/11/2020	Matthews, Steven	Green Party TD	Eda Martin, Paul Kelly, Peter Lefroy, Steven Matthews
20/11/2020	Mitchell, Derek		Peter Lefroy and Paul Kelly, Daragh Cafferky (Chair of Combined Clubs Greystones Harbour)
24/11/2020	Carroll Jennifer MacNeill,	DLR TD	Paul Kelly, Peter Lefroy, Eda Martin, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill

01/12/2020	Berrow, Simon	Irish Whale & Dolphin Group	Paul Kelly, Gill Moore, Simon Barrow & Partick Lyne from IWDG. Also, Cormac Booth (SMRU), Sarah Strong (GoBe)
08/12/2020		Bray Municipal District council	Paul Kelly, Cllr Anne Ferris, Cllr Melanie Corrigan, Cllr Joe Behan, Cllr Dermot O Briend, Cllr Rory O Connor
10/12/2020	Creedon, Mary	RNLI Dun Laoghaire	Eda Martin, Mary Creedon (Community engagement), Peter Harty (Area lifesaving manager)
15/12/2020	Sinéad Healy	Dublin Chamber of Commerce	Eda Martin, Sinéad Healy (Dublin Chamber Sustainability Manager)
16/12/2020	Carroll Jennifer MacNeill,	DLR TD	Paul Kelly, Peter Lefroy, Eda Martin, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD, Cllr Jim Gildea Cllr Marie Baker, Cllr Mary Fayne, Cllr Lorraine Hall.
08/01/2021	King, Stuart	West Coast Sea Products	Stuart King and Dougie (vessel skipper), Mike Fitzpatrick & Gill Moore
26/01/2021	Healy, Sinéad	Dublin Chamber of Commerce	Eda Martin, Sinéad Healy (Dublin Chamber Sustainability Manager), Catherine Moroney, Head of Business Banking AIB, Paul Boylan-Co Founder of Vivid Edge, Gary O'Callaghan- CEO Siemens, Margot Slattery - Global Head of D&I Sodexo, Tony O'Malley- CEO Fujitsu, Paul Hallam -

			Associate Director PM Group, Mark Teevan- Head of Innovation and Change Toyota (Chairperson Hydrogen Mobility Ireland), Niamh Boyle - MD Reputations Agency, Regina O'Connor - Snr VP Global Head of Government AXA XL.
28/01/2021	Devine-Wright, Patrick		Paul Kelly, Peter Lefroy, Eda Martin, Patrick Devine-Wright
15/02/2021	Scully, Ciara		Ciara Scully, Eda Martin
18/02/2021	Sav, Simone	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Public Participation Network (PPN)	Eda Martin, Simone Sav
15/03/2021	Member of public	NA	Eda Martin, Katy Woodington, member of public. RESS discussion
16/03/2021	Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber of Commerce	Eda Martin, Gabby Mallon
18/03/2021	Supplier	GE Wind	Jamie May, Tim Sheehan
22/04/2021	Lorraine Hall	Fine Gael	Cllrs Lorraine Hall, Deputy Jennifer Carroll MacNeil, Senator Barry Ward, Peter Lefroy, Eda Martin, Paul Kelly. Attended by Labour members from Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.
14/05/2021	Member of public	NA	Katy Woodington. Meeting requested by member of public to discuss CBF.
14/05/2021	Gabby Mallon	DLR Chamber of Commerce	Eda Martin, Liam Madden, Dan Mulcahy. DLR Chamber B2B event with Eda Martin doing

			'meet the expert' slot.
06/07/2021	Simone Sav	DLR PPN	Eda Martin, Simone Sav
07/07/2021	Cormac Devlin	Fianna Fáil	Deputy Cormac Devlin, Eda Martin, Peter Lefroy, Paul Kelly
08/07/2021	Clare Sheehan	St Michael's Rowing Club	Gill Moore, Eda Martin, Clare Sheehan, Brenda White
08/07/2021	Dave Lawless	DLRCC Tourism	Eda Martin, Dave Lawless
17/08/2021	Marian O Shea	Monkstown Tidy Towns	Marian O Shea (Chair), Christine Magee, Paula Corcoran
09/09/2021	Patricia Kiersey	Shankill Community Area Newsletter (SCAN)	Patricia Kiersey, Margaret Dromay, Eda Martin
17/09/2021	Ossian Smyth	Elected Representatives	Ossian Smyth TD, Steven Matthews TD, Peter Lefroy, Paul Kelly, Eda Martin
23/09/2021	Patrick Davey	Shankill Action for a Green Earth (SAGE)	Patrick Davey, Kathie Davey, Patti Meek, Justin Kilcullen, Bríd Meehan, Cora Plant, Eda Martin, Peter Lefroy, Paul Kelly
15/12/2021	Paal Janson	Irish Marine Federation	Paal Janson, Eda Martin, Peter Lefroy, Paul Kelly
6/10/2022	Member of public	Local resident in Shanganagh Area	Teams call with Paul Kelly and Emma Gilleece
24/08/2022	Gus Cullen	Fisheries Working Group	Paul Kelly, Gill Moore, Mike Fitzpatrick, Emma Gilleece, Gus Cullen, John Lynch, Ruairi O Cathain, Charlie Featherstone, Peter Ryan, Alan Fanning
15/02/2023	Dr Katja Bruisch	TCD Environmental Humanities Students	Emma Gilleece, Dr Katja Bruisch and MPhil students

17/02/2023	TCD student	Undergraduate Students	Teams call with Paul Kelly and Emma Gilleece
20/03/2023	Inma Montes	Killiney Bay Community Council (KBCC)	Eda Martin, Paul Kelly, Gill Moore, Barbara Gerstenberger, Rosemary Kevany, Seana Kevany, Roslyn Shaw, Inma Montes
20/03/2023	Loman Brady	Shanganagh Community Garden Committee	Emma Gilleece, Pamela Brady, Loman Brady, Finbar O'Leary, Alison Fulluck, Cormac Becton
4/04/2023	Christine Flood	Bray Municipal District	Emma Gilleece, Paul Kelly, Linda Healy and Bray Municipal District Councillors
18/04/2023	Member of public	Local resident	Lee Thomas, Ciara Conboy Fischer, local resident
20/06/2023	Eilish Harrington	Fingal Leader Partnership	Katy Woodington, Eda Martin, Eilish Harrington
20/06/2023	Aidan Blighe	DLRCC Management team	Peter Lefroy, Paul Kelly, Eda Martin, Katy Woodington, Suze Proctor, Frank Curran, Aidan Blighe, Stephen Brady, Therese Langan, Helena Cunningham, Catherine Kennan, Stephen Brady, Paul Kennedy, Anne Devine, Conall Bergin
04/07/2023	Lorraine Gallagher	Wicklow CoCo Management Team	Eda Martin, Paul Kelly, Peter Lefroy, Katy Woodington, Lorraine Gallagher, Emer O Gorman, Michael Nicholson, Leonora Earls, Joe Lane, Brian Gleeson, Dorothy Kennedy
24/07/2023	Lorraine Hall	Fine Gael DLR Councillors	Eda Martin, Peter Lefroy, Ciara

			Conboy-Fischer, Gill Moore, Lorraine Hall, Marie Baker, Mary Fayne, Barry Saul, Jim Gildea
12/10/2023	Carrie Smyth	Labour Councillors	DLR Peter Lefroy, Paul Kelly, Katy Woodington, Carrie Smyth, Lettie McCarthy, Denis O Callaghan, Martha Fanning
19/01/2024	Member of Public	Local residents	Emma Gilleece & Ciara Conboy- Fischer
26/06/2024	Shanganagh / Killiney	DLR Council members	Vanessa O' Connell Seán Grace, Paul Kelly, Emma Gilleece, Ciara Conboy- Fischer, Aoife Reynolds, Carrie Smyth, Jim Gildea, Lauren Tuite, Paul O Keefe
11/07/2024	Shanganagh / Killiney (On-site)	DLR Council Members	Seán Grace, Ciara Conboy-Fischer, Carrie Smyth, Jim Gildea, Lauren Tuite, Melissa Halphin (Representing Dave O Keefe)
01/08/2024	Sandyford/Glencullen	DLR Council members	Vanessa O' Connell Seán Grace, Paul Kelly Tony Murphy
14/08/2024	Cllr Hugh Lewis	DLR Council members	Ciara Conboy- Fischer, Seán Grace, Hugh Lewis
05/09/2024	Dún Laoighaire	DLR Council members	Vanessa O' Connell Seán Grace, Paul Kelly, Emma Gilleece, Lorraine Hall, JP Durkin, Tom Kivlehan, Melissa Halpin (rep).
24/10/2024	Dún Laoighaire / Skills Event	DLR Council members	Seán Grace Justin Moylan, Mary Fayne, Tom Kivlehan, Ossian Smyth TD
30/10/2024	Community Climate Action Officer	DLRCC Staff Member	Cynthia O Mahony, Seán Grace

21/11/2024	DLR SEAI Regional Mentor	SEAI	Seán Grace, Gavin Harte
26/11/2024	DLRCC Senior Management Team/CEO	DLRCC	Seán Grace, Paul Kelly, Aoife Reynolds, Ciara Conboy-Fischer, Representatives of the DLRCC Senior Management Team and Chief Executive Officer.
03/12/2024	Chairperson	Shanganagh Community Gardens / Men's Shed & DLRCC	Finbarr O' Leary, Seán Grace, DLRCC Community Worker, Men's Shed Representative, Shanganagh Community Gardens Chairperson
04/12/2024	Secretary	Dún Laoghaire Central Residents Association (DLCRA)	Seán Grace, DLCRA Secretary

Appendix 4: Media Advertisements

A. Foreshore Licence 1 Application 2019:

Irish Times 16th October 2019

THE IRISH TIMES
Wednesday, October 16, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Bray	Convent Avenue, Bray, County Wicklow, A98 EO93
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Wicklow	Bachelor's Walk, Wicklow, County Wicklow, A67 HK20

The documentation is available on the Department's website
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 Unit 5 Desart House,
 Lower New Street,
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PLANNING

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PLANNING

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
SK Design on behalf of Brian Walsh & Samantha O'Brien seeks full planning permission to demolish existing dwelling and attached shed, permission to construct a replacement dwelling along with effluent disposal system to comply with current EPA guidelines, upgrading existing entrance and associated works at Ballybeg, Ballinglen, Co Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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Flynn planning and design services (johnnglynnplanning@gmail.com 0870555929) seeks Full planning permission on behalf of Jim Tuohy for New dwelling, bored well, effluent disposal system to EPA guidelines 2009 forming new vehicular entrance on to existing driveway and associated siteworks at Killough Upper Kilmacanogue Co Wicklow.. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council.

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PLANNING

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
SK Design on behalf of Brian Walsh & Samantha O'Brien seeks full planning permission to demolish existing dwelling and attached shed, permission to construct a replacement dwelling along with effluent disposal system to comply with current EPA guidelines, upgrading existing entrance and associated works at Ballybeg, Ballinglen, Co Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
Flynn planning and design services (johnnglynnplanning@gmail.com 0870555929) seeks Full planning permission on behalf of Jim Tuohy for New dwelling, bored well, effluent disposal system to EPA guidelines 2009 forming new vehicular entrance on to existing driveway and associated site works at Killough Upper Kilmacanogue Co Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR A FORESHORE LICENCE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 19 of the Foreshore Act, 1933 that Innogy Renewables (Ireland) Limited, Unit 5, Dessart House, Lower New Street, Kilkenny has applied to the Minister of Housing, Planning and Local Government for a licence under Section 3 of the said Act for the completion of geophysical, geotechnical, ecological, wind resource and meteorological surveys adjacent the coast of Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County and Wicklow County associated with a proposed offshore wind farm located at the Kish and Bray Banks.

A copy of the application, and the relevant maps, plans, and drawings, are available for inspection for the next 21 working days, free of charge, at the following Garda stations:

Shankill	Donney Court, Shankill, Dublin 18, D18 CD50
Dún Laoghaire	Conry Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin, A96 N299
Blackrock	15 Sweetman's Avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin, A04 X660
Clontarf	Strandville Avenue East, Clontarf, Dublin 3, D03 F446
Irishtown	Irishtown Road, Irishtown, Dublin 4, D04 YE33
Pearse Street	1-6 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 W269
Howth	8 Dunbo Hill, Howth, County Dublin, D13 YR70 (7am-9pm)
Bray	Convent Avenue, Bray, County Wicklow, A96 E093
Greystones	Marine Terrace, Greystones, County Wicklow, A63 N466
Wicklow	Bachelor's Walk, Wicklow, County Wicklow, A67 HK20

The documentation is available on the Department's website
<http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/applications/overview>

Any person who wishes to make an objection to, or a representation in respect of the grant of the licence sought should do so in writing, giving reasons, within 21 working days of publication of this Notice (quoting ref: FS007029), to Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or foreshore@housing.gov.ie. The closing date for submissions is close of business on Monday 18 November 2019.

All objections and representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment prior to any decision being made in the matter. Material upon which the Minister shall determine this application may be published on the Department's website. In this regard the Department wishes to draw attention to its policy on defamatory material that may be contained in submissions it receives, which may be found at: <http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/public-participation-foreshore-consent-process>

Dated this 16th day of October, 2019
Innogy Renewables (Ireland) Limited
Unit 5 Dessart House, Lower New Street, Kilkenny

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B. Autumn 2020 Public Consultation:

The following advertisements were published in five different editions of each newspaper.

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Bray Boxing Club.

Pete Taylor seeks injunction to halt eviction from club

Well known boxing coach Pete Taylor is seeking a High Court injunction preventing Wicklow County Council from evicting him and Bray Boxing Club from the premises it has used for 33 years.

Mr Taylor, who is the father of Olympic and World Champion boxer Katie Taylor, claims the council is illegally wrongfully trying to remove him and the club from a facility located at the Harbour Shed, Bray.

Represented by Richard Kean SC, with Gareth Robinson BL instructed by solicitor Georgina Robinson, Mr Taylor and the club have brought proceedings against Wicklow County Council which owns the facility.

The claim was brought after the council allegedly changed the locks on the premises in June 2018 after three people, including Mr Taylor, were shot at the gym. One of those shot, Mr Bobby Mossitt, was killed in the incident.

Mr Taylor, the club and its members have been out of the facility since then.

At the High Court on Friday Mr Kean said in 2005 Mr Taylor secured the use of the premises, which had been used as a store shed by the local authority, for use as a boxing gym.

When it was taken over the premises lacked basic facilities.

Over the years the club, which has produced some top boxers including Katie Taylor, has enhanced and equipped the facility with the help of a sports capital grant.

In a sworn statement to the court Mr Taylor said in 2017 the council sought a large increase in the annual rent it charged for the premises, which he thought was unfair given the facilities benefit to the local community.

In June 2018 Mr Taylor said a violent incident occurred at the premises when a club member was shot and killed, another injured and he was shot in the arm.

The court heard that Mr Taylor was 'the innocent victim of a violent incident'. A few days later it is claimed that without prior warning the council changed the locks at the premises.

It is claimed that the council informed the club that it proposed to take possession of it and have it cleaned, fixed and restored for use as a sports facility.

Mr Taylor claims that the council used that violent incident as a 'smokescreen to unlawfully evict' him and the club from the premises.

He says that it was always his intention to return and operate the club as previously and the council was not entitled to re-take the property in the manner in which it has done for many years.

Despite attempts to resolve matters the plaintiffs say they have been unable to re-gain entry to the property and several club members have had to make alternative arrangements.

Arising out of the council's alleged actions Mr Taylor and the club, of which he is a director sued the Council.

Those proceedings are on-going and are due before the High Court later this month where his clients seeking judgement against the council in default over its alleged failure filing a defence to the claim.

Earlier this month Mr Taylor said he discovered that the council had posted an eviction notice outside the premises giving the club and Mr Taylor 30 days to vacate the premises.

Mr Taylor added in his statement that by serving the eviction notice the council is trying to circumvent and interfere with the ongoing legal action.

At the court Mr Kean said the club would not be able to source an alternative venue to store its equipment, which remains in the premises, during the level 5 lockdown.

As a result, Mr Taylor and the club seek an injunction preventing the council from terminating their legal interests in the club in the absence of a properly obtained court order.

The plaintiffs further seek an order from the court allowing them to re-enter the premises as well as declarations that the council is prevented from illegally evicting Mr Taylor and the club from the gym.

The matter came before Ms Justice Leonie Keogh who, following an ex-parte application, granted the plaintiffs permission to serve short notice of the injunction application on the council.

The matter will return before the court later this month.



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Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm

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NEWS 3



An artist's drawing of the proposed greenway.

Frustration as no money for greenway

NO ALLOCATION FOR GREENWAY FROM WICKLOW TO GREYSTONES

By MYLES BUCHANAN

THE Chair of the East Coast Greenway Group has expressed his frustration that plans for a greenway from Wicklow town to Greystones haven't received an allocation under the latest tranche of Government funding, despite over 16,000 people signing up to a petition in support of the project.

The Department of Transport confirmed this week that €63.5m in funding will be shared amongst 15 greenway developments across Ireland, including Blessington Greenway. However, the planned East Coast Greenway has once again missed out on funding.

The 'Wicklow Town Team' has been leading the initiative and formed a East Coast Greenway sub-group, chaired by Ciarán Lally.

He said: 'As a committee, we are extremely disappointed with the lack of progress on the East Coast Greenway to Rath Wicklow town and Greystones. W.S. Atkins submitted a very favourable feasibility study report to Wicklow County Council well over a year ago, along with a follow up sand dune survey.

'The next stage is to prepare an Environmental Impact study as part of a full planning application. We believe that the planning application prepara-

tion will take 18 to 24 months, so every delay only adds to the time involved to see this project to fruition. Wicklow County Council do not have the funds required to move the project forward, so we are urging help from Government.

'We have been in constant contact with all Wicklow TDs for over three years now and have spoken to them all in the recent weeks and months, to plead with them to help Wicklow County Council to secure the funding to progress the Environmental Impact Study and planning application. It is extremely frustrating to see greenway's being progressed all over the country, while the East Coast Greenway continues to be left behind.'

Mr Lally is calling on local Wicklow TDs to put pressure on the Government to release funding so the development of the greenway isn't stalled any further.

He said: 'Our TDs are broadly supportive of the project, of course assuming there is no negative environmental impact, but we need to see decisive action and funding allocated. The people of Wicklow are extremely supportive of the project and want to see it happen - as evidenced by the fact that over 16,000 people have signed our petition - but are getting frustrated at the pace of progress.

'Somebody stopped me on the street recently to ask about progress and said 'if a Greenway in Mayo or Kerry was looking for support, and they had two senior cabinet members in their constituency like we have, not only would they have the funding in place - the damn

thing would already be built!'

'We really hope our local Ministers and TDs can get behind the project with positive actions and not just positive soundbites. The economic and health benefits to all towns and villages along the route are beyond question. It is time for action.'

Mr Lally also passed on his congratulations to the team behind Blessington Greenway who secured €6.4 million in funding through the latest Government allocation.

'They have worked very hard for a number of years to secure this funding, and we are delighted to see their efforts finally rewarded.'

Cllr John Snell, the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow Municipal District, believes not including the East Coast Greenway in the latest funding allocation was a missed opportunity by the Government.

'It's very disappointing. A lot of work has gone into the project behind the scenes. A sub-committee was established to move the Greenway along and the Wicklow Town Team and the Local Authority have been very supportive. Unfortunately, without any funding, it's just a project on paper and paper alone. Other counties have shown the tourism potential that can spiral from investment into greenways on a national level. We all know that the east coast is the jewel in the Wicklow crown, but it needs investment for things to proceed. The planned greenway would increase tourist potential and the footfall created by visitors to the county would have obvious economic benefits.'

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COUNCIL SEEKING PEOPLE'S VIEWS

Plan to close Dame St to traffic resurfaces

SYLVIA POWNALL

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DUBLIN City Council is asking people for their views on fresh plans to pedestrianise Dame Street.

The proposal is part of the College Green Place project which was turned down by An Bord Pleanála in 2018.

But in light of the new bus lanes plan the local authority says Dame Street would no longer have to allow for traffic.

A number of trial days have already taken place in the area over weekends and on Culture Night. The consultation is open until January 15, 2021.

Green Party Cllr Janet Horne said the plans offer the opportunity for improved access to the city centre.

She said: "If you look at College Green, it's a very pedestrian-friendly place for people to cycle through. It's very dangerous to cycle through. It's unpleasant to walk through, the public transport system remains used but it's not there."

"I think the plans that are being brought forward now are looking at how to improve access for those people, to make it a safe, much more comfortable experience and give this huge amenity back to the city."

"We've been assured by the council that access will be maintained to the car parks, disability access will be maintained and the bus routes will be able to continue to run through the city."

The public now has another chance to voice and provide feedback on the Bus Connects plan which will see 230km of bus lanes and 200km of cycle lanes rolled out across the city.

Under the plans cycling infrastructure will be upgraded, and traffic will be prohibited from accessing Templeogue village from Templeogue.

Submissions and general queries on the revised plan can be sent to city@dublincity.ie. There will also be a free phone number: 1800 303 653.

Controversial plans involve widening roads by cutting down mature trees and cutting away at some people's gardens.

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The public are being asked to have their say on the plans for Dame Street

Tributes paid to young man (26) who died after tragic fall

THOUSANDS have flooded in to a young man who died in a tragic accident last weekend, after falling from a building in Dublin.

Donal Conboy, 26, was not running in Driscoll's as part of the fundraising, when he fell and hit his head in the shock accident.

His brother, Claran, shared news of his passing on social media in a heart-felt post.

He wrote: "On Friday night my good brother Donal passed away at the age of 26. Donal is the most beautiful, funny and witty guy and there isn't any words good enough to do him justice. "The so being to be able to call him my brother."



Donal, a security analyst for software company Edgeline, attended on Tuesday following news of his passing, with his

brother Claran, shared a tribute to the young man on Facebook, calling him 'honey to the bone'.

Byline wrote: "He was our friend, our brother, someone who always cheered you up. It was the one you always enjoyed having a pint with."

"He was funny to the bone. [Edgeline] are like a family. Donal was the bright brother that brings a colour."

He is survived by his brother Claran, his mother, Una, and his siblings, Siobhán, Claran and Alan.



www.dlr.ie

DECLARATION OF BRAMBLEDOWN, GLENAMUCK ROAD, CARRICKMINES, CO. DUBLIN TO BE MADE PUBLIC

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to consider the making of a declaration that open space, roads, footpaths, public lighting, surface water sewer, fuel sewer and watermain in Brambledown, Glenamuck Road, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin hereunder be made public.

A map showing the area may be inspected at the Planning Counter, Level 1, County Hall, 100m Loughmore during office hours 10.00 am - 4.00 pm (including lunchtime), Monday to Friday from Friday 15th November 2020 to Friday 8th January 2021 inclusive. Please note that due to restrictions related to Covid-19, all viewings are currently by appointment only. They will also be available to inspect on the Council's online consultation hub - Green Space - via the Council's website: www.dlr.ie

Alternatively, appointments can also be made to view the map at the Council's Dundrum Office, Main Street, Dundrum during office hours 9.30 am - 4.30 pm and 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm from Monday to Friday from Friday 15th November 2020 to Friday 8th January 2021 inclusive.

Objections or representations may be made in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, 100m Loughmore, Co. Dublin, or via Green Space at www.dlr.ie

The latest date for receipt of objections or representations is 4.00 pm on Friday 8th January 2021.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, 100m Loughmore, Co. Dublin, Ireland
Contact: Cathal O'Leary, Tel: 01-274 6100, Fax: 01-274 6101, Email: info@dlr.ie, Web: www.dlr.ie

Hotel offers Covid-19 testing

THE Carlton Hotel at Dublin Airport is now offering Covid-19 testing to guests both pre and post flights. The 'Test, Rest & Fly' package includes an overnight stay, breakfast and a Covid-19 test. Carlton has partnered with Vida Care, an Irish healthcare provider located on the grounds of the hotel, to provide the testing system and peace of mind for passengers flying to and from Dublin Airport.

Passengers can make a reservation on www.carltondublinairport.com. A swab is taken from both the nose and throat and sent to a HSE accredited lab for analysis. With next day delivery of the results, guests receive them via SMS and email which will include their full test result certificate to travel.



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C. Foreshore Licence FS007029 Determination

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DOGS: LOCAL COUNCILLER WELCOMES MOVE FOLLOWING GARDA PROBE INTO ACTIONS

Council seeks move from Ashton Dog Pound

A MOVE BY Fingal County Council (FCC) to cease its involvement with Ashton Dog Pound has been welcomed.

Last week the local authority began the process of seeking "marketing soundings" for dog warden and dog shelter services.

Its current contract with Ashton, which is under investigation by gardai for alleged animal cruelty, is due to end in September.

FCC has published a Request for Information (RFI) to gauge interest from contractors to deliver either the warden or pound service, or both together, for the next five years.

Independent Cllr Tania Doyle, who has lobbied the council for several years urging an alterna-



tive contractor for dog services, welcomed the move. She told DublinGazette: "I strongly welcome this

departure from existing protocols and procurement policy and procedure.

"The welfare and care of all animals is my priority. I've never hidden that and have been strongly advoc-

ating away from public view for the revision of how we approach the control and welfare of dogs.

"The welfare and care of all animals is my priority"

"I made a submission to a sub-committee who now have worked with vets and others to draw up a robust set of dog welfare requirements and these will be a key part of any contract to provide dog warden and dog shelter services."

"We have now reached a point where Fingal needs to provide these important services itself as it will lead to greater oversight and better outcomes."

Gardaí launched a probe last year on foot of information alleging that

a controlled drug was incorrectly administered to dogs by untrained staff. Earlier this month staff and management at Ashton Pound in west Dublin were questioned.

In a statement Fingal County Council said: "At present Fingal's dog warden and dog shelter services are operated under a regional arrangement with the other three Dublin local authorities."

"Having carried out a review of its dog warden and dog shelter arrangements, Fingal County Council has decided to establish its own independent arrangement for the provision of these services."

The Request for Information Notice can be viewed at <https://fcl.eu-supply.com/ctn/Supplies/PublicPurchase/181868>

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

The Minister of State, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with special responsibility for Planning and Local Government ("the Minister") hereby gives notice that he has determined an application dated 26 September 2019 for a licence under Section 3 of the Foreshore Act, 1933 (as amended) made by RWE Renewables Ireland Limited ("the Applicant") for the purpose of undertaking surveys to provide supplementary environmental information to inform the preliminary design for a proposed wind farm array and ancillary infrastructure in the vicinity of the Kish and Bray Banks (Application Reference Number FS007029).

