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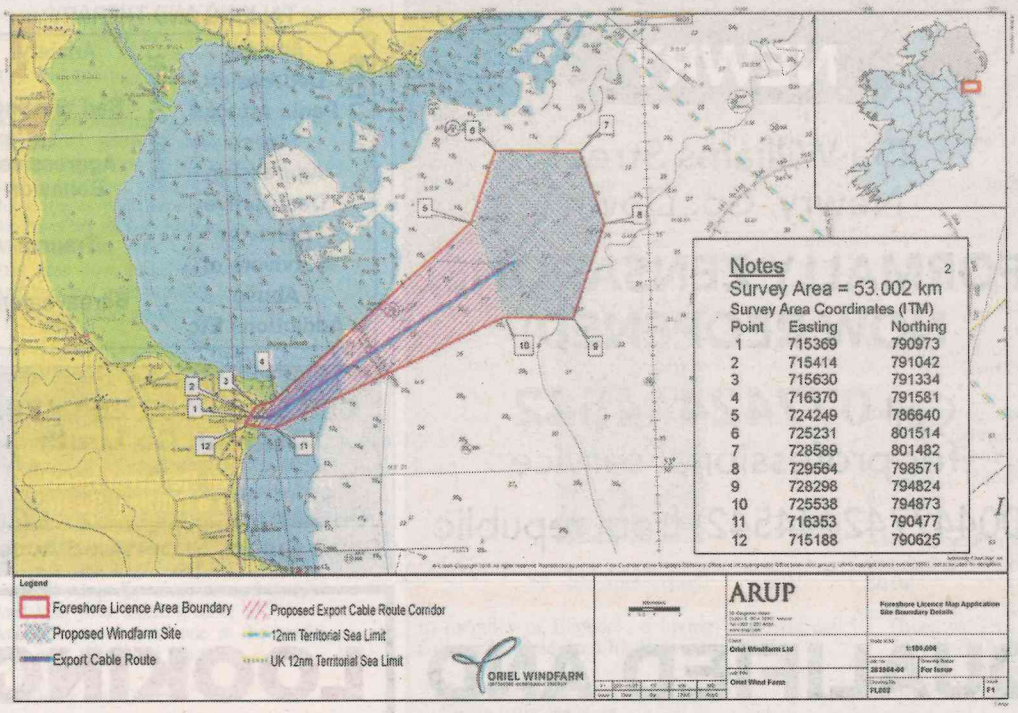
PUBLIC NOTICE
APPLICATION FOR A FORESHORE LICENCE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 19 of the Foreshore Act, 1933 that Oriel Windfarm Ltd., has applied to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a Foreshore licence under Section 3 of the said Act.

Oriel Windfarm Limited (Oriel) is an Irish renewable energy company developing the proposed Oriel offshore wind farm located in the North-West Irish Sea, 22km off the coast of Dundalk, County Louth. The proposed Oriel offshore wind farm will include wind turbines mounted onto a foundation installed into the seabed, an offshore substation and interlinking cabling between the turbines and the substation and an export cable between the substation and the shore.

Oriel has applied for a Foreshore Licence to undertake detailed geotechnical and geophysical investigations, ecological surveys and metocean surveys. The purpose of the geotechnical investigation is to investigate the stability of the soil for the design of foundations and the detailed routing of the inter array and export cables. The purpose of the geophysical survey is to characterise the layers of sediment/rock underneath the seafloor and to achieve a detailed seabed morphology and seafloor mapping. Further ecological surveys and measurements of the wind, wave and currents (metocean) will also be undertaken.

This Foreshore Licence application is for permission to undertake these survey works on the proposed development site. Oriel proposes to apply for a licence for a duration of 36 months.



A copy of the application, and the relevant documents, maps, plans, and drawings, are available for inspection, between 15 December 2021 and 27 January 2022, free of charge at:

- Planning Office of Louth County Council
  Town Hall, Crowe Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth.
  Opening hours: 9am to 5 pm Monday to Friday
  Appointment not required.
- Dundalk Garda Station
  The Crescent, Demesne, Dundalk, County Louth
  Opening hours: 24/7 Monday to Sunday
  Appointment not required.

The documentation is available on the Department's website:
https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/b8eb7-oriel-windfarm-limited-site-investigations-for-the-proposed-offshore-oriel-wind-farm/

Any person who wishes to make an objection to, or a representation in respect of the grant of the licence sought as part of this public consultation should do so in writing, giving reasons, between 15 December 2021 and 27 January 2022 (quoting ref: FS007383) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or **foreshoreORE@housing.gov.ie**

The closing date for submissions is close of business (17.30) on 27 January 2022

All objections and representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment prior to any decision being made in the matter. Material upon which the Minster shall determine this application may be published on the Department's website. In this regard the Department wishes to draw attention to its policy on defamatory material that may be contained in submissions it receives, which may be found at:
http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/public-participation-foreshore-consent-process

Dated this Tuesday the 14th of December 2021