

OBSERVATION ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2

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Our family has been holidaying in Brittas Bay since 1984, and we hope to continue doing so for many years to come.

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

I am very concerned that the additional information submitted has not demonstrated, with sufficient certainty, that the project will not adversely affect the sandbank, sediment movement, nearby beaches, protected habitats, bathing waters, or the wildlife that depends on them. If the Applicant's predictions prove to be incorrect, the consequences could be significant and long-lasting, with the burden falling on local communities, tourism, the State, and the natural environment.

Future generations will not judge this decision solely by the urgency of today's climate targets. They will judge it by whether Ireland protected its irreplaceable natural assets when it still had the opportunity to do so, while pursuing the transition to renewable energy in a way that respected both the law and the environment.

I am asking that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission this development in the proposed location. It should be located at least 20km from the shoreline where there'll be less potential environmental risks.

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