

Observation on Additional Information submitted by Sure Partners Limited

Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2

ACP Reference: ABP-319864-24

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Niamh Darcy, residing in Greystones and Brittas Bay, I have been going to Brittas Bay since I was a small child – since about 1967. I have spent many summers down there (and continue to spend summers in Brittas Bay) and in nearby beaches Meagheramor, Potters Point and Jacks Hole – with family and extended family caravans for several months at a time over many years. My family engages in fishing as well as walking and swimming and really enjoys the clear water and nature in these areas. I volunteer with Rewild Wicklow and was recently volunteering with the Wicklow County Council biodiversity officer on working to restore a heath area near the Brittas Bay North Beach car park. I have also attended prior efforts to cut back the buckthorn and have attended bird migration walks and talks at Brittas Bay. I am very committed to biodiversity and nature and retaining habitats and how important this is for people and the future of our island of Ireland.

I whole heartedly support responsible renewable energy and make a point of staying with SSE Airtricity as my electricity and gas provider in Greystones and am very concerned about climate change – I volunteer with Trocaire and help campaign to raise awareness about climate change and how we need to have renewable energy supply and reduce dependency on fossil fuels such as LNG.

I believe this development is too close to the shore – and really think placing this at 22km out from the shore will be much better for the environment, the rich sea life we have in the area and maintain cleaner beaches. Looking at Mac Lir off the coast of Wexford, it seems that it is possible to go out this far and yet be able to build a wind farm than can potentially supply electricity for 600,000 homes.

I swim year-round both in Brittas and Greystones, and value the clean water and the blue flag beaches. I am very concerned if the wind farm is too close to Arklow – the settled sewage from years of pumping into the sea and nitrates from the fertilizer plant (all contaminants) will all be dislodged with drilling and will greatly affect the water and sea life quality and could well lead to removal of the blue flag.

What happens if the applicant's models of the very dynamic Arklow bank sandbank are not correct and huge damage is done? Who is held accountable for this and who would pay for this?

In closing, I support responsible renewable energy, but it must be located and assessed in a manner that protects existing natural assets which are public. I don't believe that the further information provided alleviates the concerns I have about the uncertainty surrounding the proposal. I am asking an Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission in the present location, or request further independent assessment to ensure this will not adversely affect the Arklow bank, coast, water quality, protected habitats and the wildlife that use them and/or to require offshore wind development to be located at a safer and less environmentally damaging site further offshore.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Darcy on 28 July 2026

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Prior Submissions: I have not made a submission before

My Submission Concerns: My submission concerns the additional information provided by Sure Partners Limited