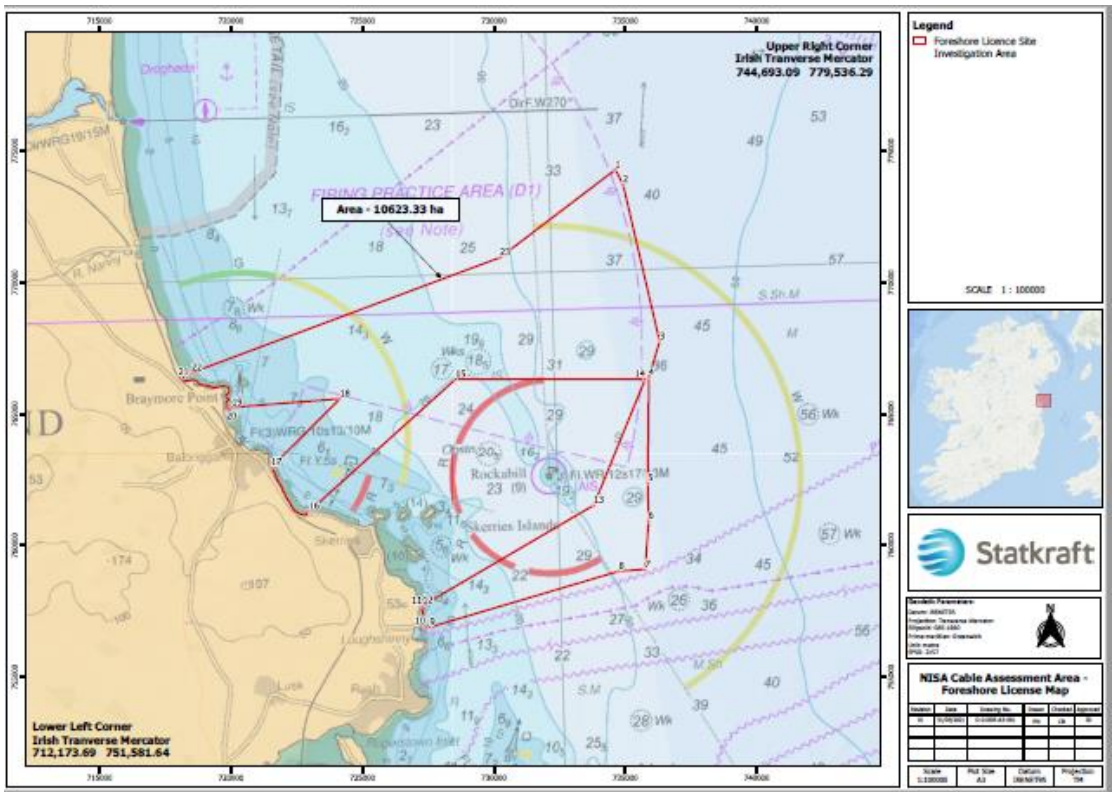
PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR A FORESHORE LICENCE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 19 of the Foreshore Act, 1933 that North Irish Sea Array Windfarm Limited has applied to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a Foreshore licence under Section 3 of the said Act for site investigations necessary to determine the seabed and sub-sea conditions to establish the optimum location for and design of the export cable(s) to shore and to establish the most appropriate landfall location for the export cable(s) for the North Irish Sea Array (NISA) offshore windfarm, located off the coasts of Dublin, Meath and Louth. The application includes for geophysical surveys (mutli-beam echo sounder, sub bottom profiling, side-scan sonar and magnetometer), geotechnical surveys (cone penetration tests and vibrocores along the potential routes and boreholes at the landfalls) and ecological surveys (fisheries surveys, benthic grab samples, intertidal benthic sampling). The map below shows the outline of the Foreshore Licence Site Investigation Area.



The coordinates of the site are set out in the table below:

System: IRENET95 ITM			WGS 84 / UTM zone 30N	
ID	Easting	Northing	Easting	Northing
1	734619.1	774283.2	304531.1	5954313.9
2	734914.2	773720.0	304785.9	5953731.3
3	736305.0	767750.8	305753.9	5947679.0
4	735893.8	766379.9	305247.4	5946340.4
5	735852.6	762367.7	304924.6	5942340.8
6	735884.9	760941.0	304856.7	5940915.4
7	735752.6	759088.9	304594.8	5939077.1
8	734760.4	759022.8	303600.4	5939080.8
9	727568.8	756893.2	296276.5	5937460.9

10	727332.9	756934.2	296044.2	5937518.4
11	727206.8	757704.5	295972.3	5938295.7
12	727295.8	757718.8	296062.2	5938303.7
13	733798.3	761528.6	302816.4	5941648.0
14	735754.5	766318.6	305104.1	5946289.0
15	728541.3	766318.6	297908.4	5946795.6
16	722966.4	761290.8	291993.6	5942171.1
17	721529.9	762972.0	290678.5	5943949.2
18	724142.3	765573.2	293467.4	5946360.9
19	720033.1	765246.7	289345.0	5946323.7
20	719817.1	765094.9	289118.8	5946187.5
21	718193.6	766390.2	287590.1	5947593.9
22	718494.1	766561.4	287901.9	5947743.5
23	730235.3	770944.7	299923.3	5951291.6

A copy of the application, and the relevant documents, maps, plans, and drawings, are available for inspection, between 17th August 2021 and 16th September 2021, free of charge at:

- Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords
  County Dublin K67 X8Y2

- Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk
  A91 KFW6

- Balbriggan Garda Station, Drogheda Road, Balbriggan,
  Co. Dublin, K32 EW01

- Drogheda Garda Station, Father Connolly Way, Downtown Drogheda, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 P704

The documentation is available on the Department's website:
https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/c7c0a-fs007358-statkraft-north-irish-sea-array-nisa-site-investigations-for-export-cable-route/

Any person who wishes to make an objection to, or a representation in respect of the grant of the lease/licence sought as part of this public consultation should do so in writing, giving reasons, between 17th August 2021 and 16th September 2021 (quoting ref: FS007358) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or foreshore@housing.gov.ie.
The closing date for submissions is close of business (17.30) on 16th September 2021.

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 17th August 2021.