DETERMINATION

The Minister has determined pursuant to the provisions of the Foreshore Act, 1933 (as amended) to grant a Foreshore Licence to the Applicant in respect of the activities described in the application, subject to the conditions set out in the Foreshore Licence, and has affixed his seal thereto.

MAIN REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The Minister has had regard to the following matters in determining the application for a Foreshore Licence:

- the application for the Foreshore Licence together with accompanying materials;
- the submissions received from prescribed bodies and the applicant's responses;
- the submissions received during the public consultation and the applicant's responses;
- the consent conditions to be attached to the Foreshore Licence, if granted; and
- the nature of the proposal and its objective;
- the appropriate assessment of the proposed activities under domestic and EU law, including the Birds Directive and the Habitats Directive, and its conclusions and recommendations in this regard;
- the screening for environmental impact assessment of the proposed works under domestic and EU law, including the EIA Directive, and its conclusions and recommendations in this regard;
- the environmental assessment of the proposed works by the

Marine Licence Vetting Committee ("MLVC") under domestic and EU law, including the Birds and Habitats Directives, and its conclusions and recommendations in this regard; and

■ the advice of the Marine Environment and Foreshore Section of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Having had regard to the foregoing, and in particular having regard to the consent conditions attached to the Foreshore Licence, and having agreed with the MLVC, the Minister is satisfied (i) that the proposed activities on the foreshore would not have significant impacts on human health and safety, (ii) that the proposed activities on the foreshore would not have a significant impact on the marine environment or the adjacent European Sites; and (iii) that it is in the public interest to grant the Foreshore Licence having regard to the nature of the proposal.

The following information is available on the website of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/eb99-jnnggy-site-investigation-dublin-array-at-kish-and-bray-banks>

- Notice of Determination;
- Report of the Marine Licence Vetting Committee;
- information on the public participation process, including copies of all submissions received and the applicant's responses to those submissions;
- Submissions made by prescribed bodies and the applicant's responses to those submissions;
- Application for a Foreshore Licence together with supporting materials;
- Appropriate Assessment; and
- EIA Screening

This material may also be inspected free of charge at the following office of the Department:

Foreshore Section,
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage,
Newtown Road,
Wexford

Tel: 1890 20 20 21
Email: foreshore@housing.gov.ie

REVIEW PROCEDURE

A review procedure is available before the High Court whereby the substantive or procedural legality of the Minister's determination may be challenged. The review procedure is governed by Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts, 1986 (S.I. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. 691 of 2011). A person wishing to avail of the review procedure must first file (i) a statement of grounds; and (ii) a verifying affidavit, in the Central Office of the High Court. It is then necessary to make an ex parte application for leave to a judge of the High Court.

An application for leave to apply for judicial review is required to be made promptly and in any event within three months from the date when grounds for the application first arose, unless the Court considers, among other things, that there is good and sufficient reason for extending the period within which the application shall be made. The time-limit for such a review begins to run from the date of the grant of the Foreshore Licence, being 26 January 2021. Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from the Citizens Information Board, Ground Floor, George's Quay House, 43 Townsend Street, Dublin 2.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 50B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as inserted by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2010), the special rules that apply in respect of the legal costs of judicial review proceedings based on European Environmental Law may apply to the judicial review proceedings. The general rule is that each party bears its own costs, irrespective of the outcome of the judicial review proceedings. The High Court retains discretion, however, to award costs in certain cases. The full text of Section 50B is available at:

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2010/en/act/pub/0030/sec0033.htm#sec33> and
<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2011/en/act/pub/0020/sec0021.htm#sec21>

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NEWS 11

Message in a bottle campaign

By MYLES RICHANAN

MANY associate 'Message in a Bottle' as a bit of a gimmick. The Police in 1979 lost Wicklow and District Lines have added their very own own meaning to the phrase.

The premise behind the 'Message in a Bottle' campaign is to keep their basic personal and medical details in a convenient place, where, in cases of emergency, the Emergency Services can easily access them. The information required is very basic but necessary.

The kit comes complete with a small plastic bottle, a form, and three labels. Just complete the short information form with some basic personal information and place it inside the bottle. Stick the three green cross-stick adhesive labels on the front and back doors and over the external household bridge.

In the event of an accident or incident within the house, the first responder or emergency services on the scene will be alerted to the bottle by the label on the door. The bottle can then be located by the attending service.

Wicklow and District Lines President Sean O'Shea said: "This exciting project is provided because of the commitment of Wicklow Lines Club to serving the community and the generous support of the community. All Lines members are volunteers and every cent collected goes directly to the various projects and services. It will also be available to Meals on Wheels and Senior Citizens Groups."

Those who will benefit the most are older people, people not in good health, those living alone or with life threatening conditions or allergies, people with disabilities, Parkinson's, Dementia, Fire-fighters and Biological Accident and Emergency staff. Contact any member of the Lines for further information or text 090-9430843.

Burglars prey on unsecured properties

GARDIAN from the Wicklow District are advising home owners to remain vigilant over the winter months when burglaries generally increase by 35 per cent.

There have been a number of burglaries which have taken place within the district over recent weeks which saw burglars enter premises from unsecured windows and doors.

The burglars of took place in the evening hours or late at night.

Over 40 per cent of burglaries during winter occur during 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. and in 39 per cent of burglaries, entry is gained through an unsecured door or window.

To prevent burglaries, the general public are asked to secure all doors and windows and to light up your home using timer switches when out. House owners keep safely and away from windows and doors, don't keep large cash amounts at home. Also use your alarm, more when at home.

Jewellery and cash are the most commonly stolen articles during burglaries. There were over 100 cases where car have been "bumped" through the last year in the past year.

Wicklow Meals on Wheels is feeding 80 people twice a week

around 40 people twice a week, most of which would be possible without the generosity of the general public.

Recently, Wicklow Meals on Wheels Treasurer Maureen Kavanagh was presented with a cheque for €100 from Jennifer Moore who organised a Quiz Night with her friends Don Boffa, Catherine Reynolds, Kate Boffa, Maria Kavanagh and family, Maria Boffa, Pauline Kavanagh, Maureen Casey and Thomas Kavanagh.

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DETERMINATION

The Minister has determined pursuant to the provisions of the Foreclosure Act, 1932 (as amended) to grant a Foreclosure Licence to the Applicant in respect of the activities described in the application, subject to the conditions set out in the Foreclosure Licence, and has affixed his seal thereto.

MAIN REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The Minister has had regard to the following matters in determining the application for a Foreclosure Licence:

- the application for the Foreclosure Licence together with accompanying materials;
- the submissions received from prescribed bodies and the applicant's responses;
- the submissions received during the public consultation and the applicant's responses;
- the consent conditions to be attached to the Foreclosure Licence, if granted; and
- the nature of the proposed and objectives;
- the appropriate assessment of the proposed activities under domestic and EU law, including the Birds Directive and the Habitats Directive, and its conclusions and recommendations in this regard;
- the screening for environmental impact assessment of the proposed works domestic and EU law, including the SEA Directive, and its conclusions and recommendations in this regard;
- the environmental assessment of the proposed works by the Marine Licence Vetting Committee ("MLVC") under domestic and EU law, including the SEA and Habitats Directives, and its conclusions and recommendations in this regard; and
- the advice of the Marine Environment and Foreclosure Section of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Having had regard to the foregoing, and in particular having regard to the consent conditions attached to the Foreclosure Licence, and having regard to the recommendation of the MLVC, the Minister is satisfied (i) that the proposed activities on the farm area will not have significant impacts on human health and safety, (ii) that the proposed activities on the farm area will not have a significant impact on the marine environment or the adjacent European Sites, and (iii) that it is in the public interest to grant the Foreclosure Licence having regard to the nature of the proposed.

The following information is available on the website of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage at: <https://www.gov.ie/en/housing-local-government-and-heritage/99-energy-site-investigation-dublin-array-at-kish-and-bray-banks>

- Notice of Determination;
- Report of the Marine Licence Vetting Committee;
- Information on the public participation process, including copies of all submissions received and the applicant's responses to these submissions;
- Submissions made by prescribed bodies and the applicant's responses to these submissions;
- Application for a Foreclosure Licence together with supporting materials;
- Appropriate Assessment; and
- SEA Screening.

This material may also be inspected free of charge at the following office of the Department:

Foreclosure Section
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
Newsworld Road
Wickford
Tel: 1800 26 26 21
Email: foreclosure@housing.gov.ie

REVIEW PROCEDURE

A review procedure is available before the High Court whereby the substantive or procedural legality of the Minister's determination may be challenged. The review procedure is governed by Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts, 1986 (S.I. 115 of 1986, as amended by S.I. 601 of 2011). A person wishing to seek a review of the Minister's determination must first file (i) a statement of grounds, and (ii) a verified affidavit, in the Central Office of the High Court. It is then necessary to make an ex parte application for leave to a judge of the High Court.

An application for leave to apply for judicial review is required to be made promptly and in any event within three months from the date when grounds for the application first arose, unless the Court considers, among other things, that there is good and sufficient reason for extending the period within which the application shall be made. The time limit for such a review begins to run from the date of the grant of the Foreclosure Licence, being 26 January 2021. Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from the Citizens Information Board, Ground Floor, George's Quay House, 42 Townsend Street, Dublin 2.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 10B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as inserted by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2015), the special rules that apply in respect of the legal costs of judicial review proceedings based on European Environmental Law may apply to the judicial review proceedings. The general rule is that each party bears its own costs, irrespective of the outcome of the judicial review proceedings. The High Court retains discretion, however, to award costs in certain cases. The full text of Section 10B is available at: <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2015/en/act/pubs/2015/act023/sect023.html#s23> and <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2015/en/act/pubs/2015/act023/sect023.html#s23>

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NEWS 11

Council order kitty hostel be demolished

By MARY POSEY

GREYSTONE KITT hostel has been instructed by Wicklow County Council to demolish its structure in the coming weeks.

The rescue and trap, rescue service was preparing to wind down activity due to the death of the gentleman who runs the property where it is located.

Kitty hostel operator Louise Coffey announced in December that her grandfather Raymond Coffey on whom land the residence stands in Killybegney, had sadly passed away. As the property will be sold, the service was being discontinued.

Louise specialises in the 'trapping, rescuing and rehoming' of adult feral cats. The location in Killybegney was provided for 30 feral cats after the council ordered the removal of a previous enclosure. 'My wonderful grandfather immediately came to me and gave me the use of the land behind his house where we could have private, safe, running water and electricity,' said Louise.

The January 1, she received a letter from Wicklow County Council ordering the removal of the structure. The letter said that the enclosure is in contravention of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.



Greystone Kitty Hostel's cat enclosure.

used as it exceeds 10 square metres. 'We have been very busy finding placements for the cats we have,' said Louise.

'Some special cats, some have special dietary needs and some are just plain lovable' she said that winding down can take some time as they will be in need of food, cleaning, medication, vaccinations and rehoming costs.

'In total, email louise@kittyhostel.com.

Louise thanked everyone for their support and said the support had made a real difference to the lives of the cats in her care.

'The purpose built enclosure could house approx 30 adult cats at any one time, giving them plenty of time to recover and find the most suitable homes in complete safety.

'These cats were brought in by our experienced team of volunteers who spend

three daily maintaining not only food, adequate shelter, and-dimensional keep such as stretching posts to keep their tails clean, clean their heads for dental health, introduce toys to keep them stimulated in a clean, warm and safe environment also making sure they have the regular grooming, medical and playtime of course.

Dedicated volunteers would also foster, take, socialise and adopt out ferals.

Open Door centre granted funding

OPEN Door day centre in Bray has been allocated funding of €10,000 for building work.

The funding was awarded to the Open Door centre as part of the latest round of successful applications to the €20 million Birmingham Disability Services Fund.

The Open Door Day Centre does provide an 'invaluable' important life line for adults with physical disabilities, said Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly.

The work they do such as teaching classes in computers, arts, music and crafts is absolutely fantastic.

'The centre not only provides work with a social outlet, but also gives people a break. He said that while the centre has had to shut its doors, again during Covid, hopefully they will be able to open up services again soon.

As the vaccines are rolled

out, we will be able to ensure vital services like Open Door are able to resume,' said Minister Donnelly.

Making sure the disability service gets the support it needs is a major priority for me and this Government which is why it is so welcome to see these grants starting to have a real impact.

The one-off grants are being provided to reform disability services, build the capacity of disability organisations and to improve the quality of life of those who rely on these services.

These grants are aimed at further bolstering voluntary disability service providers and help them meet the challenges they may face in delivering services.

Further grants for the sector are being assessed as present need will be assessed later in the month.

Road closures on the N11

ESSENTIAL maintenance work under way on the N11 this week with traffic management in place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

On Tuesday (Wednesday), there will be a full closure of the northbound lanes of the road with diversion via junction 1. On Tuesday (Thursday), the N11 northbound at Rathbarney Road will be closed with diversion via junction 1.

Earlier in the week there were closures between junction 10 and 11 at Newmarketdown.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

The Minister of State, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with special responsibility for Planning and Local Government ("the Minister") hereby gives notice that he has determined an application dated 26 September 2019 for a licence under Section 3 of the Foresters Act, 1933 (as amended) made by RMC Remediation Ireland Limited ("the Applicant") for the purpose of undertaking surveys to provide supplementary environmental information to inform the preliminary design for a proposed wind farm and ancillary infrastructure in the vicinity of the Kish and Bray Bays (Application Reference Number FSD01020).

DETERMINATION

The Minister has determined pursuant to the provisions of the Foresters Act, 1933 (as amended) to grant a Foresters Licence to the Applicant in respect of the activities described in the application, subject to the conditions set out in the Foresters Licence, and has effected his said determination.

MAIN REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The Minister has had regard to the following matters in determining the application for a Foresters Licence:

- the application for the Foresters Licence together with accompanying materials;
- the submissions received from prescribed bodies and the applicant's responses;
- the submissions received during the public consultation and the applicant's responses;
- the consent conditions to be attached to the Foresters Licence, if granted; and
- the nature of the proposed works and its objectives;
- the appropriate assessment of the proposed activities under domestic and EU law, including the Birds Directive and the Habitats Directive, and its conclusions and recommendations in the report;
- the screening for environmental impact assessment of the proposed works under domestic and EU law, including the EIA Directive, and its conclusions and recommendations in the report;
- the environmental assessment of the proposed works by the Marine Licence Vetting Committee ("MLVC") under domestic and EU law, including the EIA, Birds and Habitats Directives, and its conclusions and recommendations in this report; and
- the advice of the Marine Environment and Foresters Section of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Having had regard to the foregoing, and in particular having regard to the consent conditions attached to the Foresters Licence, and having regard to the recommendations of the MLVC, the Minister is satisfied that the proposed activities on the foresters would not have a significant impact on human health and safety; (2) that the proposed activities on the foresters would not have a significant impact on the marine environment or the adjacent European Sites; and (3) that it is in the public interest to grant the foresters licence having regard to the nature of the proposed.

The following information is available on the website of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/foresters-licence/rmc-remediation-ireland-foresters-licence-at-kish-and-bray-bays/>

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

- Report of the Marine Licence Vetting Committee;
- Information on the public participation process, including copies of all submissions received and the applicant's responses to those submissions;
- Submissions made by prescribed bodies and the applicant's responses to those submissions;
- Application for a Foresters Licence together with supporting materials;
- Appropriate Assessment; and
- EIA Screening.

This material may also be inspected free of charge at the following office of the Department:

Foresters Section
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
Newtown Road
Dublin 1

Tel: 1890 20 20 21

Email: foresters@housing.gov.ie

REVIEW PROCEDURE

A review procedure is available before the High Court whereby the substantive or procedural legality of the Minister's determination may be challenged. The review procedure is governed by Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts, 1986 (S.I. 13 of 1986, as amended by S.I. 697 of 2017). A person wishing to seek a review of the Minister's determination must first file (i) a statement of grounds, and (ii) a verified affidavit, in the Circuit Office of the High Court. It is then necessary to make an ex parte application for leave to a judge of the High Court.

An application for leave to apply for judicial review is required to be made promptly and in any event within three months from the date when grounds for the application first arise, unless the Court considers, among other things, that there is good and sufficient reason for extending the period within which the application shall be made. The time limit for such a review begins to run from the date of the grant of the Foresters Licence, being 29 January 2021. Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from the Citizens Information Board, Second Floor, George's Quay House, 43 Townsend Street, Dublin 2.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 50B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as inserted by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2010), the special rules that apply in respect of the legal costs of judicial review proceedings based on European Environmental Law may apply to the judicial review proceedings. The general rule is that each party bears its own costs, irrespective of the outcome of the judicial review proceedings. The High Court retains discretion, however, to award costs in certain cases. The full text of Section 50B is available at:

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2010/en/act/pub/0050/sec0050B.html#sec50B> and

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2011/en/act/pub/0029/sec0029I.html#sec29I>

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D. Foreshore Licence FS007188 Application (first round)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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APPLICATION FOR A FORESHORE LICENCE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 19 of the Foreshore Act, 1933 that RWE Renewables Ireland Ltd has applied to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a Foreshore Licence under Section 3 of the said Act.

The Foreshore Licence application is to undertake marine surveys in the area which includes the proposed Dublin Array wind farm site in the vicinity of the Miah and Bray Banks, potential export cable routes extending from within the array towards shore at three landfall options, in the regions of Portlaoise and Shanganagh, County Dublin and a wider ecological monitoring area. The ecological monitoring area extends approximately 16 km to the north and to the south of the proposed array boundary, to the limit of territorial waters to the east and adjoins the coast to the west in the constituencies of Fingal, Dublin City, Don Laughaire-Rathdown and Wicklow as shown below. This application is for the completion of geotechnical and geophysical site investigations and ecological, wind, wave and current monitoring to provide further data to refine the wind farm design, cable routing, landfall design and associated installation methodologies for Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm. The following are proposed:

Geophysical survey:	Geotechnical site investigations:	Wind, wave and current monitoring:	Ecological monitoring:
Bathymetric survey	Remotely	Floating LiDAR units	Static acoustic monitors
Side scan sonar	Cone penetration tests	Wave and current monitoring devices	Subtidal and intertidal
Sub-bottom profiling	Vibroseis		terrestrial ecology surveys
Marine magnetometer			Potting and travel surveys
Refraction survey			

The Foreshore Licence application area, where marine surveys are proposed, is shown in the map below. The key coordinates are provided in the table below:

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6	730653.732	720395.233
7	733957.242	720220.518
8	735733.48	688126.91
9	730891.117	688141.352
10	727368.599	728123.276
11	725296.705	729557.880
12	719253.713	732262.717
13	723971.693	736294.653
14	729624.601	736310.229

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4 copy of the application, and the relevant documents, maps, plans, and drawings, are available for inspection between 18 November 2021 and 17 December 2021, free of charge at:

- **Don Laughaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Main Road, Don Laughaire, Co. Dublin, A96 K8C0**
By appointment only, Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm. Phone: 01 285 4792; Email: info@drcc.ie
- **Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8**
By appointment only, Monday to Friday, Phone: 01 2223 114; Email: planning@dublincity.ie
- **Bray Library, Tighthead Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, A96 W627**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 8.30pm. Phone: (01) 286 2600; Email: braylib@wicksoco.ie
- **Greystones Library, Mill Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, A63 K952**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 8.30pm. Phone: (01) 287 3548; Email: greystlib@wicksoco.ie
- **Wicklow Library, The Mall, Main Street, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow, A67 K5D4**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 8.30pm. Phone: (0404) 67025; Email: wicklib@wicksoco.ie
- **Shankill Garda Station, Dorney Court, Shankill, Dublin 18, D18 C5D6**
- **Don Laughaire Garda Station, Corrig Avenue, Don Laughaire, County Dublin, A96 N299**
- **Blackrock Garda Station, 11 Sweetman's Avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin, A94 X840**
- **Clontarf Garda Station, Standville Avenue East, Clontarf, Dublin 3, D03 P448**
- **Inchbarn Garda Station, Inchbarn Road, Inchbarn, Dublin 4, D04 P533**
- **Pearse Street Garda Station, 1-4 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 W089**
- **Heath's Garda Station, 8 Dunsin Hill, Heath, County Dublin, D13 WRT0 (2nd floor)**
- **Wicklow Garda Station, Rochester's Walk, Wicklow, County Wicklow, A67 K9C0**

The documentation is available on the Department's website:
<https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/96843-5607188-rwe-renewables-ireland-foreshore-licence-application-for-the-proposed-dublin-array-wind-farm-development/>

Any person who wishes to make an objection to, or a representation in respect of the grant of the licence sought as part of this public consultation should do so in writing, giving reasons, between 18 November 2021 and 17 December 2021 (excluding the day of the grant of the licence) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newbrook Road, Woodford, Co. Wexford or foreshore@hlg.gov.ie

The closing date for submissions is close of business (17.30) on 17 December 2021.

All objections and representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment prior to any decision being made in the matter. Material upon which the Minister shall determine this application may be published on the Department's website. In this regard the Department wishes to draw attention to its policy on defamatory material that may be contained in submissions it receives, which may be found at <http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/public-participation-foreshore-consent-process>.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental Protection Agency
Act 1992 as amended.

Notice under Regulation 20 of the EPA (Industrial Emissions) (Enforcement) Regulations, 2012

Saint-Gobain Construction Products (Ireland) Limited, Unit 4, Kilsberry Business Park, Banger Road, Dublin 23, Dublin located in the townlands of Lonsdale, Kilsberry, Killy, County Meath and in the townlands of Knocknacran, Magharacknee, Drummond, Derrynacree, Derrynagh, Killycarran, Enagh, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, Reg. No. P0519-04, applied to the Agency for a review of the existing consent, Reg. No. P0519-03. On the 15 November 2021 the Agency proposed to grant a revised licence, subject to conditions, for Class 1.3 - The extraction and processing (including size reduction, grading and heating) of minerals within the meaning of the Minerals Development Act, 1940 to 1996, where an activity involves any other operation where either the level of extracted or processed minerals is greater than 300,000 tonnes per annum or the total operational yield is greater than 1,000,000 tonnes, and storage of related mineral waste. Class 11.1 - The recovery or disposal of waste in a facility, within the meaning of the Act of 1996, Class 11.5 - Landfills, within the meaning of section 5 (as amended by Regulation 1(1)) of the Waste Management (Certification of Historic, Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 324 of 2008) of the Act of 1996, involving more than 10 tonnes of waste per day or with a total capacity exceeding 25,000 tonnes, other than landfill of inert waste. An objection by any party must state the grounds for objection and be accompanied by the appropriate fee and be received online at www.epa.ie or in the Office of Environmental Sustainability, EPA Headquarters, P.O. Box 1000, Lonsdale, Castle Island, County Wexford by 5pm on 19 December 2021. Any person making an objection, may request an oral hearing of the objection. A request for an oral hearing must be accompanied by the appropriate fee and be received online at www.epa.ie or in writing, at the above address by the 13 December 2021. The proposed licence may be viewed at www.epa.ie or at the above address (Tel: 01 603 6000) or obtained there on payment of a fee of €3.95.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

ACCOMMODATION WANTED. LADY M's seeks 1 bed studio apartment or granny flat, to rent for €1000 p/m or less, anywhere Dublin outside inner city, must accept HAV. Ph: 085 7811656.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL - 1. Robert Wallin of Manaffra intend to apply for Permission for the modifications to the existing service yard at Building 2, Block K, Airport Avenue, Shannon Free Zone, Shannon, County Clare. The proposed development consists of permission for the relocation of the bin store (change of use as previously granted under planning reference P21-14), the construction of a new road to the existing bin store, construction of a single storey service building, the relocation and replacement of 3 m. gas enclosures with 8 m. gas enclosures and all associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or objection in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Forecasts by phone from the experts

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NEWS 9

Tidy Towns competition



Detailed monitoring of the whole river catchment has been undertaken with local schools and youth involved in studying life in the river. The community is playing an active role in improving water quality and removing impediments to fish in the river.

Patty Shields, Delgany Tidy Towns PRO said: "It's quite exciting for the group. There's lots of pride of place in the village, we had very successful clean ups in May and September.

"The community did so much, hopefully we'll get to celebrate with a barbecue next year. The flower beds are always kept clean and tidy, we are keeping Delgany as fresh as it can be.

"We have lots of people and new businesses moving into the village, we want to make it look good.

"We won the award for water and communities, Keith Scanlon deserves a lot of credit, he led the charge on water quality and biodiversity projects. There are so many nice areas in Delgany, the heritage trail, three trout streams, the woods, and there were regular readings of the water for the competition.

"Keith's leadership was really fantastic."

Diarmuid McKee of Shankill Tidy Towns said: "We're delighted as a committee to have won a silver medal.

"We put a lot of effort into Tidy Towns, we have a very good committee and great volunteers. We also enjoy ourselves while doing it.

"We have a fantastic relationship with the local council and we get great cooperation from shop keepers. We have different groups that look after their local areas and the schools get involved too.

"We've planted a rare apple orchard and we set out a few years ago to plant one tree for everybody in Shankill. At the time there were over 11,000 people living in Shankill but we've planted over 20,000 trees since then.

"We're thrilled to get a silver medal for the third year in a row, it's testament to the people who volunteer with us."

The Tidy Towns awards were held at a scaled-back event in the RDS with a live stream available for people to watch around the country.

The SuperValu Tidy Towns competition has been in existence since 1958 and Ennis was judged to be the best from a number of 847 entries to the competition this year.

Along with Ennis winning the overall award, Geshill in Offaly was awarded Ireland's Tidiest Village, Abbeyfeale in Laois was awarded Ireland's Tidiest Small Town, and Cobh in Cork was

awarded Ireland's Tidiest Large Town.

All award winners received a cash prize.

Councillor Shay Cullen, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, paid tribute to all 28 towns and villages from Wicklow who competed in the competition and congratulated Arklow on achieving the top place in the county.

He said: "Tidy Towns play a key role in caring for our towns, ensuring the community has an input into their development. Volunteer activity has been strong over the last two years and it is good to see this work recognised in the competition."

Speaking after the awards ceremony, Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for Ennis who are very deserving winners and continue to showcase all that is good about community and volunteerism.

"I want to congratulate Ennis and all of the other deserving prize-winners announced today. It has not been easy for Tidy Towns groups during what has been an unprecedented period.

