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SSE Renewables has plans to build 53 wind turbines 6 to 15km off the coast of County Wicklow and North Wexford. I would object to these plans as a resident of Arklow, Co. Wicklow for a few reasons. The environmental changes that have already happened in Brittas Bay and along the Wicklow coastline in the last 10 years since the original 7 turbines were put in on the sand banks. Dunes have disappeared in the last 10 years alone and if more turbines are developed on these banks it could be detrimental to the beaches of the entire area. Ongoing studies and monitoring are required to evaluate whether large offshore structures alter wave patterns and increase erosion along the County Wicklow coastline. Changes to marine life are also affected with these turbines being built along the sand banks.

Changes to the natural seascape horizon visible from the shores of Arklow and surrounding coastal areas. One of the reasons I moved to Arklow is the beautiful views and 53 wind turbines would ruin those views.

While I understand the need for renewable energy the proposed placement of these wind turbines is disruptive to the community of Wicklow and North Wexford. It is my belief that there should be less and further out to sea than the plans have in mind.

