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Project name: Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2

To whom it may concern,

I support the development of renewable energy and recognise the importance of offshore wind in addressing climate change. However, I believe that Arklow Bank is the wrong location for a wind farm of this scale.

I remain concerned that the additional information submitted has not demonstrated with sufficient certainty that the proposed development will avoid adverse effects on the sandbank, sediment movement, nearby beaches, protected habitats, bathing waters and wildlife.

In particular, the Applicant relies heavily on modelling, yet has not clearly demonstrated that the uncertainty within the modelling is smaller than the effect it characterises as “negligible”. Where predictions are uncertain, there remains a risk that the actual impacts could be far greater than anticipated.

If those predictions prove to be incorrect, the consequences may have to be borne by local communities, tourism, the State and the natural environment.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for the proposed development at its current location and to require that offshore wind development be located at a safer site further offshore where the potential for environmental harm is reduced.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Holden