"I want to commend the hundreds of groups and thousands of volunteers who, in the face of adversity, put their community first and continued to make



Jason Mulhail hard at work in Blessington.

their areas better places to live and work and to visit, all the while, adhering to social distancing and public health guidelines.

"For that, on my own behalf and that of the Government, I want to say thank you."

Minister Humphreys also announced a special allocation of €1.5 million in funding to support the work of individual Tidy Towns Committees around the country to assist them in their continued efforts to en-

hance their towns and villages. The Minister said: "The sense of belonging and pride of place that is achieved by being part of a Tidy Towns group creates a wonderful welcoming atmosphere for both residents and visitors alike.

"I am delighted to be able to announce that I have secured funding of €1.5 million to directly support the Tidy Towns committees who, through their efforts, bring out the best in their towns and villages."

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Geophysical survey	Geotechnical site investigation	Wind, wave and current monitoring	Ecological monitoring
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11	725286.765	729557.865
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14	729624.601	736310.209

A copy of the application, and the relevant documents, maps, plans, and drawings, are available for inspection between 18 November 2021 and 17 December 2021, free of charge at:

- **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall**, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 R5C9
By appointment only, Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm. Phone: 01 206 4790. Email: info@drlcoco.ie
- **Dublin City Council, Civic Offices**, West Quay, Dublin 8
By appointment only, Monday to Friday. Phone: 01 2223 114. Email: planning@dublincity.ie
- **Bray Library**, Clifton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, A88 W627
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 8.30pm. Phone: (01) 286 2600. Email: braylib@wkwkco.ie
- **Greystones Library**, Mill Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, M63 KNE2
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 8.30pm. Phone: (01) 287 3548. Email: greylib@wkwkco.ie
- **Wicklow Library**, The Mall, Main Street, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow, A67 X5D4
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- **Shankill Garda Station**, Dunry Court, Shankill, Dublin 18, D18 CD30
- **Dún Laoghaire Garda Station**, Corry Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin, A96 N219
- **Blackrock Garda Station**, 15 Swerdlow's Avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin, A94 X660
- **Clontarf Garda Station**, Stranville Avenue East, Clontarf, Dublin 4, D04 F64E
- **Inchicore Garda Station**, Inchicore Road, Inchicore, Dublin 4, D04 YK33
- **Pearse Street Garda Station**, 1-4 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 W2B9
- **Heath Garda Station**, 8 Dunlo Hill, Heath, County Dublin, D13 YR70 (7am-9pm)
- **Wicklow Garda Station**, Bachelor's Walk, Wicklow, County Wicklow, A67 HK29

The documentation is available on the Department's website:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/96643-f00f7186-rwe-renewables-ireland-site-investigations-for-the-proposed-dublin-array-on-development/>

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Tidy Towns competition



Detailed monitoring of the whole river catchment has been undertaken with local schools and youth involved in studying life in the river. The community is playing an active role in improving water quality and removing impediments to fish in the river.

Patty Shields, Delgany Tidy Town PRO said: "It's quite exciting for the group. There's lots of pride of place in the village, we had very successful clean ups in May and September.

"The community did so much, hopefully we'll get to celebrate with a barbecue next year. The flower beds are always kept clean and tidy, we are keeping Delgany as fresh as it can be.

"We have lots of people and new businesses moving into the village, we want to make it look good.

"We won the award for water and communities, Keith Scamell deserves a lot of credit, he led the charge on water quality and biodiversity projects. There are so many nice areas in Delgany, the heritage trail, three trout streams, the woods, and there were regular readings of the water for the competition.

"Keith's leadership was really fantastic."

"We put a lot of effort into Tidy Towns, we have a very good committee and great volunteers. We also enjoy ourselves while doing it.

"We have a fantastic relationship with the local council and we get great cooperation from shop keepers. We have different groups that look after their local areas and the schools get involved too.

"We've planted a rare apple orchard and we set out a few years ago to plant one tree for everybody in Shankill. At the time there were over 11,000 people living in Shankill but we've planted over 20,000 trees since then.

"We're thrilled to get a silver medal for the third year in a row, it's testament to the people who volunteer with us."

The Tidy Towns awards were held at a scaled-back event in the RDS with a live stream available for people to watch around the country.

The SuperValu Tidy Towns competition has been in existence since 1998 and Ennis was judged to be the best from a number of 847 entries to the competition this year.

Along with Ennis winning the overall award, Greshill in Offaly was awarded Ireland's Tidiest Village, Abbeylets in Laois was awarded Ireland's Tidiest Small Town, and Cobh in Cork was

awarded Ireland's Tidiest Large Town.

All award winners received a cash prize.

Councillor Shay Cullen, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, paid tribute to all 28 towns and villages from Wicklow who competed in the competition and congratulated Arklow on achieving the top place in the county.

He said: "Tidy Towns play a key role in caring for our towns, ensuring the community has an input into their development. Volunteer activity has been strong over the last two years and it is good to see this work recognised in the competition."

Speaking after the awards ceremony, Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for Ennis who are very deserving winners and continue to showcase all that is good about community and volunteerism."

"I want to congratulate Ennis and all of the other deserving prize-winners announced today. It has not been easy for Tidy Towns groups during what has been an unprecedented period.

"I want to commend the hundreds of groups and thousands of volunteers who, in the face of adversity, put their community first and continued to make



Jason McNeill hard at work in Blessington.

their areas better places to live and work and to visit, all the while, adhering to social distancing and public health guidelines.

"For that, on my own behalf and that of the Government, I want to say thank you."

Minister Humphreys also announced a special allocation of €1.5 million in funding to support the work of individual Tidy Towns Committees around the country to assist them in their continued efforts to enhance their towns and villages.

The Minister said: "The sense of belonging and pride of place that is achieved by being part of a Tidy Towns group creates a wonderful welcoming atmosphere for both residents and visitors alike.

"I am delighted to be able to announce that I have secured funding of €1.5 million to directly support the Tidy Towns committees who, through their efforts, bring out the best in their towns and villages."

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 42(8) of S.I. No. 477/2011 European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in considering an application for a foreshore licence under the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended and in particular whether or not the plan or project would have a significant impact on a European Site, has determined that an Appropriate Assessment is required. A copy of the Appropriate Assessment screening decision is available on:

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In considering this matter the Minister had regard to the following:

- 1) The Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report, prepared by Independent Environmental Consultants.
- 2) The Marine Advisor Environment Screening Stage Report, prepared by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Marine Environment Advisor.
- 3) A number of application documents submitted by RWE Renewables Limited, and the other information and documentation relevant to the application, are available for inspection for 30 calendar days, between 30th June 2022 and 29th July 2022, free of charge at:

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is responsible

or consent to the application with or without covenants, conditions or agreements, where applicable, or refuse the application.

The Minister will carry out an Appropriate Assessment and in doing so, shall have regard to the matters in Regulation 42 (12). The Minister will make a determination as to whether or not the proposed plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site in accordance with Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011.

In this regard, in accordance with Regulation 42(13), public submissions are invited for the purposes of conducting the Appropriate Assessment in this case. Any person may make a submission or observation to the Minister concerning the proposed project within 30 days of the date of this notice. The Minister shall have regard to any submissions or observations received during the public consultation.

A copy of the application, map of the proposed project, the determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the project, the Natura Impact Statement included with this application, and the other information and documentation relevant to the application, are available for inspection for 30 calendar days, between 30th June 2022 and 29th July 2022, free of charge at:

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PLANNING

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- Dún Laoghaire Garda Station, Camp Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin, A96 N299
- Blackrock Garda Station, 15 Sweetman's Avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin, A24 X060
- Clontarf Garda Station, Strandville Avenue East, Clontarf, Dublin 3, D03 F446
- Vistown Garda Station, Vistown Road, Vistown, Dublin 4, D04 YE33
- Pearse Street Garda Station, 1-6 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 W289
- Howth Garda Station, 8 Dundo Hill, Howth, County Dublin, D13 YR70 (7am-6pm)
- Wicklow Garda Station, Backwin's Walk, Wicklow, County Wicklow, A67 HX20
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 K9C9 - By appointment only, Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm. Phone: 01 205 4700; Email: info@drco.ie
- Dublin City Council, Civic Office, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 - By appointment only, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm. Phone: 01 2223 114; Email: planning@dublincity.ie
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Members of the public who wish to make a submission or observation concerning the proposed plan or project for the purposes of conducting the Appropriate Assessment may do so between 30th June 2022 and 29th July 2022 (quoting ref: F5007188) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newdown Road, Westford, Co. Wicklow or foreshore@housing.gov.ie

The closing date for submissions is close of business (17.30) on 29th July 2022. Take notice that material upon which the Minister shall make the Appropriate Assessment determination will be published on the Department's website. In this regard the Department wishes to draw attention to its policy on defamatory

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PLANNING

Wicklow County Council

Planning permission is sought for a Retention permission for the conversion of Stables to 2 No. Self-Contained Apartments, together with minor Elevational alterations. The change of use of the "Covered Viewing Gallery" to retail use, and external changes to the "Covered Viewing Gallery". Permission is also sought for the change of use of Office and commercial space to 4 No. Self-Contained Apartments, together with Retention for minor Elevational alterations and all ancillary site works at Bloowell Equestrian Centre, Newembowl, Ashford, Co. Wicklow. Signed: Borewell Equestrian Centre Limited. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Wicklow County Council

Planning permission is sought for a proposed new dwelling, New entrance, Effluent disposal system to current EPA standards, Bored Well, together with all ancillary site works at 10 Corralbrook, Newembowl, Ashford, Co. Wicklow. Signed: Francis Dooley. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Wicklow County Council

Planning permission is sought for a proposed new dwelling, Effluent disposal system to current EPA standards, upgrade to existing access, Connection to existing water main, together with all ancillary site works at Cornan West, Rathdangan, Wicklow. Signed: Pat Kavanagh. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Wicklow County Council

Retention planning permission is being sought for Existing 227m² 2 Storey 3 bed detached dwelling house. Planning permission is also being sought for a proposed new effluent treatment unit to serve existing dwelling, and all associated site works necessary to complete the development at: Arvon Lodge, Annacorney, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. Signed: Mark & Mary Cullen. Planning permission is sought for gas to existing granted & type and moving the location of the proposed site by 2 meters towards bar of the site, all as per orally granted planning decision ref. no 18/415 at


PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING STAGE 2 APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

Application for a foreshore licence in relation to RWE Renewables Ireland Limited, site investigations off County Dublin and County Wicklow, ref: F5007188 for marine surveys in the area which includes the proposed Dublin Array wind farm site in the vicinity of the Kist and Bray Banks, potential export cable routes extending from within the array towards shore at three landfall options, in the regions of Poolbeg and Shanganagh, County Dublin and a wider ecological monitoring area. The ecological monitoring area extends approximately 16 km to the north and to the south of the proposed array boundary, to the limit of territorial waters to the east and adjoins the coast to the west in the constituencies of Fingal, Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and Wicklow as shown below. This application is for the completion of geotechnical and geophysical site investigations and ecological, wind, wave and current monitoring to provide further data to refine the wind farm design, cable routing, landfall design and associated installation methodologies for Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm. The following are proposed:

- Geophysical survey: Bathymetric survey, Side scan sonar, Sub-bottom profiling, Marine magnetometer, Refraction survey.
- Geotechnical site investigation: Boreholes, Cone penetration tests, Vibrocones.
- Wind, wave and current monitoring: Floating LiDAR units, Wave and current monitoring devices.
- Ecological monitoring: Static acoustic monitors, Subtidal and intertidal benthic ecology surveys, Potting and trawl surveys.

The Foreshore Licence application area, where marine surveys are proposed, is shown in the map below. The key coordinates are provided in the table below:



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We want to engage further with local communities and hear their views, says Dublin Array project director Peter Lefroy. Photograph: Fergal Phillips.

Under revised Government targets, Ireland is aiming to have 80 per cent of its electricity generated from renewable sources by 2030. The target

for offshore wind is 7000MW and bringing Dublin Array to fruition will play a vital role in meeting that target.

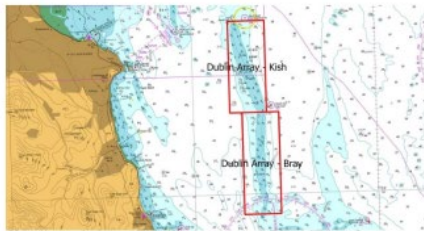
Surveys and studies

The Kish and Bray Banks are a highly suitable location for an offshore wind farm. The annual average wind speed at this location is 9.7 metres per second at 100 metres above sea level. They also have shallow waters, with depths ranging from 2 to 30 metres, and very suitable ground conditions.

Tidal activity is not as vigorous as on the more exposed Atlantic coast, as the wave energy in the Irish Sea is only about 20 per cent of that in Ireland's Atlantic coastal waters. The area around the Kish and Bray sandbanks is also free of shipping, as the shallow waters represent a hazard to large marine traffic.

Since the Dublin Array project was first granted permission to survey the site in 2000, numerous technical, engineering, and environmental surveys and studies have been carried out on the Kish and Bray Banks to inform the site-specific design process.

These studies have included ecological surveys, wind resource monitoring, seabed investigations, archaeological field investigations and wave, current, and wind measurements. All this valuable work is being incorporated into the project design, together with the additional surveys and studies that will be carried out in the coming years.



The proposed location of the Dublin Array wind farm in the Irish Sea. Map © British Crown and OceanWise, 2022. All rights reserved. Licence no. EMS-DK001-645692.

The proposed site is located adjacent to the greater Dublin area, which is the State's largest user of electricity.

The electricity generated by Dublin Array will be carried to the existing electricity grid via underground offshore and onshore cables, while the wind farm's proximity to shore will reduce the extent of submarine electricity cable required. EirGrid, which is the State's electricity transmission operator, has confirmed the existing Carrickmines 220 kV transmission station as the connection point for Dublin Array. A number of options for the underground cable route to Carrickmines are

currently being considered.

There has been significant technological innovation in the offshore wind industry since the project was originally planned. This means that Dublin Array will be able to deliver more electricity more efficiently with fewer turbines than had originally been planned.

The project originally consisted of 145 separate turbines. This number of turbines has now been reduced significantly, with the project now likely to feature between 39 and about 50 turbines. Although the turbines will be bigger under the current plan, there will be fewer of them, which will lessen many of the potential impacts of the overall project.

Positive impacts

Dublin Array also brings significant economic benefits during construction and operation. More than 1,100 jobs will be created during the construction of the wind farm, and about 240 jobs will be created during the project's operational period. Dublin Array's operations and maintenance activities will be located within the Dún Laoghaire area, meaning the project will generate about €540 million in local expenditure across the greater Dublin region.

Aside from the environmental benefits of helping Ireland decarbonise its electricity supply system and the economic benefits of the development, Dublin Array will also have significant positive impact through its Community Benefit Fund. This will be a multi-million-euro fund per annum - the specific value of which will depend on the final size of the project - that will be distributed to a wide range of local projects. The fund will begin operations when construction of Dublin

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RWE, which is the project lead for Dublin Array, has more than 25 years' experience of delivering Community Benefit Funds, tailored to meet the individual needs of the communities in which it operates. In 2021, for example wind farms operated by RWE in Ireland and the UK invested over €4.8 million in local communities.



Dublin Array will invest in a multi-million-euro annual Community Benefit Fund. A similar Community Fund for the Gwynt y Môr offshore wind farm in North Wales supported the training of volunteer crews at four RNLI lifeboat stations over a five-year period.

Having obtained a Maritime Area Consent in December, Dublin Array intends to lodge a planning application with An Bord Pleanála later this year, under the new Maritime Area Planning Act.

Public consultation

Dublin Array is now holding a seven-week public consultation process to update local communities and stakeholders on its plans and to seek their views and feedback on the project. The consultation process, which is now underway, features events online and in-person at venues in Dublin and Wicklow.

A virtual consultation room is accessible on the Dublin Array website, with detailed information about the project and its benefits, and photomontages of how the wind farm will look from a range of vantage points.

The dates and locations of the consultation events are as follows:

- Thursday, January 26, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, Co Dublin
- Wednesday, February 1, Little Flower Hall, Main St, Bray, Co Wicklow
- Saturday, February 4, Little Flower Hall, Main St, Bray, Co Wicklow
- Wednesday, February 8, Online webinar
- Wednesday, February 22, Greystones Rugby Club, Greystones, Co Wicklow
- Thursday, March 2, Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, Killiney, Co Dublin
- Tuesday, March 7, Clayton Hotel, Leopardstown, Co Dublin
- Saturday, March 11, Clayton Hotel, Leopardstown, Co Dublin.

Dublin Array is placing strong local engagement and communication at the heart of the project. For further information see the online consultation room at www.dublinarray.com, email dublinarray@rwe.com, or telephone 01 9020317.

Irish Times advertorial, 26th January 2023

4 Home News

Hutch 'the man in charge', court hears

Accused should be convicted of murder, prosecution claims in closing speech
Case against Hutch stands or falls on evidence of premeditation (David)

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Mother of baby who died after home birth claims hospital failed to tell midwife of previous problems

Midwife not made aware of difficulties during birth, mother tells inquest

The mother of a baby who died after a home birth claims the hospital failed to tell the midwife of previous problems. The mother told an inquest that the midwife was not aware of the baby's previous health issues, which could have led to the tragedy.

Man found guilty of pub attack

Unsubstantiated

A man has been found guilty of a pub attack. The judge heard that the man had been drinking heavily and had become aggressive towards the staff and other patrons.

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LEOPARDSTOWN
CLAYTON HOTEL 7TH & SAT 10TH MARCH

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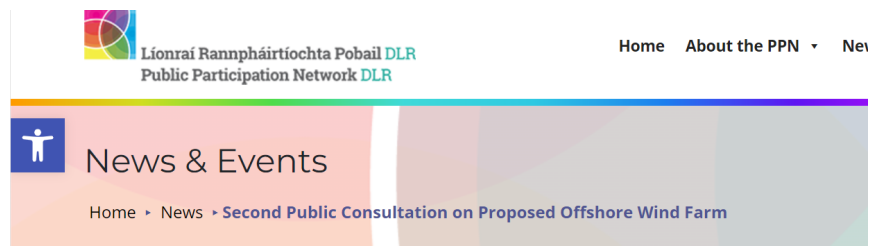
Peace activists spared jail for trespassing
The judge heard that the activists had been protesting against the government's policy on peacekeeping in Northern Ireland. The judge found that the activists had acted reasonably and were not guilty of trespassing.

Woman remanded on bail in connection with collision
A woman has been remanded on bail in connection with a collision. The judge heard that the woman had been driving a vehicle that was involved in a collision with another vehicle. The judge found that the woman was responsible for the collision and remanded her on bail.

Firemen charged after cocaine found in work locker, court told
Two firemen have been charged after cocaine was found in their work locker. The judge heard that the firemen had been found with a large quantity of cocaine in their locker. The judge found that the firemen were guilty of possession of a controlled drug and charged them.

Clinic apologises to injured woman
A clinic has apologised to a woman who was injured during a medical procedure. The judge heard that the woman had been undergoing a procedure at the clinic and had been injured. The judge found that the clinic was responsible for the injury and apologised to the woman.

Public Notices: Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Public Participation Network Newsletter and Website, published 22nd February 2023



Wednesday, 22nd February 2023

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Second Public Consultation on Proposed Offshore Wind Farm

The [Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm](#) project is holding a series of public consultation events on its plans to develop a wind farm off the coast of south County Dublin and Wicklow.

Dublin Array will be located about 10 kilometres off the coast on the Kish and Bray Banks. The project, which is still at the design stage, will comprise between approximately 39 and 50 wind turbines and will have a generating capacity of between 700 megawatts (MW) and 850MW.

“Dublin Array is a vital project in Ireland’s move towards a low carbon energy system and we look forward to updating the local community on our plans for the project, and hearing their feedback,” according to Peter Lefroy, Head of Offshore Development Ireland with RWE.

“The final decision on the size and the number of turbines, has not yet been made,” Mr Lefroy added. “There are several ongoing survey and detailed design activities which will inform this decision. We are seeking to balance the technical, commercial, and environmental considerations to deliver the best project that we possibly can.”

For further information on the project please email dublinarray@rwe.com.

Dublin Array, which was first proposed in 1999, is being developed RWE, which is one of the world’s leading developers of renewable energy and Irish renewable energy firm Saorgus. RWE Renewables Ireland is leading the development on behalf of the partnership.

Dublin Array will have a seven-week consultation period during from the end of January until early March, with events in Dublin and Wicklow and online.

The details of the remaining consultation events are as follows:

- Thursday, March 2, **Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, Killiney, Co Dublin**, 2pm – 9pm
- Tuesday, March 7, **Clayton Hotel, Leopardstown, Co Dublin**, 2pm – 9pm
- Saturday, March 11, **Clayton Hotel, Leopardstown**, Co Dublin, 9am – 1pm

For those who cannot attend in-person events our [virtual consultation room](#) is available on their website until [Sunday 12 March](#)

More information on the consultation sessions is available on the Dublin Array [website](#).

Recorded webinar which took place on 8 February and is available to watch [here](#)

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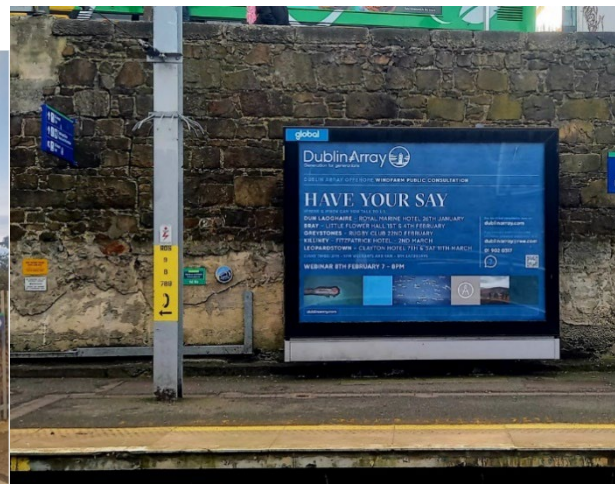
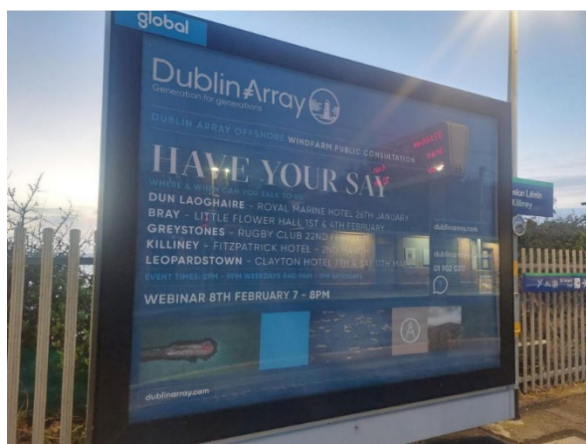


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Irish Times 23rd March 2023

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banks carry additional capital in reserve to provide a cushion in the event of shock losses, a legacy of the downturn in 2008.

Ms Connolly stated that given the strong financial position of our main Irish banks, they would consider holding off passing on the latest interest rate increase to their customers.

"It would provide such a sense of reassurance to the many Dublin mortgage holders faced with huge level of repayments. It is a tense and fearful time for all of us given the cost-of-living crisis, the high energy costs and continued rising inflation albeit

Deputy Nash urged the main lenders to be "cautious, to understand the enormous cost of living challenge with inflation. 8.5 per cent and to put the interests of their mortgage customers ahead of stockpiling more cash."

"Despite a 3.5 per cent total rise in interest rates imposed by the ECB since last July, inflation has not been arrested as quickly as Frankfurt anticipate. The recent 0.5 per cent rise could easily have been 0.7 per cent but the ECB chose instead to proceed on the basis of its original plan," he said.

Public consultation dead offshore wind farm exter

By RACHEL CUNNINGHAM

Residents are being provided with a final opportunity to view consultation information on Dublin Array, the proposed offshore wind farm on the Kish and Bray Banks.

This comes after seven in-person public consultation events, which were held at five locations around Dublin and Wicklow in the last seven weeks.

Planned to be approximately 10km from the coastline of counties Dublin and Wicklow, the project intends to deliver 700-850MW of clean renewable electricity via 39 to 50 turbines.

It has been claimed that the project will reduce Ireland's carbon emissions by

over 1.5m tonnes a year.

The final event will be a public meeting between 2pm and 9pm on Wednesday, March 29, at the Hotel in Sutton, Co. Dublin. Dublin Array has stated the event is intended for anyone who has not yet had the opportunity to attend a meeting.

The virtual consultation which was launched on 30, will remain live until 2023.

This provides the public opportunity to view the consultation information online, learn about the project and to

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G. Foreshore Licence FS007188 Determination

Irish Times, 15th February 2023

'Golden visa' scheme for investors shut down

Spain's Golden Visa programme, which allowed wealthy foreigners to obtain residency in the country by investing in real estate, has been suspended after a surge of applications from China.

Act of remembrance for a tribute to St. Patrick's victims

A memorial to the victims of the 1916 Easter Rising will be unveiled in the grounds of the Houses of Parliament in London on Tuesday.

Youth mental health services may need scale-back

There is a need to scale back youth mental health services, according to a report from the Health Service Research Board.

European Left group to seek answers from Wallace over 'wine bars' claim

The European Left group is seeking answers from Nicola Sturgeon over his claim that Scotland is a 'wine bar'.

Collins denies owning Limerick site

John Collins has denied owning a site in Limerick that is the subject of a planning dispute.

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Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Dated this 15th day of February 2023

Northside People East, 8th March 2023

16 Noticeboard

Is there a community event or service taking place in your area? Send in details to news@dublinpeople.com for free inclusion on this page.

AGM

Le Chéile Donnycarney Community & Youth Centre is holding an AGM on Tuesday, March 18 at 6pm in the centre. There will be an overview of the service from 6.4.30pm with the AGM taking place from 6.50-7.15pm. Snacks and light refreshments will be served. Nominations for vacant board of management positions are welcome and must be received no later than 4.30pm on Monday, March 20.

WOODTURNERS' GUILD

The Dublin East Central chapter of the Woodturners' Guild have their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 11, at 2pm in Santry Scout Den on Lonsan Green near Beaumont. There will be a woodturning demonstration, and some tea and coffee also. First time visitors are welcome to visit and watch for free. Please contact kervins@me.com.

org for further details.

