
Case 319864 Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2

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Good morning,

I write on behalf of my wife, Grace Delahunt, and myself Sylvester Delahunt re the Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2.

We made a previous submission on the original application.

We wish to state that we have deep concerns regarding the additional information as submitted by Sure Partners Limited.

The Delahunt family have lived in the Magherabeg / Three Mile Water area for many generations. These townlands mean everything to us. It will come as no surprise that the beaches here are at the core of everything. We grew up on these beaches in a safe and healthy environment. Our four grandchildren, who have yet to reach one years of age, have already spent many wonderful hours on the sand. It is a beautiful place to grow up in. The beaches are a haven of relaxation, exercise, sport & many other activities that promote a healthy physical & mental well being for all. It is also a haven for birds & wildlife. Our fears are for the devastation that could be perpetrated on our seabirds, fish, mammals etc. We hate even to think of the immediate damage to the previously mentioned sea life during the construction of the Wind Park.

The surrounding sand dunes have for many years been granted a Special Area of Conservation. This proves the recognition of what is surely one of the most wonderful coastlines on the eastern side of Ireland. Why put it in threat of devastation?

I would like to state that we support renewable energy. The simple problem is that what is proposed is far too close to the shoreline. The ecosystem of the Arklow Banks is fragile & complex. Does it not make perfect sense to avoid the bank altogether & locate the Wind Park to 20 kilometres approx out to sea? EU law requires that no reasonable scientific doubt can exist before any alteration to a protected habitat can be consented to. The additional information as offered by Sure Partners Ltd has not removed our fears of a detrimental alteration to the Arklow Bank and the implications of such. A stark question is what happens if the central conclusion of the Applicant's is wrong? The consequences could be catastrophic.

We therefore ask the Commission to refuse permission in the present location.

Please acknowledge this. email.
Kind regards,

Sylvester Delahunt.