

Letter of Observation

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Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2

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Dear Sir/Madam,

My family and I have a long tradition of spending our summer holidays in Brittas Bay Co Wicklow – 40 years to be exact. During that time nothing much has changed – there is still only one shop/café one pub which is part of its beauty. Therefore, I am very concerned about the proposed development and construction of a wind farm comprising 53 wind turbines the height of the Eiffel Tower on a shallow and dynamic offshore sand bank close to beaches, dunes, protected habitats and coastal communities along the Wicklow Wexford shoreline. Be assured I am deeply committed to the development of off-shore wind farms – this must be done if we are to reach our climate change targets by 2030. What SECPA is campaigning for and has submitted substantial evidence is to support the need to locate the turbines to another location and further offshore as the proposed location by SSE is too close to shore, too large for this location and should not be placed on Arklow Bank.

I request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission to locate the turbines in the present location for the following reasons:

- The latest reports by SSE, after several modelling assessments, have concluded that there will be 'no appreciable effects' on sandbanks. The additional information has not removed the main uncertainty about whether the development could alter Arklow Bank or the wider coastal system over its full lifetime.
- What is the probability that the SSE's central conclusion is wrong. What would the consequences be if it is wrong and who would bear the resulting costs?
- SSE were asked to consider another location and they didn't – this is a breach of EU law.
- The construction of these massive turbines in terms of building foundations imbedding cables would disturb large areas of the seabed and in the long - term impact the sandbank, nearby beaches, protected habitats, bathing waters and wild life.

All that I am asking is that the development be located at a safer and less environmentally damaging site further offshore.

In anticipation that An Coimisiún Pleanála reject the current proposal I remain,

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Morna O'Hanlon'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Morna O'Hanlon

This is my second submission.