CUPPA IN THE COMMUNITY

Social Prescribing Link Day is Thursday, March 9. Social prescribing is a way of connecting patients to a range of non-clinical services in the community to improve their health and well-being. Join Northside Partnership's Social Prescribing Link Worker, Karen O'Neill, for a cuppa and a chat to find out more about Social Prescribing and what's going on in your area. It's taking place in Coolock Library from 11am-1pm, on Thursday, March 9.

MUSICSESSION

Do you like to sing, play an instrument or write poetry? Then come along to Ballydoyle Library on Saturday, March 11, from 3-4.30pm for the twice monthly interactive music session with The Lounge Lizards. Participate or just come to listen. All are welcome. Free event.

BEREAVED PARENTS

On Wednesday, March 15, Anam Cara will hold their North Dublin meeting in The Hilton Hotel, Malahide Road at 7.15pm. All bereaved parents from the North Dublin area are welcome, regardless of the age and circumstances of death. There is no need to register, just arrive on the evening at 7.15pm. Anam Cara can be contacted on 085-2888888 or by emailing info@anamcara.ie.

OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Rob Goodbody will present 'The Building of Howth Harbour' to the Old Dublin Society at 6pm on Wednesday March 8 in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome. Admission is free and no booking is required.

SILVER SCREENS

Silver Screens is a unique monthly screening of old classic/black & white movies for older persons, which takes place on Thursday, April 6 and every first Thursday of the month from 2.30-4.30pm at Central Library, The Centre. For more information or to find out what the chosen movie is email centrallibrary@dublincity.ie.

ARTANE/BEAUMONT FRC AGM

The Artane/Beaumont Family Recreation Centre give notice to their members of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held in the Piano Room of the Artane/Beaumont Centre on Thursday, March 10, at 8.30pm.

NOVENA

Novenas in honour of St Francis Xavier are taking place under the theme of Building Hope at St Brendan's Church, Coolock, this week until Sunday March 12. The Novenas take place at 6.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays and 7.30pm on weekdays.

More information about other speakers and themes featured during the week can be found on the parish website www.stbrendanscoolock.org.

BALDOYLE RACE NIGHT

Baldoye Community Hall is holding a race night at 8pm on Saturday, March 11, in the White House Pub, Baldoye, to raise funds for the refurbishment of the hall that was originally built 100 years ago using tiles from the Baldoye Races.

The organising committee are calling for all locals to come along and support the refurbishment on what will be a great night for the community. For further information contact Liz Turner on 085-7249570.

WALKING FOOTBALL

Walking Football for all ages takes place on Fridays from 12-1pm on the Astro Pitch at St Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre, Lower Sheriff Street.

It's a fun event and free to participate. Phone 085-7249570.

RETIRED GARDIA TALK

Fingal County Council Libraries is hosting a series of talks with author and retired Detective Chief Superintendent John O'Brien. Coinciding with the Centenary of An Garda Síochána, the talks titled 'A Day in the Life' promise to be full of intriguing stories from John's career, giving attendees a fascinating insight into a career with An Garda Síochána. The next talk takes place on Thursday, March 10, at Ballybrigan Library from 6.30-7.30pm. Contact 01-8704403 or ballybriganlibrary@fingal.ie to reserve a place.

CLONTARF BEAVERS

Clontarf Beavers have places for boys and girls aged 6-8 years. The group meets on Tuesday nights from 7.15-8.15pm at their den in Clontarf. Activities include games, crafts, and outings. The group's recent outings include the Pantomime in the Helix, the Zoo, and Circus. As spring approaches it is hoped to do more outdoor activities. For more information contact Kathleen at kwalker50@hotmail.com.

SEACHTAINNA GAELGE

Bernadette Nic Gabhann and friends are taking part in a free Seachtain na Gaeilge evening at County Hall Swards on Wednesday, March 8, at 7 pm. For info contact eslas@fingal.ie.

COOLOCK SISTER SEEDS

Make new friends with local women and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Coolock Sister Seeds meet on Tuesday mornings at Coolock Library, Barryscourt Road from 10.30am-12.30pm. Over 18's only.

RESTORATIVE YOGA

Restore your energy with a gentle yoga class with deep relaxation and sound healing on Wednesday mornings from 10-11am at Le Chéile, Collins Ave East, Donnycarney. Classes cost €10. To book, call Sarah-Jane on 089-2663379 or email saraformas@gmail.com.

GAA FORMAS

Kean fit and have fun

Ballybough Community Sports Centre from 7.8pm. Sessions are free. Phone Suzanne on 086-8950551 for more info.

SINGERS WANTED

Third Day Chorale is back singing on Wednesday evenings in Kibbarrack Community Centre, from 8-10pm under the direction of Dr Marion Doherty. The group sing a very varied programme with something to suit all tastes. If you enjoy singing Third Day Chorale would love to have you join them. Why not go along some Wednesday and give it a go? For details, contact Maera on 087-9096430.

BOWLS

Are you free on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 2pm-4.30pm? Would you like to play a game of bowls (it is like lawn bowls) played indoors at the Irish Wheelchair Association in Clontarf. Games are open for any age, old or young. If you never played before you can still come along and the players will teach you. The games are just for fun and are not part of any league. Come along or phone Michael at 085-7348968.

COUNSELLING SERVICE

TARGET Counselling Service at Donaghmede House Community Centre, Newbrook Road Donaghmede offers confidential one-to-one non-directive counselling. This Service is offered by trained counsellors who listen, support and counsel people in a priority. The waiting list is now open for new clients. Sessions take place Mon-Thurs 9.30 am to 7pm and Fri 9.30am-11.30am. To contact the service call 01-8677967 or email counselling@targeteducation.net.

BALDOYLE CHESS

Baldoye Library Chess Club for adults is open every Thursday from 6.7.30pm. All levels of player welcome, from absolute beginners to grandmasters. Boards and pieces provided. To sign up, ask at the lending desk or contact the library by phone or email.

NORTHSIDE PEOPLE EAST 08.03.23

RECYCLE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Are your old or broken musical instruments gathering dust? You can drop unused or unwanted musical instruments to the Recycling centres at Estuary Swards and Coolmine. They will be cleaned and repaired and offered to schools, migrant centres, community groups and centres for autism and rehabilitation.

SANTRY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Volunteer workers and visitors are welcome to the Santry Community Garden in Santry, Demesne Park. It's open Wednesday and Friday 2-4pm and Saturday and Sunday 11am-1pm. Check out www.santrycommunitygarden.ie.

BALLYBRIGAN MEN'S SHED

Ballybrigan Men's Shed are looking for new members. They have a workshop, a putting green, a glasshouse, a boules court, a zen garden, a pool table and a kitchen. The men meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.30am to 2pm. Call 083-2506090 for a great welcome.

PHIBSBOROUGH FRIDAY MARKET

The Phibsborough Friday Market takes place every Friday from 11.30am to 6pm at the linear park on the Royal Canal Bank between Blessington Street Park (The Basin) and Phibsborough Village, the market has everything from sourdough breads, farmhouse cheese and local fruit & veg to fresh fish and flowers.

PARKRUN

Keep yourself active by running, walking or jogging at a Parkrun event in Ardglan Castle, Newbridge House, River Valley Park, Malahide Castle grounds, Darndale, Father Collins Park, St Anne's Park or Fairview Park at 9.30am on Saturday mornings. The events take place every week and are open to those of all levels of fitness. To register see www.parkrun.ie or text



An Buidé Chéile, Rialtas Áille ags (Housing, Local Government and Heritage)

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Southside People, 8th March 2023

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SOUTHSIDE PEOPLE
08.03.23



Brian Kerr, Dr Conor Curran and Niall Quinn.

New book launched by Brian Kerr

Dr Conor Curran, had his new book, 'Soccer and Society in Dublin: A History of Association Football in Ireland's Capital', launched by Irish football legend Brian Kerr on Wednesday, March 1, at Hodges Figgis Bookshop on Dawson Street.

A huge crowd, which included Niall and Gillian Quinn, Labour TD Aodhán Ó Riordáin and a host of current and former League of Ireland footballing legends, gathered to celebrate the launch of Dr Curran's excellent book.

At almost 400 pages, and with a large number of illustrations, this book is the first full-length assessment of the history of soccer in Dublin and the game's role within society in the city.

It examines the sport's growth here from the late 1800s to the early twenty-first century.

It discusses its belated initial development while

exploring the origins of clubs, competitions and venues. It also assesses the growth of underage structures and discusses the significance of links with Britain and further afield.

As well as tracing the movement of players at home and abroad, it highlights the tensions between organizers of soccer and other sporting codes in Dublin.

Utilizing interviews with players, managers and supporters, as well as drawing on archival material, it also looks at the importance of soccer within the lives of Dublin's residents.

In doing so, it sets the game's history there within the context of other parts of Ireland and within wider developments in international cities.

Conor Curran is an adjunct lecturer in the School of Education, TCD, who has published extensively on the history of sport and society.



Dr Conor Curran and Joanne Curran.

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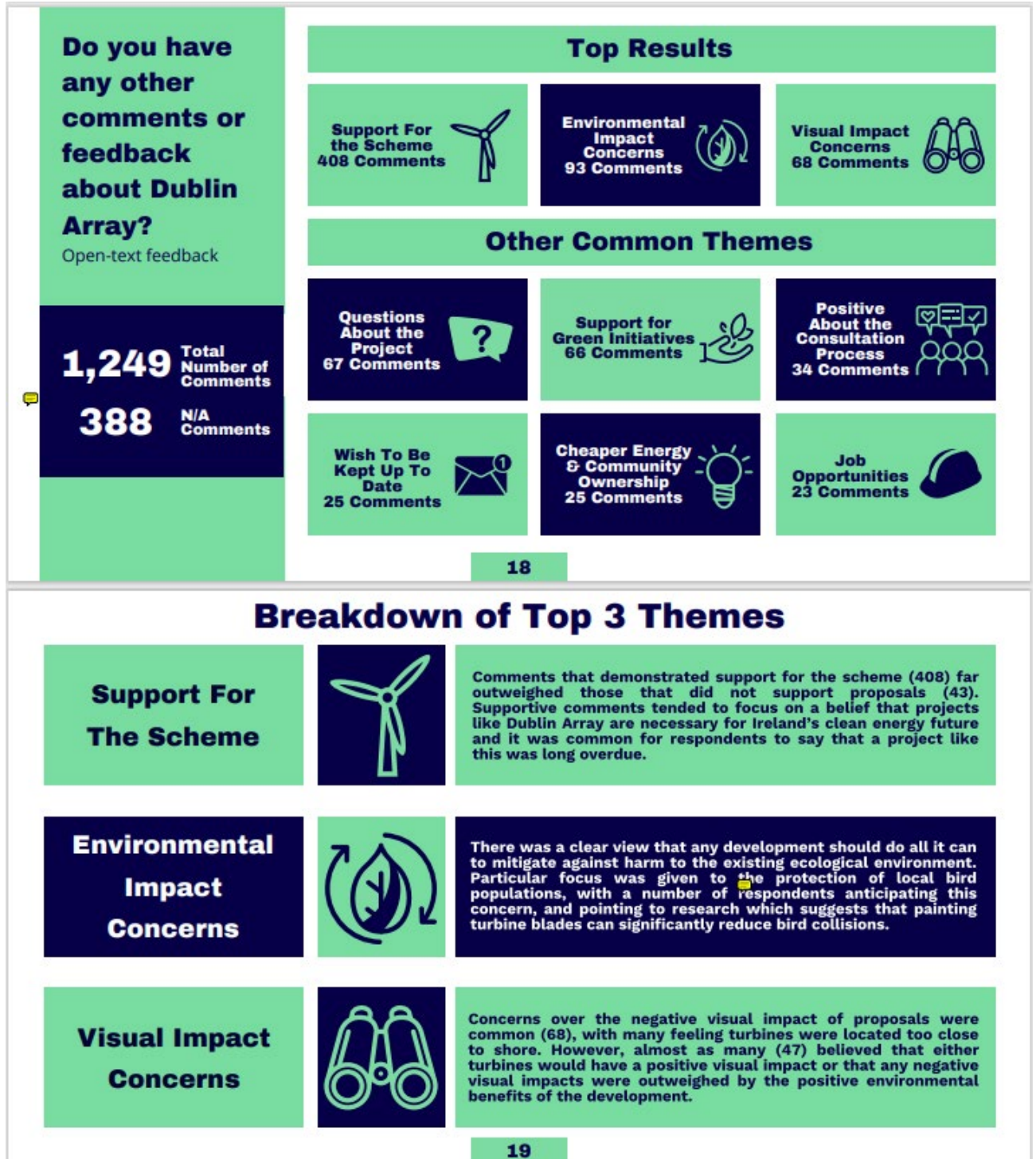


Rita O'Keeffe, Gillian Quinn and Joanne Curran.



Appendix 5 Polls

5.1 Give My View Poll Results 2020



Qualitative Data Snapshot (Verbatims)

Support For The Scheme

This is such a good project which will benefit everyone and should absolutely go ahead.

Get it built, the sooner the better.

I think this is an excellent scheme (long overdue) and should be progressed as quickly as responsibly possible.

I want this to happen, Ireland needs more renewable energy sources. As a Dubliner, How can I support this?

Would 100% be in support of this project. I run a media production agency (mangomedia.ie) and would be more than happy to develop video content for this - free of charge - to better help you in convincing authorities and communities to approve of this project.

Environmental Impact Concerns

the construction of the wind farms will destroy the ecosystems around it and the environment will suffer even more as a consequence.

A vital project but full mitigation measures must be taken to preserve the environmental status and biodiversity of the location during both construction and operation of the windfarm.

My particular concern would be the impact of the wind turbines on bird life.

Please ensure that your environmental impact assessment is robust and goes beyond what is legally necessary to ensure that the site and your actions will not be causing damage to valuable habitats and species.

It has been proven that painting propellers black will reduce bird fatalities considerably. Have you considered this?

Visual Impact Concerns

An appalling scheme for its impact on a highly sensitive coastline and seascape and the viewers within it.

The coastline view both onshore & offshore isn't yours to change temporarily let alone permanently, if the tip of one blade can be seen from shore, this project should be shelved. Period.

Please look after this beautiful coast!

I don't believe that they are a blight on the horizon, I think that seeing these structures jutting from the sea is an enhancement.

Building an array that will produce this much green energy is an absolute no-brainer, particularly when (if the environmental surveys are done correctly) the worst complaint will be "I don't really like how it looks". Nobody will like what climate change looks like if we don't endorse projects like this.

Appendix 5.2 2023 Public Consultation Survey

Dublin Array Wind Farm Second Public Consultation Survey

1. Based on the information provided in our exhibition room and associated materials, what are your views on the development of Dublin Array?

- [Control] Strongly Support
- [Control] Support
- [Control] Neither supportive nor unsupportive
- [Control] Do not support.
- [Control] Extremely opposed.

Onshore Proposals (Carrickmines)

2. The development of the onshore substation and associated infrastructure requires the assessment of environmental impacts under a number of topics, including:

Population	Noise and Vibration
Human Health	Onshore Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage
Biodiversity (aquatic and terrestrial)	Landscape and Visual
Land and Soils	Traffic and Transport
Water and Flood Risk	Material Assets
Air Quality	Waste and Resource Management
Climate (Carbon Balance Assessment)	

3. In your opinion, under any of the above themes, is there anything the project team should be aware of in relation to our onshore proposals (including landfall location, substation, and onshore cable routes) at Carrickmines?

[Control]

4. Is there any other information in relation to the project's onshore works that you would like to see included within the scope of the environmental impact assessment reports?

[Control]

Offshore Proposals

5. The development of the offshore wind turbines and associated infrastructure (including offshore substations, inter-array cables and subsea cables) requires the assessment of environmental impacts under a number of topics, including:

Physical Processes	Climate (Carbon Balance Assessment)
Benthic and Intertidal Ecology	Commercial Fisheries
Offshore Bats	Shipping and Navigation
Fish and Shellfish Ecology	Aviation, Military and Communications
Marine Mammals and Reptiles	Marine Archaeology
Marine Ornithology	Other Marine Users
Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impacts	

6. **In your opinion, under any of the above themes, is there anything the project team should be aware of in relation to our offshore proposals?**

[Control]

7. **Is there any other information in relation to the project's offshore developments that you would like to see included within the scope of the environmental impact assessment reports?**

[Control]

Community

8. As part of the development of Dublin Array, there will be a substantial Community Benefit Fund (CBF) available. The governance of the CBF will be completely transparent, involving an independent Fund Administrator and a local Community Benefit Fund Committee, which will be put in place prior to the start of operations and will be consulted upon widely.

At this early stage, we welcome any suggestions you may have in terms of community projects or initiatives which could potentially be supported by Dublin Array, particularly in the areas of energy, environment, fisheries and biodiversity. Please outline these below:

[Control]

Do you have any feedback or comments on the quality of our engagement to date with the communities closest to the project?

[Control]

Do you have any comments on how Dublin Array can work effectively with the fishing community throughout the development and operation of the project?

[Control]

Economy

9. The development of Dublin Array will create a wide range of employment opportunities, both short-term (during construction) and long-term (during operations). There will also be opportunities for the Irish supply chain to be involved in supporting the project.

We welcome your ideas on how the project can best support the local and national economy through these activities. Specifically:

1. **How can the project support local businesses in accessing opportunities on the project?**
2. **Are there other ways the project could support the local economy?**

[Control]

EDUCATION

10. We are committed to support education and training opportunities in the local community, particularly for young people.

1. **Are there specific education and/or training initiatives that you would like to see the project support?**
- 2.

This Consultation

11. **To assist us in making this consultation as informative as possible,** please indicate which area you reside in

- a. Howth
- b. Clontarf
- c. Sandymount
- d. Dun Laoghaire
- e. Killiney/Dalkey
- f. Shankill/Shanganagh
- g. Bray/Greystones/Wicklow Town
- h. Other – Dublin
- i. Other – Ireland
- j. Other

Please add any specific comments you have in relation to the exhibition:

[Control]

Any Other Information

12. **In addition to the questions above, are there any other technical, environmental, or social issues you believe the project team should**

be made aware of or consider as design and development of the project continues?

[Control]

First Name [Control]

Last Name [Control]

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Attachments (Attach maximum of 6 files up to 5MB each)

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[Control] I prefer to remain anonymous.

Appendix 6 Consultation Boards

Autumn 2020 Public Consultation Boards

1. WHAT IS DUBLIN ARRAY?



DUBLIN ARRAY IS A PROPOSED OFFSHORE WIND FARM AT THE KISH AND BRAY BANKS, OFF THE COAST OF DUBLIN AND WICKLOW COUNTIES.

Based on preliminary results from environmental and technical studies that we have undertaken, the latest base case design for the offshore element of the wind farm is:

- Between 45 and 61 turbines
- Individual turbine capacities of between 8 megawatts (MW) and 15 megawatts (MW)
- Total project capacity of between 600MW and 900MW
- Individual turbine tip heights of between approximately 240 metres and 310 metres
- Maximum turbine tower height of 135 metres

Since Dublin Array was first proposed in 1999, there have been significant technological changes in the offshore wind industry. This means we can deliver more electricity, more efficiently, with fewer turbines. Previously Dublin Array was considering up to 145 turbines, with a tip height of 160 metres, but this number has now reduced significantly. While the turbines will be bigger, there will be fewer of them, lessening many of the potential impacts associated with their construction and operation.

The final decision on the project envelope, i.e. the size and number of turbines, has not yet been made. There are a number of ongoing survey activities which will continue up to, during, and post consent which will inform this decision. We are seeking to balance the technical, commercial, and environmental considerations to deliver the best project we possibly can. The feedback we receive from our consultation activities will help to shape the project.

To allow the energy generated by Dublin Array to enter the national electricity network, offshore and onshore cables will carry the electricity from the turbines to an existing onshore electricity substation. We are currently considering connection points at the existing substations at Carrickmines and Poolbeg in our analysis. The final decision will be based on instructions from EirGrid.

Subject to the project securing a development consent, it is expected that the wind farm could be operational from 2026. The figure below sets out our current planned timeline.

UP TO 61 TURBINES
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF TURBINES BETWEEN 45 AND 61.

UP TO 900 MW
INDIVIDUAL TURBINE CAPACITIES OF BETWEEN 8MW AND 15MW.

240M TO 310M TURBINES
INDIVIDUAL TURBINE TIP HEIGHTS OF BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY 240 METRES AND 310 METRES.

Figure: Current timeline

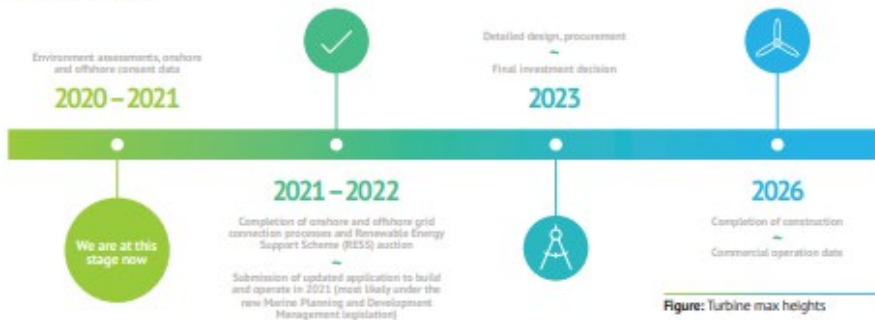
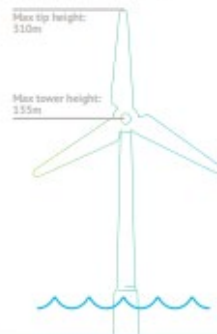


Figure: Turbine max heights



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2. WHY THE KISH AND BRAY BANKS?



Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm is proposed to be located at the Kish and Bray Banks, 10km from the coastline of Dublin and Wicklow counties.

Many factors are taken into consideration when identifying areas suitable for potential offshore wind farm developments. These include the availability of a good wind resource, proximity to demand centres, and the absence of hard constraints such as areas already leased for other uses, unfavourable seabed conditions or water depth, and interaction with international shipping routes.

With annual average wind speeds of 9.7 metres per second at 100 metres above sea level, shallow waters with depths ranging from 2 to 30 metres and good soil conditions, the Kish and Bray Banks are well placed to ensure a successful project.

The proximity of the wind farm to the coastline of Dublin, a major electricity demand hub, was also a key consideration in the site selection. A reduction in the length of the offshore transmission cables reduces the environmental impact and costs of construction. It also reduces electrical losses. Operational costs are also reduced due to ease of access for maintenance and reduced transmission losses. Cost reductions in the construction and operation of the wind farm ultimately reduce the cost of energy to the consumer.

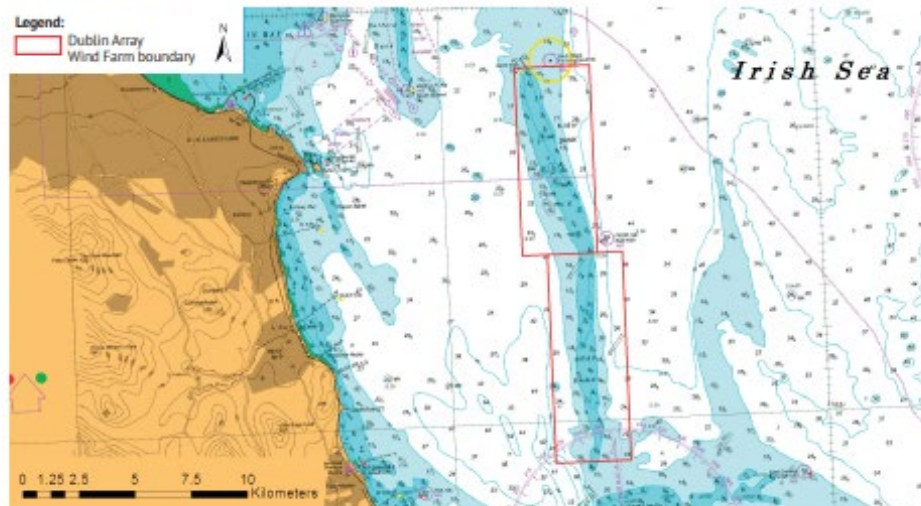
Other sandbanks, such as the Burford, Frazer and India Banks, also have the right seabed conditions. However, they are much closer to the shore and for this reason the Kish and Bray Banks are more appropriate due to their greater distance from shore.

The combination of all of the above factors are some of the main reasons why the Kish and Bray Banks were chosen for the site of the wind farm.

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DUBLIN ARRAY OFFSHORE WIND FARM IS PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED 10KM FROM THE COASTLINE OF DUBLIN AND WICKLOW COUNTIES.

Figure: Wind farm boundary



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3. WHY IS DUBLIN ARRAY IMPORTANT?



Climate change: an international emergency

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Special Report, Global Warming of 1.5°C published in October 2018, confirmed that the international community has a limited window for real action to reduce emissions to ensure that current and future generations can live sustainably in a low carbon and climate resilient world.

Material action is being taken internationally to ensure that government climate action commitments are realised. It is vital that Ireland play our part in this by drastically reducing our CO₂ emissions.

Climate change: a national emergency

In May 2019, then Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Richard Bruton, said climate change has been rightly described as the greatest challenge facing humanity. "We're reaching a tipping point" in respect of climate deterioration," he said. "Things will deteriorate very rapidly unless we move very swiftly and the window of opportunity to do that is fast closing."

Ireland is having increasing numbers of weather events caused by climate change, with coastal areas being particularly impacted. There have been an increasing number of climate events that have affected Ireland in the last 34 years (see below).

The increasing frequency of major climate events is a clear emerging trend.

Rapidly Growing Population in Greater Dublin Area

There is a rapidly increasing number of residents in Ireland, especially in Dublin, with the 2016 Census highlighting that by 2031 an additional 400,000 people will be living in the Greater Dublin Area. There is also an increasing number of businesses, including technology companies, requiring energy-intensive data centres. All of this is creating a large and growing demand for electricity.

