



Outlook

response to additional information acp ref OA27. 319864

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Dear Sir/Madam
please see response attached.
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OBSERVATION ON ARKLOW BANK WIND PARK PHASE 2

ACP REFERENCE: OA27.319864

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the above and your letter dated 29/5/26 and set out hereunder some further observations for your consideration.

1 Not against ROE, but this site is not suitable for a wind farm of this scale.

A. Its on and around an Annex1 habitat.

B. Its too close to many SACs Wicklow Reef, ,Brittas and Buckroneys dunes and fen ,Magherabeg Dunes and Kilpatrick Sands and also The Mourough SPA and Wicklow Head SPA

C. The applicants modelling on the coastal process is not reliable and therefore dangerous to all in that ecosystem, if its proven wrong you have an environmental disaster. The risk is too much when the project could be built further out to sea like Source Galileos Mac Lir project.

D No alternative site has been considered, a requirement of EU law.

E Water Quality during construction ,5 years plus ,there are 10 rivers that enter the sea inside the Arklow bank, the Avoca river alone has carried pollutants into the sea for decades ,The Avoca mines, the Net factory, Arklow only got a sewerage system installed in 2025. All these pollutants will be brought to the surface once construction starts ,particularly as its proposed to level up to 980 acres of sea bed to accommodate the laying of cables .

F There are over 20,000 people employed in the tourism sector in Wicklow and Wexford, if its not safe to swim in the sea during construction coupled with the noise level predicted. Noise from the pounding will be heard as far away as Cardigan Bay in Wales [SSE EIA]These tourists will go elsewhere for there holidays , Wicklow and Wexford tourism earned over 433 million euro in 2024, if only one quarter of this is related to seaside

businesses that's a loss of 530 million, many small family firms like my own will not survive.

I hope you take these points into consideration when making your decision. This project could be built further out to sea where the above points may not be relevant .Future generations will judge this generation on decisions made today .Kindly acknowledge receipt of this observation.

Kind regards

Michael