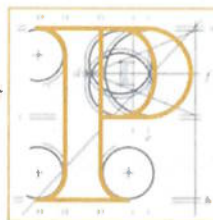


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**Your Reference:** Bray Offshore Wind Ltd and Kish Offshore



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**Date:** 08 December 2025

**Re:** Proposed development of the Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm

Off the coast of counties Dublin and Wicklow, at the Kish and Bray Banks, with the onshore electrical system infrastructure located within County Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Coimisiún Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned proposed development which is before the Commission for consideration.

Following a review of the application documentation, including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), Habitat Directive Assessment (Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report and Natura Impact Statement (NIS)), and all observations received by An Coimisiún Pleanála (herein referred to as

the Commission), and having regard to:

- The requirement under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 (as amended) for the Commission as a relevant body, in so far as is practicable, to perform its functions in a manner consistent with, inter alia, the most recently approved Climate Action Plan and the objective of mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the effects of climate change in

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the State,

- the matters to which the Commission is required to have regard in the making of its decision as set out in section 293 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, including the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the Marine Spatial Planning Directive,
- the provisions of the National Marine Planning Framework,
- the application of an ecosystems based approach,
- the ongoing development of national policy guidance relating to offshore renewable energy, as well as relevant international guidance and practice,
- Directive 92/43/EEC (Habitats Directive) and Directive 79/409/EEC as amended by 2009/14/EC (Birds Directive) which set the requirements for Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora throughout the European Union,
- Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU (EIA Directive) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment,
- the submission of concurrent applications for offshore wind energy development within the Irish Sea and the need to ensure a comprehensive assessment of potential cumulative impacts arising,
- submissions/observations received including those from prescribed bodies with specific areas of expertise, and
- the input of specialist consultants engaged by the Commission to advise on the application,

the applicant is required further to section 292(1)(a) of the 2000 Act to respond to the further information items specified in the attached Schedule within a period of 9 months from the date of this request.

However, the Commission acknowledges, given the nature and extent of the information sought and in particular the time sensitive nature of any additional survey work that may arise in the marine environment and the time required for any additional survey work, that an extension of time may be required. If the applicant requires additional time to respond to this request, an extension of time must be requested in writing prior to the expiration of the initial 9 month period specified herein. Any such

request should include the reasons why an extension of time is required and the proposed time period within which it is proposed to submit the additional information. Notwithstanding the initial 9 month period, the applicant is encouraged to contact the Commission as soon as it is of the view that further time may be required.

The applicant is referred to NMPF Protected Marine Site Policy 1 in considering the response to this further information request: 'Proposals must demonstrate that they can be implemented without adverse effects on the integrity of Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or Special Protection Areas (SPAs). Where adverse effects from proposals remain following mitigation, in line with Habitats Directive Article 6(3), consent for the proposals cannot be granted unless the prerequisites set by Article 6(4) are met'.

It should also be noted that this request for further information should be seen in the context of the above listed requirements and considerations and should not be taken as an indicator as to the acceptability or otherwise of the proposed development.

### **Response to Submissions/Observations**

In addition to the above request for information, the applicant is invited pursuant to section 292(1)(c) of the 2000 Act, to respond to the issues raised in the submissions and observations received by the Commission from members of the public and prescribed bodies which have been furnished to you. Insofar as the same issues arise in multiple submissions, this may be done on a thematic basis. For the avoidance of doubt, the same time limit and caveats apply as set out above.

The further information referred to in the attached schedule and any response to the submissions/observations referred to above should be received by the Commission no later than the **17<sup>th</sup> September, 2026**. The provisions of section 251 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 relating to the holiday period between the 24th December and 1<sup>st</sup> January, both days inclusive, have been taken into account in the calculation of the response date.

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In this regard, please submit 2 hard copies and one electronic copy of the above information. Two hard copies and one electronic copy is also required to your response to the submissions/observations.

Please note that following its examination of any information lodged in response to this request for additional information, the Commission will then decide whether or not to invoke its powers under section 292(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to publish notice of the furnishing of any additional information and to allow for inspection or purchase of same and the making of further written submissions in relation to same to the Commission.

Enclosures Schedule – Further Information Request, Appendix A – Technical Note, Appendix B – NSIP Templates and Appendix C – References are attached.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission or email [marine@pleanala.ie](mailto:marine@pleanala.ie) quoting the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,



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