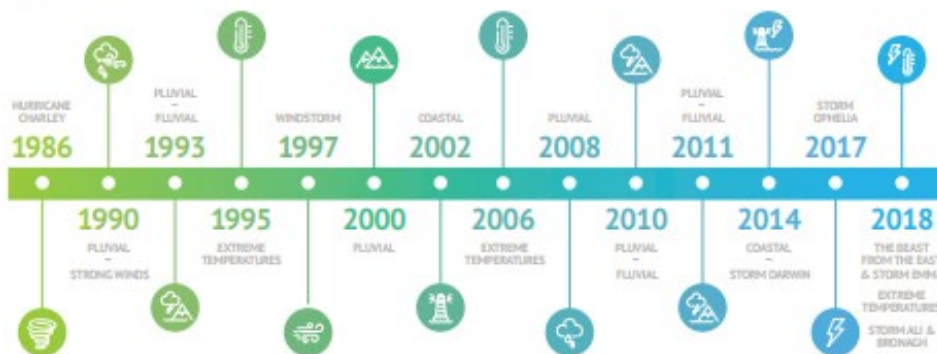
Our Legal Obligations

Ireland's obligations under the European Union Renewables Directive (2009/28/EC) are to source 40% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2020. In 2018 the figure achieved was 33.3% (source Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland www.seai.ie). Based on current data, the target will be missed. For the period from 2021 onwards, our targets are significantly increasing. The European Union 2030 Climate & Energy Framework and associated legislation (Regulation 2018/1999) requires Ireland to publish a National Energy and Climate Plan for the period 2021–2030. Ireland submitted its National Energy & Climate Plan (NECP) 2021–2030 to the European Commission on the 31st July 2020. One of the key intentions in the plan is to deliver up to 70% of Ireland's electricity from renewable sources by 2030. This goal is included in the Government Climate Action Plan document which was published in 2019. Offshore wind is seen as one of the key sectors to deliver this target. The plan includes a preface stating that it was drafted before the new Government was in power, with its higher level of ambition for renewable electricity and the lowering of carbon emissions. The plan will be revised to align with the Government's commitments in their Programme for Government, Our Shared Future, which includes a commitment to offshore wind electricity supply of 5 gigawatts (GW), an increase from what is currently included in the NECP and Climate Action Plan (3.5 GW).

GOAL OF 70% RENEWABLES

Ireland's goal is to have at least 70% of its electricity supplied by renewable sources by 2030.

Figure: Timeline of major climatic events



Source: DLRCC Climate Change Action Plan 2019–2024

Pluvial (River) Flooding Occurs when rivers and streams break their banks and water flows out onto the adjacent low-lying areas (the natural floodplain).

Pluvial (pluvial) Flooding Occurs when the amount of rainfall exceeds the capacity of urban storm water drainage systems or the ground to absorb it.

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4. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT



Who is Developing the Project?

The Dublin Array project has been in development since 1999. The initial phase of work was undertaken by a consortium led by Saorgus Energy Ltd, a leading Irish renewable energy company. In March 2018, innogy Renewables Ireland Ltd (a subsidiary of innogy SE) entered into a joint partnership with Saorgus and are now leading the development. On 1st July 2020, innogy became RWE Renewables Ireland Ltd (a subsidiary of the RWE Group).

RWE Renewables, the newest subsidiary of the RWE Group, is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies. With around 3,500 employees, the company has onshore and offshore wind farms, photovoltaic plants and battery storage facilities with a combined capacity of approximately 9 gigawatts (GW). RWE Renewables is driving the expansion of renewable energy in more than 15 countries on four continents.

RWE's goal is to be carbon neutral by 2040. We will achieve this goal by consistently and responsibly withdrawing from fossil fuel energy sources and investing significantly in renewable energy.

RWE's Experience

RWE operates numerous offshore wind farms around the world, including Rhyt Flats (90MW), Gwynt y Môr (576MW), Rampion (400MW) and Galloper (553MW) in the UK, as well as delivering Thornton Bank (325MW) in Belgium, Amrumbank West (302MW) off the island of Heligoland, and Nordsee One (332MW) and Nordsee Ost (295MW) in Germany. We also have a 50% stake in Greater Gabbard (504MW) together with SSE, who operate it. RWE also has a number of large-scale offshore wind farms in the pipeline and is currently building the

857MW Triton Knoll Wind Farm in England. We are also at an advanced stage of preparing for commencement of construction on the Kaskasi Offshore Wind Farm (325MW) in Germany and the Sofia Wind Farm (1.4GW) off the coast of England, and are planning extensions at the Greater Gabbard, Galloper, Gwynt y Môr and Rampion Wind Farms.

Development Work

Offshore wind farms require a significant amount of time and investment to complete the necessary engineering and environmental studies to optimise where they are located, what number and types of turbines are selected, and how they are constructed and operated.

Since Saorgus Energy was granted the first two Foreshore Licences (to survey the site) in 2000, numerous technical, engineering, and environmental surveys and studies have been carried out on the Kish and Bray Banks to ensure the site's feasibility. These studies included ecological surveys, wind resource monitoring, geotechnical investigations, archaeological field investigations and hydrodynamic measurements. All this valuable work will be incorporated into the project development, together with the additional surveys and studies that will be carried out in the coming years.

In October 2019, RWE applied for a new Foreshore Licence to enable further surveys of the seabed to be undertaken and to install buoy mounted equipment to provide data on weather and sea conditions.

We plan to submit an updated development consent application ("a planning application") in 2021 to achieve an operational date that helps Ireland meet its 2030 renewable energy targets.

LONGEVITY

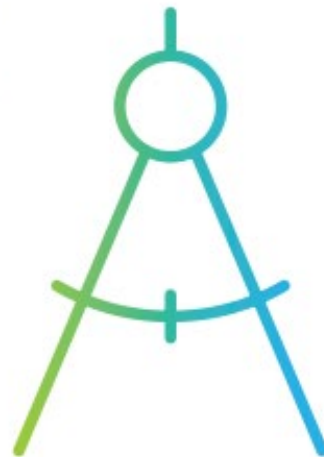
RWE BUILT THE UK'S FIRST EVER COMMERCIAL WIND FARM, NORTH HOYLE (80MW), IN 2004, AND WE STILL OPERATE IT TO THIS DAY.

EXPERIENCE

RWE OPERATES IN 15 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPERS.

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5. OFFSHORE WIND ELECTRICITY



How Will Dublin Array Produce Electricity?

Wind turbines generate electricity by capturing the natural power of the winds. The force of the wind rotates the turbine blades which spins a generator where kinetic energy is converted into electricity.

The electricity produced is then transmitted via cables through the inside of the tower to the seabed where the cables are buried or otherwise protected. Groups of turbines are linked together by submarine cables which then connect to an offshore substation.

A transformer within the offshore substation increases the electricity to a higher voltage to transmit the power to shore more efficiently. The offshore cables are connected to the onshore cables at what is called a Transition Joint Bay (TJB).

Underground onshore cables will carry the power from the TJB to an onshore substation where it is regulated and harmonised to meet the specifications required for connections

into the national electrical transmission system. A short cable then connects the substation to the grid connection point where the electricity enters the existing electricity network. Electricity is moved by EirGrid and ESB Networks through overhead lines and underground cables to homes and businesses all over Ireland.

Evolution of the Offshore Wind Energy Industry

Since the first large-scale offshore wind farm was installed in Denmark in 2000 (the Middelgrunden Wind Farm), the industry has matured rapidly, with innovation in design and increased focus on reliability and maintainability, as well as decreased impacts and constraints. These innovations have also seen the cost of renewable energy fall to levels comparable to fossil fuel generation. Ireland's first offshore wind farm, the Arklow Bank Wind Park, was developed in 2004 with a capacity of 25.2MW. The Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm will supply at least 600MW, highlighting the innovation in the industry in the intervening years.



POWER

WIND TURBINES GENERATE ELECTRICITY BY CAPTURING THE NATURAL POWER OF THE WINDS.

Figure: Typical offshore wind farm layout

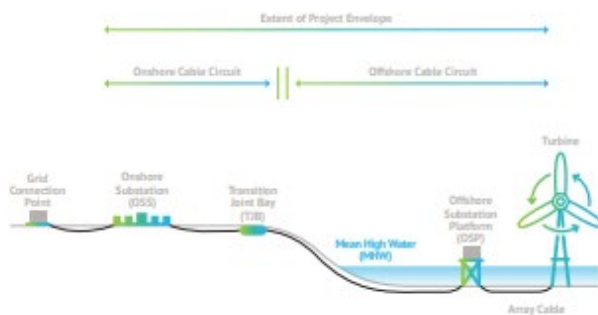
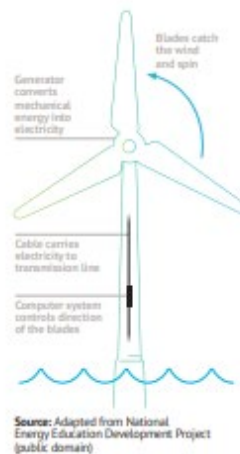


Figure: Horizontal-axis wind turbine



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6. HOW WILL DUBLIN ARRAY BE CONSTRUCTED OFFSHORE?

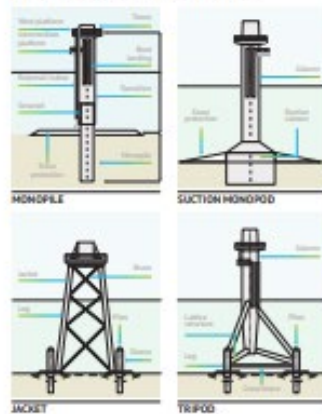
The Offshore Construction Works Will Comprise the Following:

1. Fixing of Foundations to the Seabed

Wind turbines and other infrastructure, including meteorological masts and offshore substation platforms, require foundations to securely support the structures whilst withstanding forces from the wind and the marine environment. The foundations also provide safe access and a safe working environment for operational and maintenance activities.

The foundation concepts suitable for the site conditions at Dublin Array that are currently being considered can be seen in the image below.

Figure 1: Suitable foundation concepts



2. Installation of Meteorological Equipment

Meteorological sensors may be either mounted on a marine buoy tethered to the seabed or on a lattice tower mast. The latter would require a piled foundation to secure it to the sea floor.

3. Construction of One or More Offshore Substation(s)

The substation(s) will house electrical equipment and control and instrumentation systems. They also provide access facilities for work boats.

4. Installation of Cable Ducts at the Landfall

A number of techniques are being considered to install cable ducts to facilitate the submarine export cables meeting the Transition Joint Bay (TJB).

5. Laying of Cables from the Offshore Substation(s) to the Landfall

The export cables will be laid from a vessel from the offshore substations to a point offshore, close to the exit point of the landfall ducts using either ploughing, trenching, jetting, or a combination of these. Approaching the shore, the offshore cables will be pulled by a land-based winch through the pre-installed landfall ducts to the TJB where they will be joined with the onshore cables.



Sea-station cable plough recovered to deck during installation of inter-turbine cables at Rhyll Flats Offshore Wind Farm, Sub-Ocean Ltd.

6. Installation of Inter-turbine Cabling

The inter-array cabling connects the wind turbines together into strings. The strings of turbines are then connected to the offshore substation platform. The techniques being considered include drilling beneath the beach and sea cliffs, or laying ducts into an open trench.

7. Erection of the Wind Turbines

The wind turbines are erected on top of the foundations.



Sequential photographs of installation of turbine tower, nacelle and blades.

CABLES

In determining the final cable routes and installation methods the project team will take into consideration a number of factors including seabed conditions, the presence of existing infrastructure and marine archaeology, sensitive ecological features, and other uses of the marine area.



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7. HOW WILL DUBLIN ARRAY BE CONSTRUCTED ONSHORE?



ONSHORE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

The onshore construction works will comprise of landfall and TJB site(s), the laying of cables, and the construction of an onshore substation(s) adjacent to Carrickmines, Poolbeg or any other connection point as agreed by EirGrid.

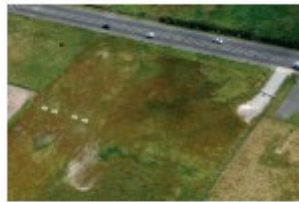
All construction areas related to the works required at the landfall and along the cable route will be restored to their original condition following the completion of the works.

TRANSITION JOINT BAY

The Transition Joint Bay (TJB) for each circuit is where the marine cable transitions into the onshore cable(s). Each TJB is approximately 16 metres long, 4 metres wide and 2.5 metres deep. The TJBs are buried below the existing ground level and, following construction and commissioning, the ground surface will be fully reinstated, re-grassed and returned to its existing use. The images below show an example of a landfall Transition Joint Bay (TJB) under construction and following reinstatement works.



Gwynt y Môr TJB under construction (August 2013).



Gwynt y Môr TJB site restored (October 2014).

ONSHORE CABLE ROUTE

The onshore cable routes to get to the substation will be chosen based on a number of factors, with the goal being to reduce the cable installation nuisance as much as possible.

The following photographs show typical cable duct installation works in agricultural land. The onshore cable route options for Dublin Array include roads, paths and public open spaces.

The cable installation works will be typical of the works carried out by other utility companies laying services such as electricity and broadband cables. The roads will be restored to their original condition on completion of the works.



Image left: Typical 110kV Trench Excavation (Ducts in Trench Formation).

Source: ESB HV Cables - General Construction Methodology.

Image right: Gwynt y Môr cable trench onshore cable route - typical cable duct installation works in open land.

ONSHORE SUBSTATION

The only onshore works that will be visible after completion of the construction works will be the onshore substation. There are ongoing works to find the best location for this substation, subject to the constraints of the existing electricity grid system in Dublin. The two main sites being investigated are at Carrickmines and Poolbeg. The substation will be located as close as possible to existing ESB structures.

The following photographs show a typical substation.



Gwynt y Môr onshore substation under construction.



Gwynt y Môr onshore substation equipment.

LANDFALL

ALL SITES RELATED TO THE WORKS REQUIRED AT THE LANDFALL AND ALONG THE CABLE ROUTE WILL BE RESTORED TO THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE WORKS.



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8. ONSHORE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS

We are currently undertaking a number of environmental studies, surveys and assessments and these will continue to be updated in advance of, during and after all construction works.

This will enable us to anticipate and fully understand any potential impacts and allow us to modify our design so as to avoid or minimise those impacts where possible.

These include studies relating to:

- Ecology
- Archaeology and cultural heritage
- Hydrology and hydrogeology
- Geology and soils
- Landscape and visual
- Traffic and transport
- Noise and vibration
- Amenity and community aspects

The environmental assessments will be presented in the planning application as the project Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EiAR), along with proposals for mitigation and an outline Construction Environmental Management Plan.



A bat box installed and monitored as part of a post-construction habitat management plan.

Habitats and Biodiversity

Wherever possible, the electrical system will be routed to minimise ecological impacts. The likely areas where cable installation works could have potential to impact on habitats and biodiversity are at river crossings or where it is necessary to route the cables in close proximity to existing trees.

Detailed ecological surveys have been carried out since 2016 as part of the site selection process and will continue as the project progresses. These will allow us to continually update and expand our baseline data and interpret the results to assess any possible impacts. Where it is not possible to avoid the impact, mitigation measures will be developed and where this is not possible (for example where a tree needs to be removed) alternative compensation measures (such as replanting) will be proposed.

During 2020, we are continuing our survey programme to include amongst other things: habitat, protected species, aquatic life, tree, bird and invasive species surveys.



Trees planted and maintained as part of a post-construction habitat management plan.

Landscape and Visual

There will be no permanent landscape and visual impacts associated with the landfall and the joining of the offshore and onshore cable, and cable route. The cables at the landfall and along the onshore cable route will all be buried and, post construction, all sites will be reinstated to their original natural condition. The only potential permanent visual impacts could be related to the removal of any trees if necessary, although the site selection and cable routing process has tried to minimise the need for any tree loss. However, it is intended that these would be replanted outside of the cable corridor. Marker posts will be required at the point of landfall and at boundaries along the cable route.

During cable installation, temporary works will occur along the route. This will typically be within a working area surrounded by temporary metal fencing panels. The construction site at the landfall TJB will be surrounded by a temporary solid panel fence.

During construction of the onshore substation(s), the site(s) will be enclosed by a solid fence. This will be replaced by a steel palisade fence following construction. The substation(s) will include a large industrial type building (similar to the existing structures at these locations) and a yard containing outdoor electrical equipment. A visual assessment will be carried out as part of the design process to determine what screening or landscaping is required and this will be included in the planning application.

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DURING 2020, WE WILL CONTINUE OUR SURVEY PROGRAMME TO INCLUDE AMONGST OTHER THINGS: HABITAT, PROTECTED SPECIES, AQUATIC LIFE, TREE, BIRD AND INVASIVE SPECIES SURVEYS.



9. OFFSHORE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS



We are currently collating information through surveys, desk-based studies, and consultation, which will inform our understanding of the existing environment in the vicinity of the project.

Further data collection will add to the body of knowledge regarding the physical and biological environment of the Kish and Bray Banks and how the area is currently used for commercial and recreational activities.

Ecological surveys have been carried out since 2001 (2001, 2002, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2016, 2017, 2019) and will be ongoing throughout 2020 and beyond.

BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT Birds and Marine Mammals

A series of surveys which are ongoing will provide additional data regarding the distribution and abundance of birds and marine mammals in and around the Dublin Array area to supplement data previously collected by the project and a wide range of third-party data sets.

According to data analysed to date, the most frequently recorded bird species include: Manx shearwater, gannet, shag, herring gull, kittiwake, roseate tern, common tern, Arctic tern, gullinnet, and razorbill. Marine mammal species recorded include harbour porpoise and grey seal.



Image left: Gannet, September 2019.



Image right: Common guillemot (winter plumage), December 2019.

Fish and Seabed Habitat

The fish and shellfish that are found in and around the project area will be described by reviewing existing information and by commercial fishing and scientific trawls. Site specific benthic grab surveys and available third-party data collected in the area are informing our understanding of the range and extent of seabed habitats.



Common dolphin, photo Chris Pierpoint.

The potential effects of the construction, operation and decommissioning of the wind farm on fish, shellfish, marine mammals, bird species and marine habitats will be assessed during the Environmental Impact Assessment process, and where appropriate mitigation measures will be developed to reduce any effects to an acceptable level.

Natura 2000 Sites

The area is used by bird species which are listed as qualifying interests of Special Protection Areas (SPA) and supports marine mammal species that are protected under the Habitats Directive and are also qualifying interests of the nearby Rockabill to Dalkey Special Area of Conservation (SAC). SPAs and SACs are European sites which provide for the protection of Europe's most valuable and threatened species and habitats, through the setting of Conservation Objectives. Collectively, these sites comprise the Natura 2000 network of protected sites across Europe. Through careful design of the wind farm, selection of appropriate construction methods and adoption of industry best practice we seek to avoid adverse effects upon the Conservation Objectives of the European sites and on individual animals designated as European Protected Species.

The Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, as transposed into Irish legislation, requires that an Appropriate Assessment is undertaken by the competent authority (expected to be An Bord Pleanála) to establish the potential for adverse effects of a plan or project, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, on the Conservation Objectives of a European site.

We will be undertaking an Appropriate Assessment Screening and preparing a Natura Impact Statement which we will submit with our application to provide the information required by the competent authority to undertake the Assessment.

THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

We are undertaking a detailed analysis of available data and sourcing new data using radar and visual observation vessel traffic surveys to assist us in understanding marine traffic patterns in the area. We are liaising with marine stakeholders to provide us with their feedback, so we can review their opinions and requirements in our design.

SURVEYS

FURTHER DATA COLLECTION WILL ADD TO THE BODY OF KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE KISH AND BRAY BANKS AND HOW THE AREA IS CURRENTLY USED FOR COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.



Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment

The offshore turbines are expected to be visible from the coast. However, the extent of view, colour and contrast of the turbines and the number of turbines visible will vary depending on the weather conditions. Photographs have been taken from a number of viewpoints and have been used to generate realistic, computer-generated images of the proposed wind farm from these locations to illustrate how the wind farm will look at different points along the coast. A number of these key viewpoints are accessible through the screen labelled 'photomontages' in this digital consultation room for the purposes of our public consultation. The full suite will be submitted with our consent application which we expect to submit early next year.

A detailed Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment will be completed and submitted with our planning application in order to assess the significance of effects on the landscape, seascape character and visual resources of the area, as well as effects on the settings of historic landscapes and monuments.

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10. DUBLIN ARRAY COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND



In addition to the direct benefits which Dublin Array brings in terms of climate action and decarbonising the electricity supply in Ireland, there will be significant local community benefits, including funding opportunities for community projects. This will be aligned with the requirements of the Government's Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS), when these are finalised. We expect that, similar to RESS 1 for onshore wind, this will encourage a focus on funding that supports education, energy efficiency, sustainable energy and climate action initiatives. RWE have over 25 years of experience delivering Community Benefit Funds, tailored to meet the individual needs of the different communities in which we operate. At this early stage in the project we would like to hear your ideas about how the Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm could support your community, so we can consider them as we start to develop the details of the Community Benefit activities we will undertake.

RWE's Community Benefit Funds at our operating offshore wind farms in the UK have helped to improve the quality of life for people in many ways such as supporting the improvement of community buildings, supporting projects to improve broadband, supporting education and training grants, enhancing opportunities for tourism, supplying iPads for schools, and supporting workers for homeless shelters. One example of such a fund is RWE's Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Community Fund benefitting North Wales. In one year alone it invested nearly €750,000 into 48 community projects. This funding helped to secure a further €2.3 million in match funding and helped create 33.5 jobs. All decisions on how to distribute the fund are made by an independent panel of local representatives.

In Ireland, onshore wind farms have been supporting local communities for many years, with €2,470,000 being received from Community Benefit Funds in 2018 (Irish Wind Energy Authority (IWEA) Building Communities Wind Energy Community Benefit Report 2018). Dublin Array will be developing a Community Benefit Fund over the coming years in collaboration with local communities.

At Dublin Array we are committed to providing community benefits, including offering a Community Benefit Fund which could support projects related to education, energy efficiency, sustainable energy, local community, and climate action initiatives. RWE will seek input on how to distribute and govern the fund, and will always work with local representatives to shape the scheme.

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AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT
FOR 48 COMMUNITY PROJECTS
IN NORTH WALES IN ONE YEAR.



"FUNDING CUTS HAD MEANT WE RISKED LOSING THE TRINITY CENTRE, SO THE FUNDING FROM GWYNT Y MŌR COMMUNITY FUND COULDN'T HAVE COME AT A BETTER TIME. THANKS TO THE FUNDING THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE TO PAY THE STAFF, WHO ARE WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD. WE'VE FORMED A REALLY TIGHT-KNIT COMMUNITY. I COULDN'T HAVE DONE WITHOUT THE CENTRE WHEN MY HUSBAND PASSED AWAY. I'VE MADE SO MANY FRIENDS HERE, IT'S BEEN A REAL LIFELINE."

User of Trinity Centre, funded by RWE Renewables Gwynt y Môr Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund.



"IT CAN BE QUITE DIFFICULT WHEN YOU'RE AN APPRENTICE, AS YOU DON'T EARN A LOT OF MONEY, TO PURCHASE TOOLS WHICH COST THOUSANDS OF POUNDS, AS WELL AS RUNNING A CAR TO GET TO WORK AND COLLEGE, AND TO LIVE SOME SORT OF LIFESTYLE! THE £2,000 GRANT FROM MIDDLEMOOR WIND FARM WILL HELP ME PURCHASE THE BASE TOOLS I NEED TO COMPLETE THE JOB SUCH AS AN ELECTRIC RATCHET GUN OR COMMON HAND TOOLS SUCH AS SPANNERS. SO, THE £2,000 HELPS ME PURCHASE THE TOOLS AND MAKES MY LIFE EASIER AND I HAVE EXTRA MONEY THAT I CAN USE TO SUPPORT MYSELF."

Mechanic apprentice, RWE Renewables Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund.

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11. OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESSES



The development, construction and operation of the proposed wind farm could bring significant economic benefits to the region through the contracts that are awarded.

According to a report by IWEA and the Carbon Trust, the development of 3.5 GW of offshore wind in Ireland by 2030 could lead to approximately €8.6 billion of initial investment at financial close for these projects. This is based on WindEurope's recent analysis of twelve offshore wind farms which reached their Final Investment Decision (FID) in 2018. This indicates that the investment cost of offshore wind in Europe has continued to fall and averaged €2.45 million/MW in 2018. (IWEA Harnessing Our Potential – Investment and Jobs in Ireland's Offshore Wind Industry, March 2020).

The report further estimates that over the lifetime of the projects needed to deliver the minimum goal for offshore renewable electricity put forth in the Climate Action Plan of 3.5 GW, a total of €17.9 billion will be spent in the supply chain. IWEA states that with the right support, Irish business could capture up to 31-36%, and potentially as much as 50% (IWEA Harnessing Our Potential – Investment and Jobs in Ireland's Offshore Wind Industry, March 2020).

All of this clearly demonstrates the wide range of economic opportunities that the Dublin Array project offers.

As well as the awarding of supply contracts, there will be a number of construction and operation jobs created to support the wind farm. To secure the 3.5 GW minimum goal, it is estimated that 7,500 construction and 700 local, permanent operations and maintenance jobs will be created (IWEA Harnessing Our Potential – Investment and Jobs in Ireland's Offshore Wind Industry, March 2020). Depending on the final size of the Dublin Array offshore wind farm, the project will create up to:

- 430 construction jobs*
- 120 permanent, local O&M jobs*

*Estimates based on IWEA Harnessing Our Potential – Investment and Jobs in Ireland's Offshore Wind Industry, March 2020.

We will be actively encouraging a local supply chain as much as possible and we are working with industry bodies, state agencies and Government to ensure as much of the investment and job creation as possible is made into the Irish and local economy.

If you would like your company to be considered as a supplier for the Dublin Array project please email your contact details to info@dublinarray.com. We will hold all submissions in a secure database and will contact applicable suppliers during the relevant stages of the project.

430
ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION
LOCAL O&M JOBS.

120
ESTIMATED PERMANENT
LOCAL O&M JOBS.



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12. ENGAGEMENT AND FEEDBACK



We, at RWE, take a long-term interest in our assets as we operate many of them for their full lifecycle. For this reason, among others, strong local engagement and communication is very important for us, as well as our project partners, Saorús Energy. We want to engage with the local community to ensure we deliver a successful project for Ireland. Your engagement will help to shape the development and design of the project in advance of our entering the statutory consent process.

It is important to us that local communities are involved early in the process and understand fully what we are proposing, which is why this exhibition is taking place so that you can learn about the project and submit your views before we go forward with any future planning applications.

Once this phase of our public consultation is completed, we will consider all feedback received. Your engagement can influence the project's development and will give us a chance to address any potential concerns you may have.

