
Arklow Bank Wind Park 2

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Dear Sir/Madam,

My original objection sent to you in August 2024 is still applicable because there is little significant change to SSE's EIA for the better and a reduction in the number of turbines from 56 to 53 is frankly a very disappointing proposed solution if they are serious about convincing the concerned public that this is a viable development without any risk of causing major environmental marine and coastal damage. The uncertainty is still of significant concern and there is no confidence in knowing that a major environmental catastrophe could happen if this development goes wrong. Who will be held accountable when a major environmental disaster is identified about 10 years after the wind park's construction because it will take about this time to manifest. There will be no recovery period and a sandbank that has been in existence for millennia will be totally compromised.

I've been visiting Brittas Bay since childhood and now my teenage children are enjoying the 'holiday resort' experience but they, like me, are noticing first hand the extraordinary erosion that is occurring over the last 10/12 years in an area parallel to the existing 7 turbines. Why would this phenomenon not occur parallel to the new 53 turbines if planning is granted?

That would negatively effect the coastline from Wicklow Head to about Courtown in north Co Wexford.

There is a much safer solution for providing renewable wind energy, by moving the proposed development off the Arklow sandbank and building it further offshore and preferably on floating platforms. With Ireland's marine territory at 880,000 sq kms (10 times our land mass) why is a delicate sandbank just 10 kms off the east Wicklow/Wexford coasts the preferred option for SSE renewables ? Cheaper to build in shallow waters, I guess.

I'm totally opposed to this development proposal for the Arklow Bank and I implore ACP to refuse planning permission and insist that SSE find an alternative safer site for the wind park's construction. Please Do Not build on the Arklow bank .

Thank you

Darren Martin

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