



Re: Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2 - ACP Reference: OA27.319864

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I emailed you yesterday evening and inadvertently attached the wrong document.

Please see attached updated version.

With best wishes

Mary

On Jul 27 2026, at 6:28 pm, Mary O'Driscoll <info@maryodriscoll.com> wrote:

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please see attached an additional observation.

With best wishes

Mary

Observation to Additional Information provided by SSE to ACP

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OBSERVATION ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2

ACP Reference: ABP-319864-24

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been holidaying in Brittas Bay since 1968 and therefore have a long connection to Brittas Bay and the Wicklow coast. Two years ago I made an observation on this application because I am concerned that a very large industrial development is proposed on a shallow and dynamic offshore sandbank close to beaches, dunes, protected habitats and coastal communities.

I support renewable energy and agree that Ireland needs offshore wind. I am not against offshore wind itself. My concern is that this project is planned in the wrong location. I do not believe the extra information provided by Sure Partners clearly shows that the project will avoid harming Arklow Bank, the nearby coastline, wildlife, bathing water, tourism, or the natural character of the area.

I am not a scientist or a lawyer. I ask the Commission to consider this application from the perspective of someone who spends time on this coast, values it, and depends on it remaining healthy. I believe the developer should clearly show that the project will not cause serious or lasting harm before permission is granted.

The fundamental questions for ACP are therefore:

Who pays if there is damage to the coastline that they have not predicted?

Bord Failte have confirmed that Wicklow and Wexford tourism earns €433 million every year. If SSE damage the coastline who will pay for the repair or compensate the business owners impacted? Will it be the taxpayer? Can SSE be required to provide a bond/insurance to put right any damage they cause?

Why have SSE failed to provide an alternative site option?

It is my understanding that they had a requirement to research and provide details for an alternative site, which they have failed to do.

Why are SSE proposing the Wind Farm to be located within Ireland's 12 nautical foreshore limit?

The current submission is within Ireland's 12 nautical mile foreshore limit. It should be located outside of the foreshore limit i.e. 22 Kilometres from shore which would be similar to the Mac Lir wind farm in Wexford.

Noise and disruption during construction. When the original turbines were being erected the constant noise level was very disruptive. The Phase Two proposal is closer to shore and will larger turbines, therefore it is assumed that the noise level will be even more disruptive.

I therefore request that ACP refuse permission, or require further independent assessment, unless and until SSE provides scientifically robust evidence demonstrating that the project will not adversely affect Arklow Bank, coastal processes, water quality, protected habitats, wildlife or the integrity of the adjoining Wicklow and Wexford coastline.

Yours faithfully,
Mary O'Driscoll