Feedback and Contact

We highly value your feedback and want to work with you during the development process. We have provided an online feedback form in the digital consultation room. Consultation is ongoing, and RWE continues to seek your views. You can submit your feedback or contact us in the following ways:

- Fill out a feedback form
- Email us at info@dublinarray.com

- Write to us at:
Dublin Array, RWE Renewables,
Unit 5 Desert House, Lower New Street,
Kilkenney City, Co. Kilkenny

We will be regularly updating our website, producing newsletters, and advertising key information in local and national newspapers. Please let us know if you would like to opt in to receive newsletters and other project updates. This can be done directly through our website www.dublinarray.com or by emailing us at info@dublinarray.com.

Give My View Poll

As well as consulting with you through our online consultation and via phone and email, we would love to gain your feedback on some specific questions regarding renewable energy in Ireland and the Dublin Array project. To achieve this, we will be running an online poll, provided by Give My View. You can access the poll which is available in the digital consultation room. We will be reviewing all the feedback we receive through the poll and incorporating it into our project plans.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT: NEXT STEPS

Survey and Studies:

Throughout 2020 we will continue to undertake the necessary technical and environmental surveys, studies and designs as outlined on previous boards. During this period, we will take into consideration all the feedback we have received during our consultation activities.

Planning Process:

A Foreshore Lease application (to construct the project) was submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Local Government in 2006 and updated information was subsequently submitted in 2009, 2012 and 2013. Since this time, the Government has been working on new legislation to regulate all marine planning and development activity. This legislation is called the Marine Planning and Development Management Bill.

It is expected that we will be submitting a fresh application to construct and operate the Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm in 2021. The new legislation has identified An Bord Pleanála as the decision-making authority, as in the existing planning system for large-scale infrastructure projects, and therefore we will submit our application to them.

Everyone will have an opportunity to submit a letter of support, objection, or an observation on this application to An Bord Pleanála. We will publicise when this submission period opens through our project updates, on our website, in newspapers and any other means agreed with An Bord Pleanála.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING
IN THE DUBLIN ARRAY OFFSHORE
WIND FARM PUBLIC EXHIBITION.

PLEASE COMPLETE
A FEEDBACK FORM.



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Appendix 7: Consultation Boards Spring 2023

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Hello - Welcome to our exhibition today and thank you for visiting. Please take your time viewing the information we have on display. If you have any questions or feedback on our proposals, our project team would like to hear from you.

The purpose of this exhibition is to provide you with the latest updates on the Dublin Array project. We want to engage in a dialogue with you and provide you with the opportunity to have your say on our plans which will be submitted as part of our development consent ('planning') application.

As you explore the exhibition there are a number of boards which provide information, and visualisations.

The boards cover the following:

- 01 What is Dublin Array?
- 02 Why the Kish and Bray Banks?
- 03 Why is Dublin Array important?
- 04 Project Development
- 05 Offshore Wind Electricity
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- 17 Marine Archaeology
- 18 Marine Users
- 19 Dublin Array Community Benefit Fund
- 20 Opportunities for Business
- 21 Operations and Maintenance
- 22 Engagement and Feedback



All the information presented here is available on our

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What is Dublin Array?

Dublin Array is a proposed offshore wind farm at the Kish and Bray banks, off the coast of Dublin and Wicklow counties.

Based on conclusions from environmental and technical studies that we have undertaken, the latest expected configuration for the offshore element of the wind farm is:

- Approximately 39 to 50 turbines
- Total project capacity of between 700MW and 850MW (subject to consideration of turbine choice and final number of turbines installed)
- Individual turbine tip heights of between approximately 270 metres and 310 metres

Since Dublin Array was first proposed in 1999, there have been significant technological changes in the offshore wind industry. This means we can deliver more electricity, more efficiently, with fewer turbines. Previously Dublin Array was considering up to 145 turbines, with a tip height of 160 metres. While the turbines will be bigger, there will be fewer and more efficient turbines, lessening many of the potential impacts associated with their construction and operation.

The final decision on the project envelope, i.e., the size and number of turbines, has not yet been made. There are several ongoing survey and detailed design activities which will inform this decision. We are seeking to balance the technical, commercial, and environmental considerations to deliver the best project we possibly can.

To allow the electricity generated by Dublin Array to enter the national electricity network, offshore and onshore cables will carry the electricity from the turbines via offshore substation platform(s) to an existing ESB/EirGrid onshore electricity transmission station. EirGrid, the national electricity Transmission System Operator is responsible for managing the connection process for offshore wind projects. Through engagement with EirGrid, the existing Carrickmines 220 kV transmission station has been identified as the connection point for Dublin Array. Subject to the project securing a development consent ('planning permission'), it is expected that the wind farm could be operational from 2028. The figure below sets out our current planned timeline.

Average Irish household
electricity consumption p.a.
Carbon saving per annum of

4.2 MWh
1,548,969
TONNES

2018 – 2023



Technical design / procurement
Financial Investment Decision
June 2025



Why the Kish and Bray banks?

The proposed Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm is located at the Kish and Bray Banks, areas of shallow water approximately 10km from the coastline of Dublin and Wicklow counties.

Many factors are taken into consideration when identifying areas suitable for potential offshore wind farms. These include the availability of a good wind resource, proximity to areas of high electricity demand, and the absence of hard constraints such as areas already leased by the State for other uses, international shipping routes, unfavourable seabed conditions or water depth. With annual average wind speeds of 9.7 metres per second at 100 metres above sea level, shallow waters with depths ranging from 2 to 30 metres and good soil conditions, the Kish and Bray Banks are suitable locations for an offshore wind farm.

This means reducing environmental impact and costs of construction. It also reduces electrical losses making the wind farm more efficient. Operational costs are also reduced due to proximity to shore for maintenance. Cost reductions in the construction and operation of the wind farm reduce the cost of energy to the consumer (businesses, families and individuals) through the competitive electricity market.



A significant benefit of Dublin Array is its proximity to Dublin, a major electricity demand hub. Dublin Array will generate enough renewable electricity to supply 844,000 homes. Its proximity to shore reduces the extent of submarine electricity cable infrastructure required.

The combination of all the above factors, environmental, technical, financial are the main reasons why the Kish and Bray Banks have been identified as an excellent location for an offshore wind farm development.

The location and boundary of the offshore wind farm are fixed through the Maritime Area Consent issued under the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2021.

Why is Dublin Array important?

Climate change: an international emergency.



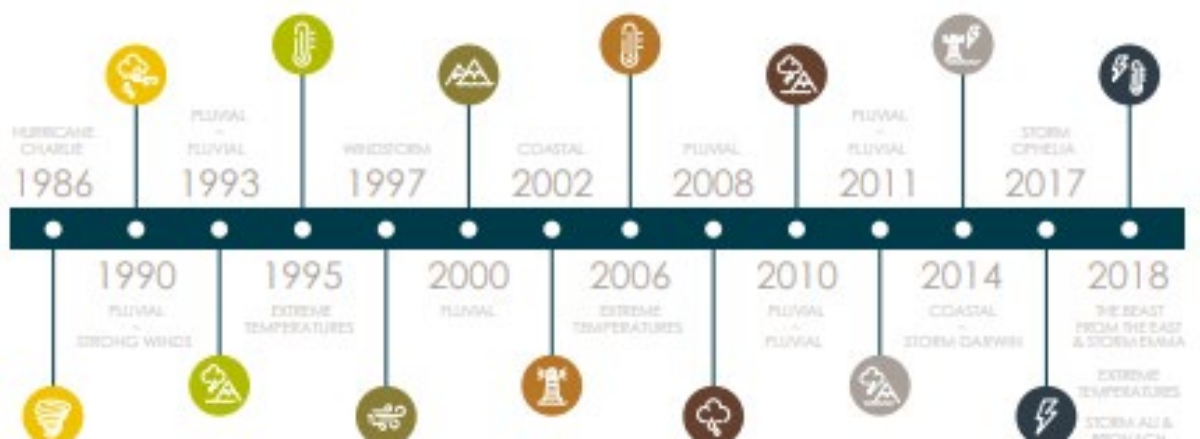
The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Special Report, Global Warming of 1.5°C published in October 2018, confirmed that the international community has a limited window for real action to reduce emissions to ensure that current and future generations can live sustainably in a low carbon and climate resilient world. The most recent IPCC report (Sixth Assessment Report, 2022) concludes,

'The cumulative scientific evidence is unequivocal: Climate change is a threat to human well-being and planetary health. Any further delay in concerted anticipatory global action on adaptation and mitigation will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all.'

Material action is being taken internationally to ensure that government climate action commitments are realised. It is vital that Ireland plays our part in this by drastically reducing our CO2 emissions.

Climate change: a national emergency

In May 2019, then Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Eamon Ryan said climate change has been rightly described as the greatest challenge facing humanity. "We're reaching a tipping point in respect of climate deterioration," he said. "Things will deteriorate very rapidly unless we move very swiftly and the window of opportunity to do that is fast closing." Ireland is having increasing numbers of weather events caused by climate change, with coastal areas being particularly impacted. There have been an increasing number of climate events that have affected Ireland in the last 34 years (see below). The increasing frequency of major climate events is a clear emerging trend.



Why is Dublin Array important?

Climate change: an international emergency.



Rapidly Growing Population in Greater Dublin Area

There is a rapidly increasing population in Ireland, particularly in Dublin. The most recently published 2022 Census highlights that by 2031 an additional 400,000 people will be living in the Greater Dublin Area. There is also an increasing number of businesses, including technology companies, and large energy users. All of this is creating a large and growing demand for electricity.

Our Legal Obligations

For the period from 2021 onwards, our targets are significantly increasing. The European Union 2030 Climate & Energy Framework and associated legislation (Regulation 2018/1999) requires Ireland to publish a National Energy and Climate Plan for the period 2021–2030. Ireland submitted its National Energy & Climate Plan (NECP) 2021–2030 to the European Commission on the 31st of July 2020.

A national target is to deliver up to 80% of Ireland's electricity from renewable sources by 2030.

This goal is included in the most recent Government Climate Action Plan which was published in 2022. Offshore wind is seen as one of the key sectors to deliver this target and the plan is committing to the delivery of 7 GW (7,000 MW) of renewable energy by 2030.



Project Development. What is involved in the development?

The Dublin Array project has been in development since 1999.

Development Work

Offshore wind farms require a significant amount of time and investment to complete the engineering and environmental studies necessary to optimise the design layout, select the type and number of turbines and determine the best way that they will be constructed and operated. Since Saorús Energy was granted the first two Foreshore Licences (to survey the site) in 2000, numerous technical, engineering, and environmental surveys and studies have been carried out on the Kish and Bray Banks to inform the site-specific design process. These studies included ecological surveys, wind resource monitoring, seabed investigations, archaeological field investigations and wave, current and wind measurements.

All this valuable work is being incorporated into the project design, together with the additional surveys and studies that will be carried out this year.

Foreshore Licences

Our most recent foreshore licence was awarded to us in January 2023. A number of foreshore licences have been obtained previously for the project to authorise us to undertake marine surveys. The most recent foreshore licence was awarded to us in January 2021, enabling us to complete a range of metocean, environmental, archaeological and seabed surveys.

Maritime Area Consent

The Maritime Area Consent was awarded by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications in December 2022. Having a Maritime Area Consent is necessary to allow us to apply for development consent. A development consent application ('a planning application') is planned for submission in late 2023 to achieve an operational date that helps Ireland meet its 2030 renewable energy targets.



Offshore Wind Electricity.

How Will Dublin Array Produce Electricity?

Wind turbines generate electricity by capturing the natural power of the winds.

The force of the wind rotates the turbine blades which spins a generator where mechanical energy is converted into electricity. The electricity produced is then transmitted via cables through the inside of the tower to the seabed where the cables are buried or otherwise protected. Groups of turbines are linked together by submarine cables which then connect to an offshore substation. A transformer within the offshore substation increases the electricity to a higher voltage to transmit the power to shore more efficiently.

The offshore cables are connected to the onshore cables at what is called a Transition Joint Bay (TJB). Underground onshore cables will carry the power from the TJB to an onshore substation where the electricity is regulated and harmonised to meet the specifications required for connections into the national electricity transmission system. A short cable then connects the substation to the grid connection point (in the case of Dublin Array, the existing 220 kV Carrickmines electricity substation which is owned and operated by ESB Networks and EirGrid respectively).

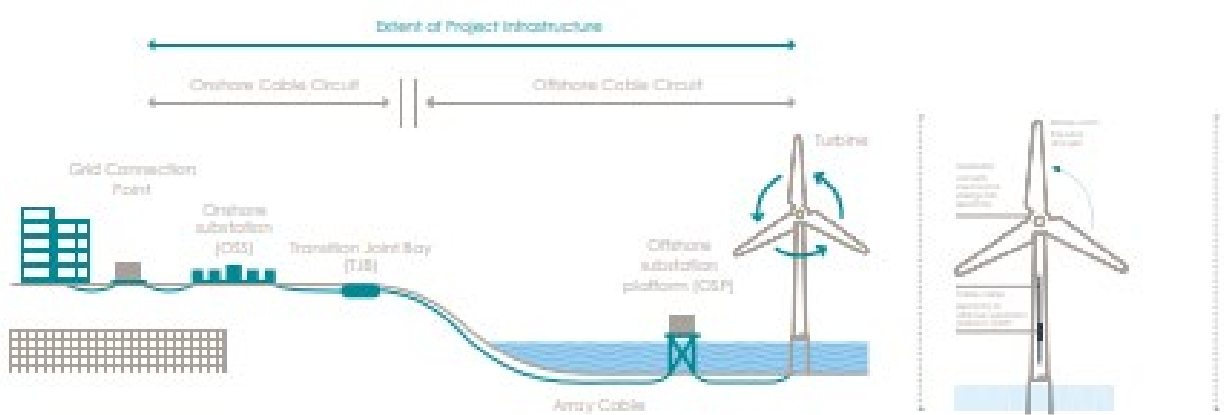
Electricity from the existing 220 kV Carrickmines electricity substation is transmitted by EirGrid and ESB Networks through the Dublin transmission network.

Evolution of the Offshore Wind Energy Industry

Since the first large-scale offshore wind farm was installed in Denmark in 2000 (the Middelgrunden Wind Farm), the industry has matured rapidly, with innovation in design and increased focus on reliability and maintainability, as well as decreased impacts and constraints. These innovations have also seen the cost of renewable energy fall to levels comparable to fossil fuel generation.

Ireland's first offshore wind farm, the Arklow Bank Wind Park, was developed in 2004 with a capacity of 25.2 MW.

The Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm will supply at least 700 MW, highlighting the innovation in the industry in the intervening years.

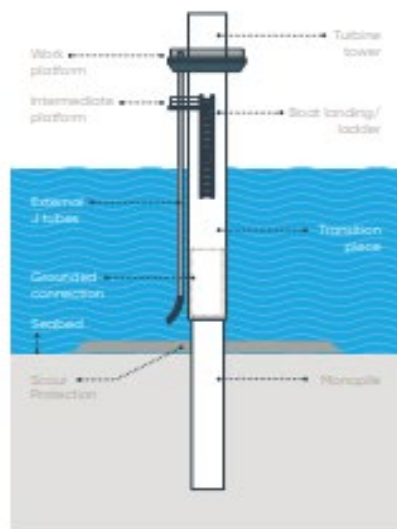


How will Dublin Array be constructed offshore?

The offshore construction works will comprise the following:

1. Fixing of foundations to the seabed

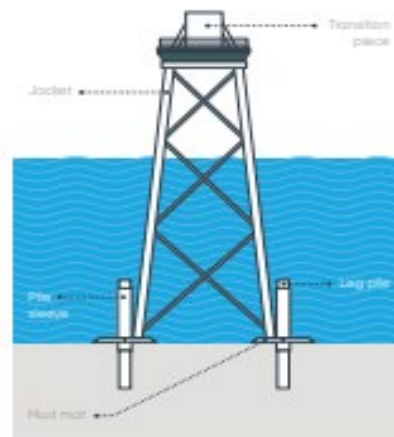
Wind turbines and other infrastructure, including offshore substation platforms, require foundations to securely support the structures whilst withstanding forces from the wind and the marine environment. The foundations also provide safe access and a safe working environment for operational and maintenance activities. The most likely foundations to be constructed for Dublin Array are illustrated below. These foundations take the form of monopile or jacket type arrangement.



TYPICAL MONOPILE FOUNDATION ARRANGEMENT

2. Installation of meteorological equipment

Meteorological sensors will be mounted on a marine buoy attached to the seabed.



TYPICAL JACKET FOUNDATION ARRANGEMENT



TYPICAL OFFSHORE SUBSTATION PLATFORM

3. Construction of one or more offshore Substation Platform(s)

The Offshore Substation Platform(s) will house electrical equipment as well as control and instrumentation systems. They act as collector stations for the windfarm array electrical and telecommunications systems which are then connected on shore to the national grid. The platforms also provide access facilities for installation, operations and maintenance crews.

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How will Dublin Array be constructed offshore?

The offshore construction works will comprise the following:

4. Installation of cable ducts at the landfall

When the export cables are approaching the shore, they will remain underground, beneath the beach and cliffs where they will connect with the onshore cables at the Transition Joint Bay (TJB).

5. Laying of cables from the offshore substation to the landfall

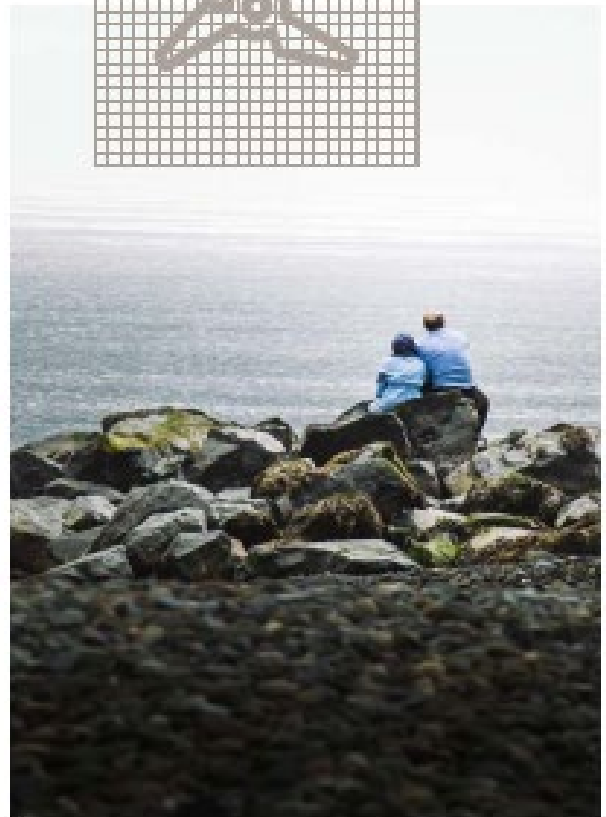
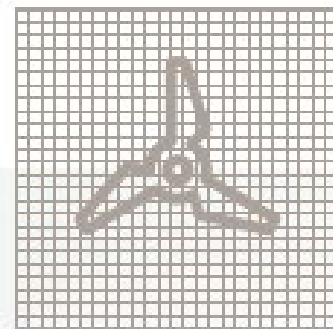
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Approaching the shore, the offshore cables will be pulled by a land-based winch through the pre-installed landfall ducts to the TJB where they will be joined with the onshore cables.



SEA-STALLION CABLE PLOUGH RECOVERED TO DECK DURING

CABLE LAYING WORKS DURING EARLY STAGES OF THE



6. Installation of inter-array cabling

The inter-array cabling connects the wind turbines together into strings. The strings of turbines are then connected to the offshore substation platform.

The installation will most likely involve laying cable on the seabed between the WTG structures and then burying those cables with a specialist burial tool or protecting the cables with suitable materials such as rock protection.

7. Erection of the wind turbines

What onshore infrastructure is required?

The onshore construction works will comprise of a landfall at Shanganagh, the laying of cables in two trenches, and the construction of an onshore substation at Carrickmines.

Onshore electrical system

All construction areas required at the landfall and along the cable route will be reinstated to their original use as much as possible, following the completion of the works. The onshore electrical works will follow EirGrid's specification requirements.



EXAMPLE OF TRANSITION JOINT BAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Transition joint bay

The Transition Joint Bay (TJB) for each of the two proposed electricity circuits is where the export cables transition into the onshore cable(s). Options for the location of the TJBs were identified at Shanganagh Park and Shanganagh Cliffs. The emerging preferred location for the TJBs is at Shanganagh Cliffs.

A typical TJB for this type of project is approximately 16 metres long, 4 metres wide and 2.5 metres deep. The TJBs are buried below the existing ground level and, following construction and commissioning, the ground surface will be re-grassed and returned to its existing use. The images on this page show an example of a landfall Transition Joint Bay under construction and



EXAMPLE OF TRANSITION JOINT BAY POST CONSTRUCTION

Onshore cable route

The onshore cable route from the landfall to the onshore substation will be chosen based on a number of factors, balancing environmental, technical, economic and social considerations.

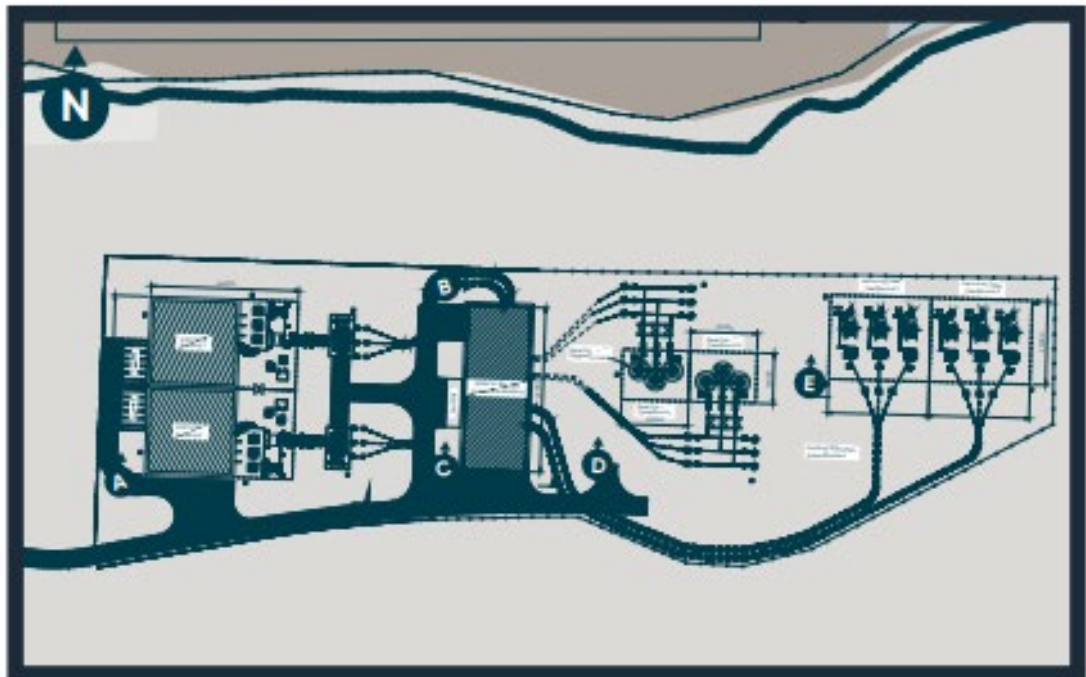
Onshore substation

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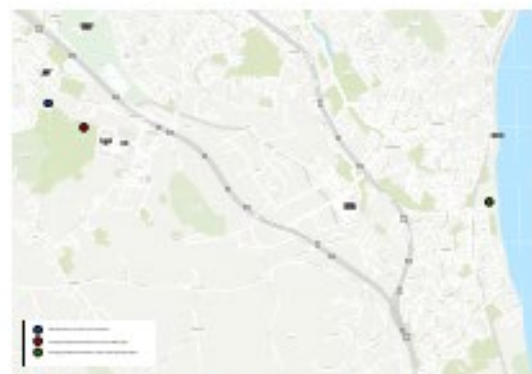
Example Substation layout.

Our new substation, near the existing substation at Carrickmines, will be designed to meet EirGrid (the national electricity transmission system operator – www.eirgrid.com) requirements.



EirGrid has confirmed the Carrickmines 220kV substation as the grid connection point to the national grid. The emerging preferred substation location has been identified at the Ballyogan Recycling Park adjacent to the Carrickmines substation. A multi-criteria analysis was carried out to identify the emerging preferred substation location at Ballyogan. The site was identified taking account of land use sensitivities, socioeconomic, environmental and technical criteria.

A concept design layout is shown in the above map and following cross sections.



MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF EMERGING PREFERRED SUBSTATION

Example Substation.

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Onshore Cable Route.

A multi- criteria analysis was undertaken to identify the best performing option. This analysis included technical, environmental, socio-economic criteria

Two circuits will be routed side by side underground along the emerging preferred cable route corridor.

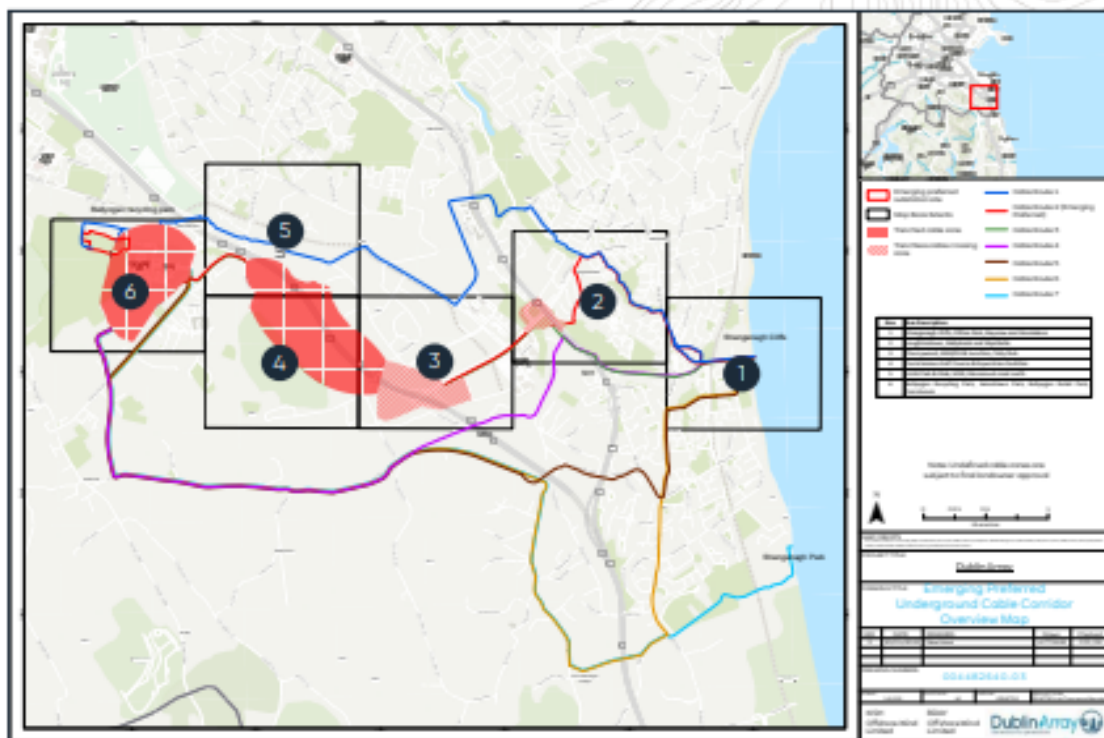
7 route options were identified applying the following principles:

- #1 Maximise the use of the road network
- #2 Minimise impact on communities
- #3 Minimise use of private land where possible
- #4 Minimise impact on sensitive natural and built heritage
- #5 Minimise the overall length of the route.

