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OBSERVATION ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2

ACP Reference: ABP-319864-24

Dear Sir/Madam,

Having holidayed in Brittas Bay since 1986, our family has a long standing connection with Brittas Bay and the Wicklow coastline.

I support the development of renewable energy, but I do not believe Arklow Bank is an appropriate location for a wind farm of this scale. I remain concerned that the additional information provided does not demonstrate with sufficient certainty that the project will avoid adverse effects on the sandbank, sediment movement, nearby beaches, protected habitats, bathing waters, and wildlife. If the Applicant's predictions prove to be incorrect, the resulting impacts could be borne by local communities, tourism, the natural environment, and the State.

Future generations will not assess this decision solely by how quickly today's climate targets were pursued. They will also judge whether Ireland safeguarded its irreplaceable natural assets when it had the chance, while advancing renewable energy in a way that respected both environmental protection and the rule of law.

I therefore ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission in the present location and to require offshore wind development to be located at a safer and less environmentally damaging site further offshore, move it out to 22 Kilometres.

Yours faithfully,

Trevor Montgomery