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Re: Case Reference OA27-319864-24 Proposed Offshore Wind Energy Development
Sure Partners Limited - Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm totally opposed to this proposed development of 53 turbines by SSE renewables because I have seen the complete devastation that has happened to the sand dunes at the south end of Brittas Bay beach since the installation of 7 turbines in 2002. There must be up to 50 meters of dunes washed out to sea in the last 10 years.

The existing 7 turbines are directly out from this beach and as a local regular walker on the beach, I have witnessed the destruction since those turbines were erected. The erosion is most notable on the south end of Brittas Bay and towards Clogga. I urge you to examine independently, the coastal process of building on a sandbank that was [never properly assessed](#) for environmental risk in the first place!

The sand bank is the wrong location for a wind park of any size. It is much better to site it further out to sea where it will not interfere with the natural beach protection abilities of the bank. Other man made structures near Arklow Harbour interfered with the tides and washed away the north beach there. Rock armour has had to replace a lovely sandy beach that was once there, don't let the same happen to the beautiful Brittas Bay beach and beyond.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) advocates for offshore renewable energy deployment to be done in a "nature-friendly" and "space-efficient" manner, emphasizing that development must prioritize avoiding impacts on sensitive habitats and species and contributing to marine ecosystem health rather than undermining it.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0308597X23002452>

Silent Spring, by Rachel Carson earned a place in the history of environmental protection and is a reminder that complacency is a dangerous state; that all human commerce has consequences that must be considered carefully; and that watchfulness is democracy's surest defence.

I'm pleading with ACP to decline SSE's planning application and insist that there has to be alternative sites for a wind park of this magnitude to enable renewable energy from wind be produced.

Kind regards,

Jane Byrne