Technical Criteria	Environmental Criteria	Socio-economic Criteria	Cost Criteria
Construction Disruption (Traffic, Access points)	Biodiversity	Population and Economics	Installation costs
Joint Bay Location Suitability	Landscape & Visual	Planning Applications	Number of joint bays
Constructability	Archaeology, Architecture & Cultural Heritage	Land Use Patterns	
Utility Congestion	Water & Flooding	Recreation and Tourism	
Utility Interface	Soils, Geology and Hydrogeology Noise	Existing Utilities	
Combined Technical Performance	Combined Environmental Performance	Combined socio-economic Performance	Combined Cost Performance

Cable Route options.

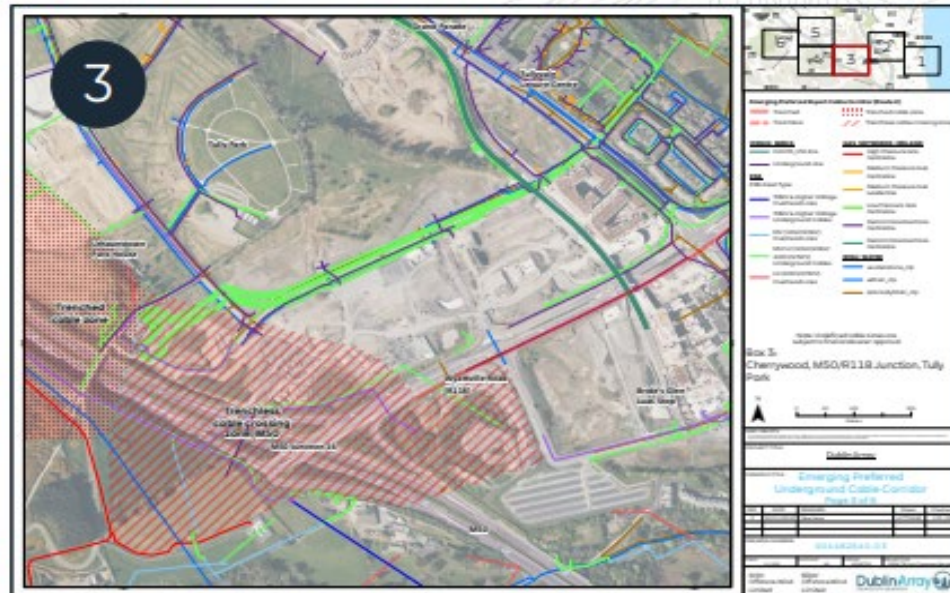
We are exploring potential options for our onshore underground cable installation to bring the power from the windfarm to its connection point at Carrickmines.



UNDERGROUND CABLE ROUTE OPTIONS - OVERVIEW MAP

Cable Route options.

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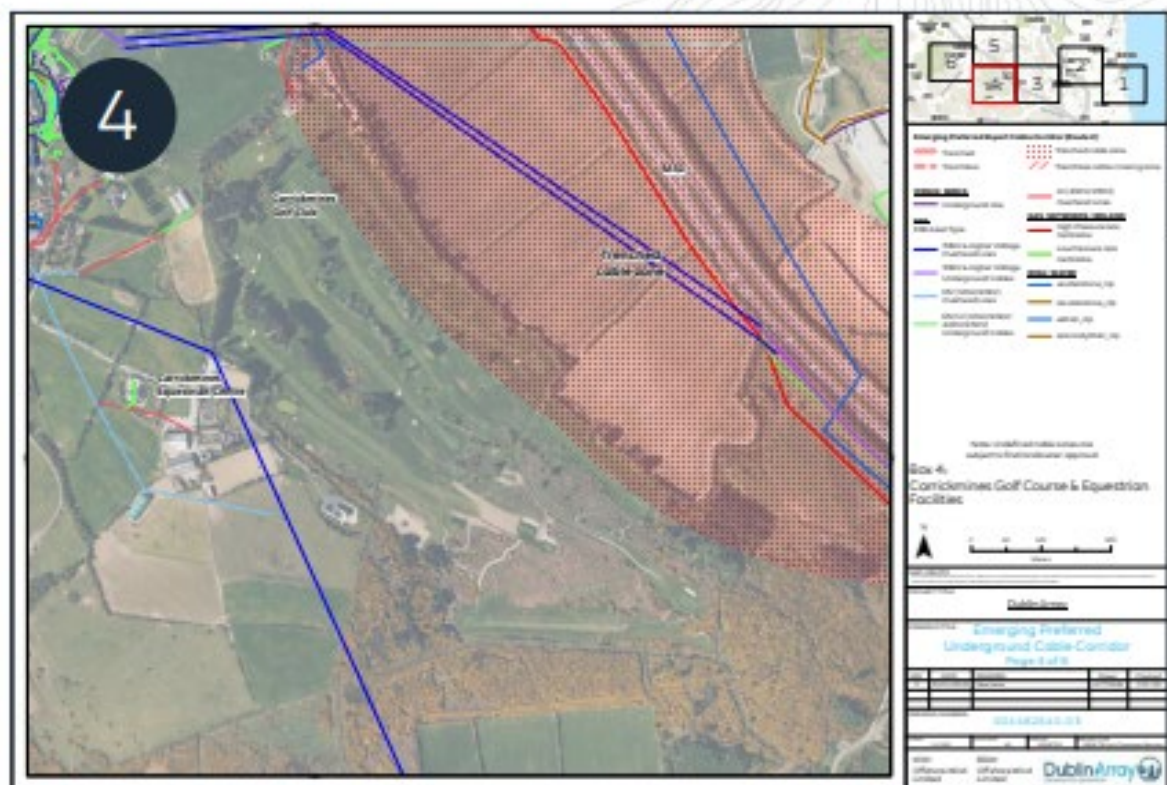


EMERGING PREFERRED UNDERGROUND CABLE ROUTE 2 - AREA 3

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Cable Route options.

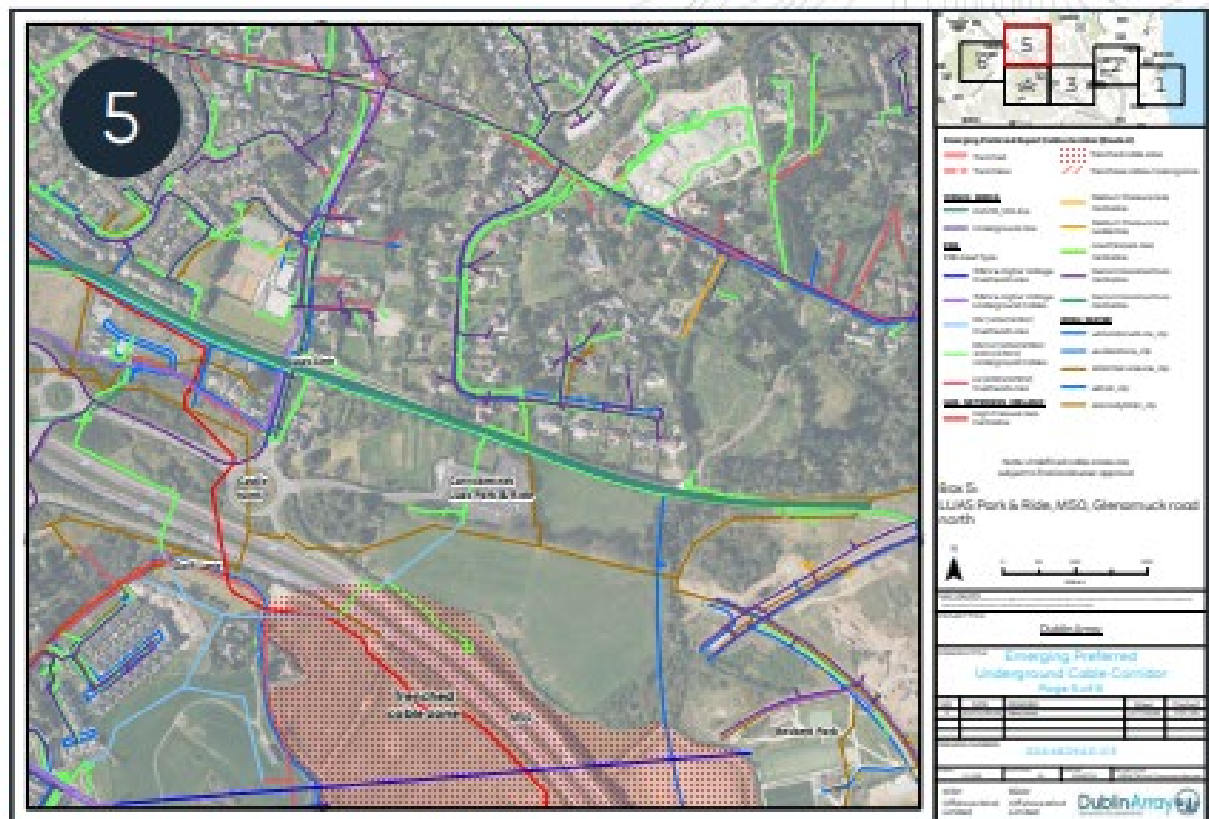
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EMERGING PREFERRED UNDERGROUND CABLE ROUTE 2 - AREA 4

Cable Route options.

We are exploring potential options for our onshore underground cable installation to bring the power from the windfarm to its connection point at Carrickmines.



EMERGING PREFERRED UNDERGROUND CABLE ROUTE 2 - AREA 5

Onshore environmental assessment.

To inform the design of the onshore infrastructure we are undertaking a number of environmental studies, surveys, and assessments.

This information will be included in our Environmental Impact Assessment Report which will be submitted with our development consent ('planning') application. This will enable us to anticipate and fully understand any potential impacts and allow us to modify our design to avoid or minimise those impacts where possible.

These include studies relating to:

- Ecology
- Archaeology and cultural heritage
- Hydrology and hydrogeology
- Geology and soils
- Landscape and visual
- Traffic and transport
- Noise and vibration
- Amenity and community aspects

Habitats and Biodiversity

Wherever possible, the onshore infrastructure will be designed to minimise ecological impacts. The likely areas where onshore installation works could have potential to impact on habitats and biodiversity are at river crossings or where it is necessary to route cables in close proximity to existing trees. Detailed ecological surveys have been carried out since 2016 as part of the site and route selection process and will continue as the project progresses. These will allow us to continually update and expand our baseline data and interpret the results to assess any possible impacts. Where it is not possible to avoid the impact, mitigation measures will be developed and where this is not possible (for example where a tree needs to be removed) alternative compensation measures (such as replanting) will be proposed.

Landscape and Visual

It is envisaged that there will be no permanent landscape and visual impacts associated with the landfall (transition joint bay) and the joining of the offshore and onshore cable, and cable route. The cables at the landfall and along the onshore cable route will all be buried and, post construction, all sites will be reinstated. The only potential permanent visual impacts could be related to the removal of any trees, if necessary. During cable installation, temporary works will occur along the route. This will typically be within a working area surrounded by temporary metal fencing panels.

A visual assessment will be carried out as part of the substation design process to determine what screening or landscaping is required and this will be included in the planning application.

Environmental impact assessment.

The following panels outline the likely effects on the environment which may arise from the construction, operation and decommissioning of Dublin Array.

These phases of the project are being assessed in accordance with relevant Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations and guidance and will be included in our future development consent ('planning') application.

The existing and likely future environmental conditions without the project have been identified. These are known as 'baseline conditions'. The baseline condition of the site and study area form the basis of the assessment, enabling the significant effects of the project to be identified based on consideration of the sensitivity of the affected receptor and the magnitude of the predicted change that the project will bring.

Significance levels for the impacts that have been identified are defined separately for each topic using the terms high, medium, low, or negligible. We have taken the likely environmental effects into account within our ongoing design process. The process of EIA has therefore been used as a means of informing and changing the design of the project.

The Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, as transposed into Irish legislation, requires that an Appropriate Assessment is undertaken by the competent authority (An Bord Pleanála) to establish the potential for adverse effects of a plan or project, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, on the Conservation Objectives of a European site. We will be undertaking an Appropriate Assessment Screening and preparing a Natura Impact Statement which we will submit with our planning application.



Physical processes.

The local sea conditions at Dublin Array have a small tidal range (3.4m spring tide and 1.9m neap tide) and experiences strong tidal currents (up to 2 metres/second).

Due to the protection provided by the landmass of Ireland the wave-energy in the Irish Sea is only approximately 20% of that on the Atlantic coasts. The underlying bedrock geology and the actions of several glacial periods combined with reworking and redeposition as a result of riverine input and tidal processes have shaped the seabed.

The Kish and Bray Banks are sandbanks which occur as part of a series of offshore banks along the east coast of Ireland. Comparison of surveys, which have mapped the underwater depth of the seafloor, indicate that the northern end of the Kish Bank is migrating east very slowly whilst the southern end of the Bray Bank is migrating west.

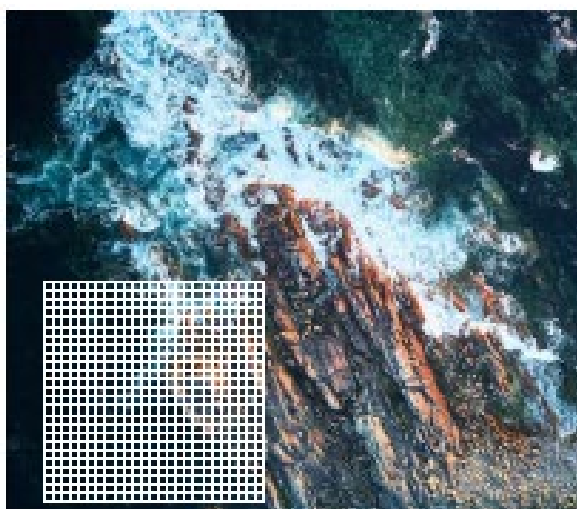
Sand waves have also been identified in the northern and southern extents of the array area and within the export cable corridor (associated with Fraser Bank).



Data collected from across the site, longer term historical data sets and project specific modelling have been used to undertake an assessment of the likely effects of the wind farm on waves and tidal currents. The assessment indicates that there would be only small and localised changes to waves and tidal currents in the wind farm area and consequently no significant effects on sediment movements driven by tide or wave action, either close to the wind farm or at the coast and no effects on the sandbanks or the coastline.

The most measurable effects during construction will result from foundation installation works when short term, small-scale increases in suspended sediment concentrations are predicted to occur.

However, the assessment shows that the sediment will be rapidly dispersed by the tide which will reduce the extent of this effect and allow conditions to quickly return to baseline.



Benthic ('seafloor') ecology.

The seabed habitats across the site are typical of high energy environments and support flora and fauna which are acclimatised to high levels of suspended sediment that occur naturally within this area and consequently, can tolerate variations in suspended sediment concentration and some degree of sediment deposition.



The site-specific subtidal surveys undertaken in 2021 identified areas of cobbles and boulders in the inshore section of the offshore submarine electricity cable corridor between Killiney and Bray which may indicate the presence of stony reef. The intertidal survey also reported the presence of potential reef habitats in this area. Stony reefs are ecologically important for increasing the seabed complexity and providing habitats for organisms that would not otherwise occur in the area, thus enhancing biological diversity. Dublin Array will avoid any works which may directly impact this habitat either by cable routing to avoid them or by drilling beneath the feature to bring the electrical cables ashore.



Effects upon seabed and intertidal habitats and species arising from increased suspended sediments and deposition during the construction of the project, as well as the loss of subtidal habitats beneath wind farm structures, have been assessed. None of the assessments found that significant adverse effects are likely to occur on seabed habitats or species, with either negligible or moderate adverse effects identified.

Effects will be localised and, with the exception of permanent habitat loss beneath wind farm structures, will be temporary in nature.



Wildlife – Birds.

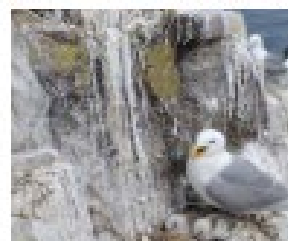
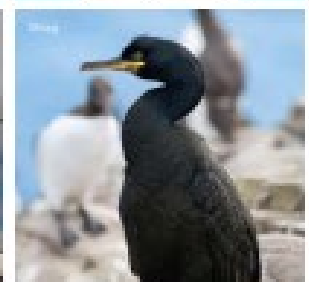
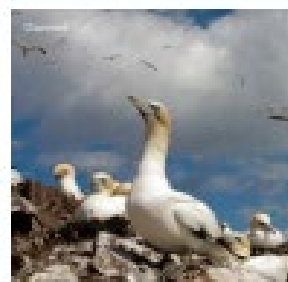
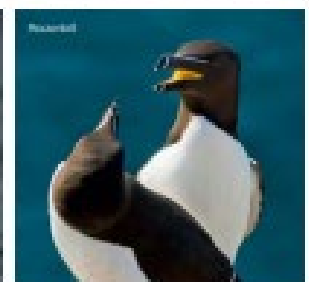
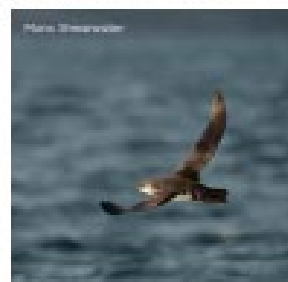
Monthly surveys undertaken over a two-year period, in addition to survey data previously collected by the project and a wide range of third-party data sets, have been used to identify the presence, distribution and abundance of bird species in and around the Dublin Array area.

The most frequently recorded bird species include Manx shearwater, gannet, shag, herring gull, kittiwake, roseate tern, common tern, Arctic tern, guillemot, and razorbill.

Potential impacts on bird species during the construction and decommissioning phases of the project which are currently being assessed include disturbance effects and indirect effects as a result of changes in prey abundance and distribution. During the operational phase, the presence of wind turbines may lead to avoidance of, or displacement from, the wind farm area.

Monitoring of bird behaviour at other wind farm locations in response to vessel and helicopter disturbance indicates that Manx shearwater, auk, tern, and kittiwake have a medium sensitivity to disturbance whilst gannet and larger gull species are not likely to be disturbed.

Birds, including gannet, gull and tern species which typically fly at heights comparable to the area of the rotating turbine blades may be vulnerable to collision impacts. Most seabirds fly close to the sea surface, and the density of birds in flight decreases with increasing altitude. The consequence of these distributions is that small increases in rotor height from sea level can reduce predicted collision rates significantly. The design of the wind farm has included an increased air gap (the space between mean sea level and the lower tip of the turbine blade) and a reduced number of turbines from 63 to approximately 50 thereby considerably reducing



Wildlife - Marine mammals.

Harbour porpoise, bottlenose dolphin, common dolphin and grey seal occur year-round at the Dublin Array site.

Harbour porpoise are the most sighted marine mammal during surveys undertaken in the area, including the site-specific surveys we conducted between 2019 and 2021. Minke whales visit the area during the spring and summer months. Lambay Island SAC which is approx 20km from Dublin Array is designated for harbour seal, therefore although there were no sightings during project specific surveys, it is anticipated that there may also be harbour seals foraging in the vicinity of site.

The assessment of effects on marine mammals will include consideration of the risk of collision with boat propellers, potential for effects due to sediments suspended in the water column and indirect effects from disturbance of prey species. Detailed studies and computer modelling of the spread of noise from construction activities including impact piling, a technique which may be used to install foundations for wind farm structures, are also currently being completed.

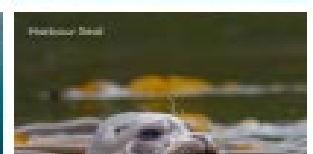
We have committed to adopting a range of mitigation measures including vessel routing to minimise encounters with marine mammals. We will also monitor the area around noise producing activities by qualified and experienced Marine Mammal Observers prior to commencement of noise sources. Noisy activities will commence with a 'soft-start' and 'ramp-up' i.e., the activity will commence slowly and quietly, the noise levels will gradually increase, thus encouraging marine mammals to move away from the noise source.

RWE have also committed to the use of at-source noise mitigation measures during periods of impact piling.

At-source noise mitigation measures include options



Other systems consist of a ring of ascending air bubbles which are deployed in a radius of tens to hundreds of metres around the piling position, the air bubbles reflecting, scattering, and absorbing the sound energy. Such noise abatement systems have been implemented on European offshore wind projects, primarily in the North and Baltic Seas in water depths up to 45 metres.



Visual impact assessment.

A computer-generated Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) identifies locations within a 50km radius of the development where it may be theoretically possible to see the wind farm.

The ZTV is based on topographical height data only and does not take account for structures or vegetation which may obscure views of the wind farm. There will also be some limitations as to the degree of visibility of the turbines due to the distance of the development from the coastline.

These limitations arise from a number of reasons, including:

- The curvature of the earth
- Atmospheric refraction
- Visual acuity threshold, below which an object will go undetected. This can vary from person to person
- Prevailing atmospheric and weather conditions

The ZTV defines the study area for the visual impact assessment. The assessment will consider the effects of the wind farm infrastructure on the following receptors:

- Seascape Character,
- County level Landscape Character Areas (LCA),
- Designated landscapes,
- Viewpoints, selected to represent the views experienced by people, for example, residents, walkers, road-users and boat-users, throughout the study area;
- Principal visual receptors, which are the notable settlements, routes, features and attractions found throughout the study area.

A preliminary assessment has predicted that the wind farm infrastructure will be a significant change to seascape character and to the coastal edge and east facing hills. Significant visual effects were also predicted at a number of viewpoints mostly representative of visual receptors on the coastal edge within an 11 km radius of the wind farm infrastructure.

There are a number of viewpoints within the 11 km which would not be significantly affected and all viewpoints beyond this range would also not be significantly affected as a result of the Development. Effects on the principal visual receptors are localised to open, elevated areas of coastal routes.

Since undertaking the preliminary assessment, we continue to refine and optimise the wind farm design while taking account of environmental factors. These changes will potentially reduce the magnitude of change for some receptors. The assessment is currently being undertaken on the revised proposal. Visualisations of the development are available at this exhibition.



Marine Archaeology.

There are over 3000 wrecks off the coastal waters of Dublin listed in the Wreck Inventory of Ireland Database, however only a small percentage have been located.

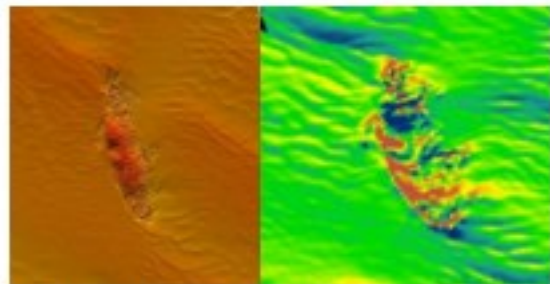
The Dublin Array project has the potential to locate unknown archaeology and to provide updated images of previously recorded wrecks.

Six potential wrecks, which were previously uncharted, were identified during the geophysical survey conducted on behalf of Dublin Array in 2021. These have been reported to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.



There are 35 unknown wrecks and seven known wrecks within the marine archaeology study area. The latter are:

- The Loch Fergus - an iron barque that ran aground in Kiliney Bay, Co. Dublin in 1899;
- The Trustful - a steam-powered fishing drifter that sank in December 1924;
- The Glenorchy - a fully rigged sailing ship, wrecked after striking the Kish Bank on 1 January 1869 on its maiden voyage from Glasgow to Bombay;
- The Sir Charles Napier - a merchant vessel that ran aground on the Kish Bank in 1875 due to a navigation error;
- The Vesper (SS) - an iron merchant steamer that wrecked on the Kish Bank in January 1876 and broke into two; and
- MV Bolivar - a Norwegian motor cargo ship that ran aground in a snowstorm in 1947 off the Kish Bank and sank.



THE GLENORCHY RECORDED BY MULTIBEAM ECHOSOUNDER (LEFT) AND MAGNETOMETER (RIGHT)

We have committed to a number of mitigation measures to protect archaeological features, including the observation of Archaeological Exclusion Zones (AEZ) around known wreck sites and anomalies with archaeological potential. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) will be consulted regarding the establishment and agreement of AEZs. The project will retain a qualified marine archaeologist approved by DHLGH to monitor activities and to provide appropriate advice to identify and avoid previously unknown archaeological receptors.

Marine users.

Shipping in the region comprises commercial vessels, passenger ferries, fishing vessels and recreational craft.

Shipping and navigation

The principal port in the area in terms of vessel numbers and commercial value is Dublin. Dún Laoghaire is a noted centre for yachting in Ireland and is also home to fishing vessels. Howth, Wicklow and Arklow also accommodate fishing and recreational vessels which cross the project area.

To understand how shipping uses the area, a number of surveys and consultations have been conducted. This data has been combined with longer term Automatic Identification System data (a tracking system carried by all medium to large vessels) to provide shipping activity data.

To assess the potential impact of the wind farm on shipping and navigation, several studies have been conducted as part of a Marine Navigational Safety Risk Assessment. The assessment shows that displacement of vessels from their current routes is minimal (as avoidance of navigation routes was a key factor in site selection) and that there is sufficient sea room for normal navigation by both commercial, fishing, and recreational vessels. Recreational and fishing vessels will be able to cross the site once operational therefore promoting co-existence.

