
Arklow Bank Wind Park 2

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Case no ABP-319864-24

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I submitted my objection to this planned development in August 2024

I've only had 8 weeks to peruse and absorb the extensive additional information supplied by SSE in answer to ABP,s 56 pages of queries and I'm still of the same opinion that this proposed development should NOT proceed. There is nothing in the additional information that is convincing for change and in most cases SSE refer back to information already supplied in their original EIA To offer a reduction in turbines from 56 to 53 as an improvement is extraordinarily insulting to someone who has spent years investigating the potential and probable environmental disaster that this wind farm will cause, if planning permission is granted.

The site chosen by SSE is a delicate and influentially protecting sandbank that has provided its parallel coastal environment with beautiful golden sandy beaches and sand dunes over millenia. To think that this environment could be destroyed forever by the greed and insensitive attitude of multinational developers is galling. All because it's cheaper to build in shallow waters rather than go further out to 22 kms from shore and build in deeper waters where it's proven that wind supply is greater and more constant.

The already eroded coastline parallel to the existing 7 turbines is becoming more and more evident every year and soon the remaining 30 meters of sand dunes will disappear to allow the Irish Sea over the coast road (R750) at the Brittas Bay south beach.

53 new turbines stretching the full length of the Arklow Bank , (27 kms))will with similar disastrous effects, cause more significant erosion from Wicklow Head down to Kilmichael point in Co Wexford. Where will the accountability for unrepairable environmental erosion be targeted when it's too late?

The Arklow bank is a Headland Associated Sandbank and when its elevation is raised , it effectively removes sand from the parallel beaches instead of its natural ability to supply sand. (See the University of Plymouth scientific research) This is what is happening at Brittas bay south and other

beaches down to Arklow town's coast.

I have been visiting Brittas Bay beach since 1968 and over the intervening years, have introduced my extended family to come and enjoy the wonderful place that it is. At 76 years old, my wife and I retired here about 10 years ago to enjoy the peacefulness and serenity of the beach environment. Sadly, when we got settled we heard of the erosion that is happening and after much research, can see that this erosion and environmental destruction will multiply by 8/10 times if this proposed development goes ahead. Will we be here to see it NO, but our grandchildren and future great grandchildren will be missing out on what we've enjoyed.

Please refuse this planning application and prompt SSE to investigate an alternative site for this wind park, further east out 23 kms from shore.

Request that they look at Source Galileo, Mac Lir site just south of the Arklow bank.

Preserve the Arklow Bank in its present state and allow it to continue protecting the local parallel coastal environment ie the Wicklow and Wexford coastlines.

Thank you

Maurice Martin

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