
ARKLOW BANK WINDPARK PHASE 2 - OBSERVATION ACP REF OA27.319864

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached an observation on the above Wind Farm submitted by Ms Cathy Rice. As Cathy has previously submitted an observation in 2024 there is no fee. Please advise if anything more is required.

Regards

Anna Higgins

Case reference: ABP-319864-21
Proposed offshore wind energy development
Arklow Bank Wind Part 2.

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Observations

I wish to make an observation regarding the proposed location of the above development. I am in favour of Ireland securing sustainable energy targets, but I believe that the proposed location is too close to the shoreline. In addition the Arklow Sandbank contains habitat comparable to the protected Annex 1 EU habitats directive, & is subject to environmental assessment. Wind turbines in this area will have a detrimental impact on the Arklow Sandbank's habitat & seabed ecology.

I believe that floating platforms, further out to sea, away from the Arklow Sandbank, should be considered. Turbines located in deeper water will reduce environmental impact on our coastline. We have already witnessed the

In the densely populated east coast of Ireland our coastline is a valuable natural resource. These coastal spaces are used year round for recreation & relaxation. I believe that this beautiful scenery will be ruined by the proposed steel turbines dominating the close horizon. Wicklow & Wexford are areas of outstanding coastal beauty, & must be protected for generations to come.

Conclusion

I have deep concerns regarding the proposed wind farm development on the Arklow Sandbank, & its proximity to the shoreline. I believe that an alternative approach, such as floating platforms, further out to sea, should be given greater consideration. Floating technology in deeper waters will reduce the visual impact & environmental damage, while still contributing to Ireland's energy targets.

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