The protection measures such as marking, charting, lighting and safety zones will be implemented during construction and operation of the wind farm.

Commercial fishing

Approximately 40 potting vessels target whelk across the array area; with an additional 5 potting vessels that target a mixture of whelk, brown crab, and lobster.

Potting vessels targeting whelk are typically 12 m and under and are mostly based at home ports of Dún Laoghaire, Wicklow and Arklow. Vessels targeting a mixture of whelk, crab and lobster are based on Dún Laoghaire and Howth. A scallop dredge ground is recorded along the east of the Kish and Bray Banks, the fishing pattern is periodic depending on the abundance of scallops at a given time.



HOWTH HARBOUR - CO DUBLIN

The assessment has looked at direct and indirect effects upon commercial fisheries including loss of area, displacement, safety, and ecological effects upon targets species. Temporary safety zones will be in place around the location of construction and major maintenance activities, agreements will be sought with relevant local fishers to ensure that the necessary actions can be taken to minimise disruption. It is likely

Dublin Array Community Benefit Fund.



In addition to the direct benefits which Dublin Array brings in terms of climate action and decarbonising the electricity supply in Ireland it will bring a significant community benefit fund.

This multi-million euro opportunity will be in line with the Irish government's offshore Renewable Support Scheme (RESS)

Why is the Dublin Array Community Benefit Fund such an exciting opportunity?

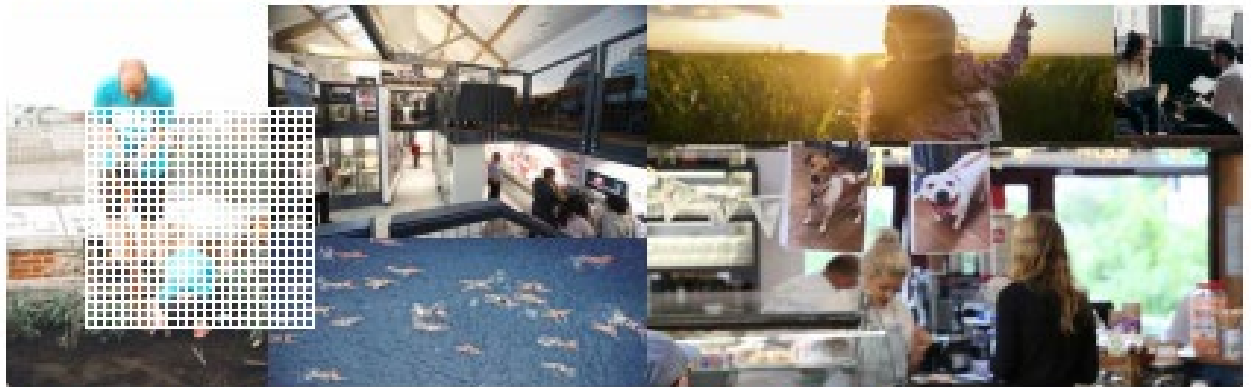
- It will be tailored to meet the needs of your community and users of the marine space, we know every community is different and will take a bespoke approach to setting up funds;
- It will be long term: for the lifetime of RESS, which we expect to be 15 years. This will help communities to plan and to unlock the potential for longer term, and larger scale community projects to be designed and delivered;
- It could be used to secure even more match funding;
- It will be simple, we will aim to make it is easy to access, with as little bureaucracy as possible;
- It will put communities at the heart of decision making, giving local people more control over their communities' future;
- It will be managed by a professional and independent community fund administrator, working with local community representatives to deliver tailored solutions for your local area;

- Some funding will start to become available before the windfarm is completed, during construction of the project, allowing funding to benefit local communities sooner, in line with the requirements of RESS.

We have already collected some early views of members of the local community in relation to community benefit funding as part of our Autumn 2020 consultation. This was achieved through a poll, which over 1,000 people participated in. At this stage strong support was demonstrated for the idea of funding energy saving initiatives, community projects as well as training and education activities.

RWE have over 25 years of experience delivering Community Benefit Funds, tailored to meet the individual needs of the different communities in which we operate. In 2021 wind farms operated by RWE in the UK & Ireland invested over €4.8 million into local communities. Local people are using these funds, made possible by renewable energy, to help to generate their own strong, sustainable future.

Dublin Array Community Benefit Fund.



RWE community funds in action

A long term investment of £19 million, over the lifetime of the project, the Gwyrnt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Community Fund is helping coastal communities of coastal communities in North Wales to achieve amazing things. All decisions on how to distribute the fund are made by a panel of local people, supported by an independent fund administrator.

- **Grwp Cynefin The Old Engine Shed** – £100,000 helped to improve local business opportunities by renovating an old disused derelict Goods Shed. The project secured significant match funding and The Shed is now a vibrant and sustainable community asset, a hub for the local people, offering volunteering, enterprise, employment and learning opportunities.
- **North Wales Women's Centre** – support women suffering from domestic abuse. £50,000 has helped to fund the salary costs of a Support Service Worker for two years. The centre provides early intervention for women suffering from domestic abuse to address their needs and prevent harm to the wider family is crucial to the improvement in the life chances of many in our community.
- **Royal National Lifeboat Institute** – A five year partnership with the RNLI worth £570,000 helped the charity to continue delivering its vital lifesaving service across the North Wales coast. A key focus of the partnership was to support training for all the volunteer crews at 4 lifeboat stations along the North Wales coast.

Next steps at Dublin Array

Tell us what you think - at every stage in the project, we would like to hear your ideas about how you think the Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm could support your local community including users of the marine space.

If we are successful in the ORESS auction, we will then create a plan for developing the Dublin Array Community Benefit Fund. Updated information will be available on the project webpage. This will include details of the timeline and process we will use to appoint an independent Community Fund Administrator.



RNLI SPONSORSHIP

Opportunities for business.

The development, construction and operation of the proposed wind farm could bring significant economic benefits to the region through the contracts that are awarded.

According to a report by Wind Energy Ireland (WEI) and the Carbon Trust, the 'development of 3.5GW of offshore wind in Ireland by 2030 could lead to approximately €8.6 billion of initial investment at financial close for these projects (IWEA Harnessing Our Potential – Investment and Jobs in Ireland's Offshore Wind Industry, March 2020).

The Government Climate Action Plan 2021 increased this ambition to 5GW and therefore this would be anticipated to result in an investment of approximately

€12 billion

WEI states that with the right support, Irish business could capture up to 31-36%, and potentially as much as 50% (IWEA Harnessing Our Potential – Investment and Jobs in Ireland's Offshore Wind Industry, March 2020) of this investment.

An independent socio-economic assessment concluded that Dublin Array could contribute up to

€73 million GVA

and 950 full time equivalent person years of employment on average, each year (equating to €220 million GVA (Gross Value Add) and 2,840 FTE person years of employment across the entire construction period).

With a commitment to basing Dublin Array's Operations and Maintenance activities within the Dún Laoghaire area would result in approximately

€540 million

in local expenditure across the Greater Dublin region. This drives the core economic impacts of the wind farm during the operations phase total of approximately

€18 million GVA

and 240 FTE jobs, on average, each year across the operational period (equating to a total impact of €300 million GVA and 3,600 FTE person years of employment across a minimum 30-year operational period).

Construction Stage

Jobs Created	GVA Economic Impact
1136 Jobs	€220 million

Operational Stage

Jobs Created	GVA Economic Impact
80 direct	€540 million (approx)
160 indirect	

240 Full Time

In awarding contracts, we will go through a competitive tender process for each part of the works. Regional Suppliers with the appropriate skills and experience will be well placed to tender for these contracts as we strive to use a local supply chain where possible, as is the case on other RWE offshore wind farms globally, as a part of our sustainability commitment to support the local community.

For further information see
www.dublinarray.com/suppliers/

RWE are committed to developing the Supply Chain in Ireland and are always keen to engage with local businesses to understand how they may be able to support the Dublin Array project. In addition to generating clean energy, Dublin Array will create jobs both during construction and operation, both directly and indirectly throughout the supply chain from design, engineering and fabrication through to support.

Operations and Maintenance.

Offshore wind farms use state of the art technology. Our operations and maintenance activities ensure that the wind farm is continuously monitored for optimal performance.

An economic plan completed for Dún Laoghaire harbour last year concluded that 'Despite the scale of the current economic and social contribution of the harbour, a major challenge is to ensure its future financial viability and to have sufficient resources to invest in the maintenance and long-term development of this national asset (Indecon, 2021).



One of the core recommendations in the plan is to develop Dún Laoghaire as an Operation and Maintenance Base to support Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE). The harbour has the potential to play an important role in supporting ORE. To facilitate this the plan recommends:

- provision of facilities to support O+M
- marketing of harbour as location for O+M
- working with education sector for relevant O+M skills development
- ensure consistency in O+M plans with wider amenity usage.

Dublin Array are working closely with Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to deliver this.

What happens at an Operations and Maintenance Base?

This is where the day-to-day operations of the offshore wind farm are planned, monitored and checked.



O&M BASE SERVICE WIND FARM OPERATION VESSEL

Modern wind turbines and offshore substations use state of the art technology and control systems to ensure that they maximise the efficient conversion of energy from the wind into electricity. Turbine technicians travel out to the offshore wind farm every day (unless the weather conditions are unsafe) on one of two crew transfer vessels to conduct daily checks and maintenance. On their return the vessels will moor at a purpose-built pontoon.



GALLOPER O&M BASE, OFF THE COAST OF SUFFOLK, EAST ENGLAND.

Appendix 7.1 Results from 2023 Public Consultation Survey

1. Support for the project

There was a significant level of positive support for Dublin Array demonstrated throughout this consultation. This does not require any response.

2. Feedback on Onshore Proposals

In your opinion, under any of the above themes, is there anything the project team should be aware of in relation to our onshore proposals (including landfall location, substation, and onshore cable routes) at Carrickmines?

The main concerns were as follows:

- Water and flood risk.
- landscape visual.
- Noise & vibration.
- biodiversity.

3. Suggestions for anything the project should be aware of in the onshore proposals

- Consumer water quality.
- Importance of being able to see the horizon for one's mental wellbeing.
- Birds and hedgerows.
- Noise.
- Water quality for swimming during construction phase.
- Continued strong public consideration.

4. Is there any other information in relation to the project's onshore works that you would like to see included within the scope of the environmental impact assessment reports?

The main concern raised that would fall under the EIAR was disruption during construction.

5. Offshore Proposals

In your opinion, under any of the above themes, is there anything the project team should be aware of in relation to our offshore proposals?

1. Seabed movement and sand changes
2. Fish and shellfish ecology

6. Is there any other information in relation to the project's offshore developments that you would like to see included within the scope of the environmental impact assessment reports?

The main focus from public feedback was on migratory birds.

One comment was about accumulative effect;

'None of the assessments take into account that other adjacent windfarms are also planned'.

7. Community Benefit Fund

The project team is wished to engage as early as possible with the community to raise their awareness of the Dublin Array Community Benefit Fund and to understand their views regarding the fund.

- 'Artificial reeds could be built. Plus, nesting platforms for terns, etc.'
- 'Help fund healthy travel options – cycling/walking infrastructure (routes and safe cycle parking).
- 'I suggest support to the UNESCO Dublin Bay Biosphere Reserve which is administered by Dublin City Council. I suggest sponsorship of a number of academic research projects (marine biology, coastal botany, physical oceanography) linked to the Biosphere Reserve in Irish Universities for MSc and PhD. I suggest research into future options to improve energy output from the project without increasing the number of turbines.
- 'A presentation or display about energy history and developments from initial turning through to renewables.
- 'Support Tidy Towns. Emphasise collection of dog poo which is a problem in Dalkey'.
- 'Supporting regeneration of Dún Laoghaire Harbour and creating community spaces there would be good, especially at West Pier end/coal harbour area.'
- 'Effect on commercial fisheries'

8. Job opportunities

Several participants mentioned they would like to be kept informed of job opportunities and that the project created local employment opportunities.

'Provide apprenticeship, intern and graduate opportunities in the Wind Energy sphere. Utilise local marine agents and local vessels for all work. Provide swimming lessons to all persons working close to or on the water.'

- 'Work with Dún Laoghaire Local Enterprise office in DLRCC to identify small local businesses suitable to work with and link to Enterprise Ireland for larger companies, possibly to do some pre-tendering market awareness engagement'.

9. Education

Are there specific education and/or training initiatives that you would like to see the project support?

- -‘Sponsor a comprehensive and honest (i.e not agenda driven) course on the energy transition. Why it is necessary, options available to us, issues that need to be managed, dealing with hard to abate areas, how much it will cost, choice we must makes etc.’
- -‘Sponsor a training course on how we as individuals can support and improve the biodiversity of Ireland’.

10. Comments on the exhibition itself

- -‘I would like to see more information on the technical issues and challenges – mechanical, electrical and foundations’.
- -Very informative materials and very knowledgeable staff’.
- ‘Helpful, informative staff’
- ‘Informative & well thought out’

11. Consultation process

Numerous participants made positive statements regarding the consultation process. This demonstrated that they felt involved in the consultation process. The team has ensured that all feedback received during all consultation informed the project.



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Schedule of Pre-application Consultations

1. Introduction

This schedule provides a summary of pre-application consultations undertaken associated with the preparation of this planning application for Dublin Array. Extensive public consultation has been completed and this is documented in Public Consultation and Engagement Report also included in Schedule 5 of the planning application documentation. Consultation completed to inform the preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is documented on a topic by topic in each chapter of the Offshore Infrastructure Assessment Chapters (Volume 3 of the EIAR) and Onshore Infrastructure Assessment Chapters (Volume 5 of the EIAR).

2. Consultation with An Bord Pleanála

During the development of the design of Dublin Array and the preparation of the planning application a series of pre-application consultation meetings under Section 182 and 287 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) were held with An Bord Pleanála. Pre-application consultation case references ABP-308178-20 (Section 182A), ABP-315800-23 (Section 287) and ABP-318552-23 (Section 287A) were associated with earlier scopes of the project. In 2024 a decision was taken by the project to consolidate the offshore wind farm, onshore electrical system and the proposed Operations and Maintenance Base into a single planning application which was subject to pre-application consultation with An Bord Pleanála under Section 287/287A of the Planning and Development Act (case references ABP-320756-24 and ABP-320830-24).

Pre-Application Consultation with An Bord Pleanála		
Case Reference	Pre-Application Consultation Meeting Dates	Comment
ABP-308178-20	19/11/2020	General pre-application consultation onshore electrical transmission infrastructure only (not progressed to planning application).
ABP-315800-23	29/05/2023, 30/08/2023, 01/11/2023, 04/12/2023, 08/02/2024, 14/05/2024	General pre-application consultation offshore wind farm and Operations and Maintenance Base only (not progressed to planning application)
ABP-318552-23	4/12/2023	Design flexibility opinion associated with ABP-315800-23 (not progressed to planning application).
ABP-320756-24	23/10/2024	General pre-application consultation associated with this planning application

Pre-Application Consultation with An Bord Pleanála		
ABP-320830-24	23/10/2024	Design flexibility opinion associated with this planning application.

3. Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Consultation

An Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report was issued to various consultees on 9th October 2020 and made available to the public. The document was issued to the following recipients.

Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Recipients	
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (incorporating the Development Applications Unit, National Parks and Wildlife Service and the National Monuments Service)	Minister for Climate Action, Communications Networks and Transport (and Marine Survey Office)
Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Sports, Culture and the Gaeltacht	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Minister for Transport (referred to in November 2019 as Department of Climate Action, Communication Networks and Transport) (covered by CO2)	Fingal County Council
Wicklow County Council	South Dublin City Council
Dublin City Council	Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (and Harbour)
Howth Harbour	Dublin Port Authority / Port Company
Wicklow Harbour, Bray Harbour and Arklow Harbour	Commissioners for Irish Lights
Environmental Protection Agency (including Office of Radiological Protection)	Marine Institute
Health Service Executive	Waterways Ireland
Irish Water	Irish Aviation Authority
Office of Public Works	Any relevant Airport Operators (Baldonnell/Casement, Dublin, Newcastle, Weston)
Commissioner for the Regulation of Utilities	CIE (Coras Iompar Éireann) Main
EirGrid	CIE (Coras Iompar Éireann) Irish Rail
Transport Infrastructure Ireland	CIE (Coras Iompar Éireann) Dublin Bus
Arts Council (A Comhairle Ealaíon)	Railway Safety Commissioner (Commission for Railway Regulation)
Faillte Ireland	National Transport Authority (which subsumed the Dublin Transportation Office)
An Taisce	Minister for Defence
Heritage Council	Health and Safety Authority
Regional Planning Authority (Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly)	Irish Coast Guard
Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) - formerly Regional Fisheries Boards	Bats Conservation Ireland
Sea Fisheries Protection Authority	Save our Seafront
Coastwatch Europe	Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association
Irish Seal Sanctuary	Coastal Concern Alliance
Irish Whales and Dolphin Group	Flossie and the Beach Cleaners
Irish Wildlife Trust	Minister for Finance
Geological Survey of Ireland and Irish Geological Heritage Programme	Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment

Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Recipients	
An Bord Pleanála	Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform
Met Eireann	Enterprise Ireland
Universities and other third level institutions (relevant research projects)	Economic and Social Research Institute
Bord Iascaigh Mhara	Irish South and West Fish Producers Organisation
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber of Commerce	Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation
Bray and District Chamber of Commerce (covers Bray, Arklow, Wicklow and Greystones)	Irish Fish Producers Organisation
Wicklow Chamber of Commerce	Anglo North Irish Fish Producers Organisation
Clontarf Business Association	Northern Ireland Fish Producers Organisation
Dublin Chamber of Commerce	National Inshore Fisheries Association
Fingal Chamber of Commerce	Irish South and East Fish Producers Organisation
Dalkey Community Council	Northwestern Waters Advisory Council
National Inshore Fisheries Forum	East Coast Sea Kayaking Club
North East Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum	RNLI Wicklow
South East Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum	RNLI Wicklow
Irish Naval Service	Irish Water Safety
Irish Tourist Industry Confederation	Bray Harbour Mooring Holders' Association
Seapoint Rugby Club	Bray Rowing Club
Ballybrack Football Club	Bray Sailing Club
Cabinteely Football Club	Bray Head Fishing & Social Club
Foxrock Cabinteely GAA Club	Bray Sea Scouts
Cabinteely Athletic Club	Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club
Dublin Bay Cruises	Dalkey Rowing Club
Go Sailing	Dalkey Scuba Divers
East Coast Rowing Council	Sailing in Dublin Club
Irish Sailing Association	Dún Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club
Irish Federation of Sea Anglers (Leinster Council)	National Yacht Club
Irish Sea Kayaking Association	St. Michael's Rowing Club
Triton Diving	Feelgood Scuba
Oceandivers	Malahide Yacht Club
Irish Scuba Academy	Poolbeg Yacht & Boat Club
Seal Bay Divers	St. Patricks Rowing Club
Dublin Bay Sailing Club	Omega Sub Aqua
Dún Laoghaire Power Boat School	RNLI
Royal Irish Yacht Club	Teagasc
Royal St. George Yacht Club	Bord Gais
Atlantic Youth Trust	Gaslink (this is Gas Networks Ireland)
Sail Training Ireland	Eircom
Greystones Harbour Sea Scouts	ESB, ESBI, ESB Networks
Greystones Rowing Club	Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
Greystones Sailing Club	Malahide Yacht Club
Howth Sea Angling	

Final EIA scoping consultation correspondence was issued to the prescribed bodies as set out in Schedule 1 of the Planning and Development (Maritime Development) Regulations, 2023 between 2/01/2024 and 1/02/2024.

4. Other Consultation with Prescribed Bodies, Regulatory and Government Agencies

Throughout the development phase of the project there has been a range of consultation meetings/teleconferences and correspondence with various prescribed bodies/statutory consultees/government agencies. The purpose of this non-statutory engagement was briefing these organisations on progress with the project or sourcing information to inform the design and environmental impact assessment processes.

Other Consultation Activities	
Consultee	Relevant Date
Commissioner of Irish Lights	24/04/2019; 25/11/2020; 18/01/2021; 14/02/2024; 26/06/2024.
Commission for the Regulation of Utilities	25/03/2024.
Department of Defence	3/07/2019; 02/01/2024; 18/11/2020.
Dublin Airport Authority	24/09/2020.
Dublin Port Company	13/12/2021.
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	08/12/2018; 16/10/2018; 13/12/2018; 17/01/2019; 04/02/2019; 09/02/2019; 27/02/2019; 20/03/2019; 09/04/2019; 10/04/2019; 29/03/2019; 02/04/2019; 23/04/2019; 18/06/2019; 09/09/2019; 25/09/2019; 15/10/2019; 20/03/2020; 06/04/2020; 09/06/2020; 23/07/2020; 01/02/2021; 21/06/2021; 11/10/2021; 08/11/2021; 13/12/2021; 13/10/2022; 14/11/2022; 21/11/2022; 14/12/2022; 16/01/2023; 25/01/2023; 22/03/2023; 28/03/2023; 17/04/2023; 15/05/2023; 30/05/2023; 20/06/2023; 13/07/2023; 25/08/2023; 07/09/2023; 18/09/2023; 16/10/2023; 20/11/2023; 11/01/2024; 13/05/2024; 23/05/2024; 29/05/2024; 30/05/2024; 10/06/2024; 04/07/2024; 08/07/2024; 12/08/2024; 26/09/2024; 03/10/2024; 10/10/2024; 25/11/2024; 16/12/2024; 07/01/2025.
Department Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht	20/11/2020.
EirGrid	Monthly project workshops from 2022 to present.
Environmental Protection Agency	11/2020; 04/09/2023.
Fáilte Ireland	23/10/2020; 30/06/2023; 18/01/2024.
Health and Safety Authority	11/2020.
Irish Aviation Authority (and AirNav Ireland)	17/07/2019; 03/03/2021; 28/04/2021; 05/04/2024; 21/10/2024; 10/01/2025; 20/01/2025.
Inland Fisheries Ireland	23/11/2020; 20/11/2023; 18/01/2024.
Irish Coastguard	23/04/2019; 18/07/2024; 17/12/2024.
Loughs Agency	05/04/2024.

Other Consultation Activities	
Marine Survey Office	24/04/2019; 18/09/2020; 30/11/2020; 5/12/2024.
Met Eireann	13/03/2023; 4/11/2023.
Marine Institute	30/11/2020.
National Monuments Service	19/05/2019; 20/05/2020; 18/05/2021; 13/01/2022; 10/07/2024 16/12/2024.
National Parks and Wildlife Service	9/05/2019, 10/11/2020, 03/10/2023, 08/12/2023, 03/2024, 03/10/2024.
Sea Fisheries Protection Authority	12/09/2018, 30/10/2019.
Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland	23/10/2023.
Transport Infrastructure Ireland	9/11/2020.
Uisce Eireann	12/2022-03/2023; 9/01/2024.
Wicklow County Council	04/07/2023.

5. Consultation with Other Organisations

In addition to the above a wide range of general consultation activities have been completed the project team with a wide range of organisations as outlined in the table below.

General Consultation Activities	
AirNav Ireland	Sailing in Dublin Club
Atlantic Youth Trust	Dún Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club
Bird Watch Ireland	Irish Whale and Dolphin Group
Bray Air Display	National Yacht Club
Combined Clubs Greystones Harbour	St. Michael's Rowing Club
Bat Conservation Ireland	Curragh Sub Aqua Club
Dublin Bay Cruises	Triton Diving
Dublin Chamber of Commerce	Oceandivers
Dumfries and Galloway Bat Group	Irish Scuba Academy
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Public Participation Network	Seal Bay Divers
Dún Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce	Dublin Bay Sailing Club=
Dún Laoghaire Central Residents Association	Dún Laoghaire Power Boat School
Eir	Royal Irish Yacht Club
ESB	Gas Networks Ireland
Fingal Leader Partnership	Royal St George Yacht Club
Gwynedd Bat Group	Atlantic Youth Trust
Irish Marine Federation	Sail Training Ireland
Gas Networks Ireland	Greystones Harbour Sea Scouts
Go Sailing	Greystones Rowing Club
East Coast Rowing Council	Howth Sea Anglin
Irish Sailing Association	Howth Yacht Club
Irish Federation of Sea Anglers (Leinster Council)	Malahide Yacht Club
Irish Sea Kayaking Association	Manx Bat Group
East Coast Kayaking Club	Poolbeg Yacht & Boat Club
RNLI Dún Laoghaire	West Coast Sports Product

General Consultation Activities	
RNLI Wicklow	Monkstown Tidy Towns
Irish Water Safety	Shankill Action for a Green Earth
Bray Harbour Mooring Holders' Association	Shanganagh Community Garden Committee
Bray Rowing Club	Welsh Nathusius Project
Bray Sailing Club	Natura I Resources Wales
Bray Head Fishing & Social Club	RTE (2RN)
Bray Sea Scouts	Trinity College Dublin
Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club	Three Network
Dalkey Rowing Club	Wind Energy Ireland
Dalkey Scuba Divers	University College Dublin
Feelgood Scuba	Vodafone
St. Patricks Rowing Club	Wicklow Public Participation Network
Omega Sub Aqua	Killiney Bay Community Council
Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology	Northern Ireland Bat Group
Met Eireann	Commercial freight and ferry operators

6. Consultation with the Public

A comprehensive range of public information and engagement activities have been completed on the project to date as described in detail in Schedule 5 Public Consultation and Engagement Report. In particular significant outreach consultation activities (on-line and face to face) were completed through two major public engagement programmes in 2020 and 2023.

Key Public Engagement Phases	
2023 Public Engagement and Consultation	06/10/2020 to 23/11/2020
2023 Public Engagement and Consultation	26/01/2023 to 13/03/2023

7. Consultation with the Fishing Community

A Fisheries Liaison Officer has been working on the project and serving as an effective communication channel between the project and relevant fishing communities since May 2019. RWE are also active participants in the National Seafood Offshore Renewable Energy Working Group. Key consultees are set out in the table below.

Key Fishing Community Consultees	
Local fishermen based in Howth, Dún Laoghaire, Wicklow, Greystones and Arklow	Occasional fishermen targeting the general project environs
Irish Fish Processors and Exporters Association	Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation
Irish Fish Producers Organisation	National Inshore Fishermens Association
Irish South & West Fish Producers Organisation	National Inshore Fisheries Forum
Irish South and East Fish Producers Organisation	Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum – North East
Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum – South East	North West Waters Advisory Council
Bottom Mussel Growers Forum	Irish Farmers Association Aquaculture