FS007383 – Oriel Windfarm Limited, Site Investigations for the proposed offshore Oriel Wind Farm

Invitation for Prescribed Body Observations for Purpose of Conducting Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment

Commenced 14/06/2022. Closed 14/07/2022.

Prescribed Body Observations

1. Foreshore Marine Advisor (Engineering)
2. Foreshore Marine Advisor (Environment)
3. Marine Institute
4. Inland Fisheries Ireland
5. Commissioner of Irish Lights

Prescribed Body Observations

1. *Foreshore Marine Advisor (Engineering)*

From: Edwin Mooney (Housing) <Edwin.Mooney@housing.gov.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 13 July 2022 15:31
To: Graham Cadogan (Housing) <Graham.Cadogan@housing.gov.ie>
Subject: RE: FS007383 Oriel Windfarm Ltd., Foreshore Application - Additional Consultation for Purposes of Conducting Stage 2 AA

Hi Graham,

I have no further obs. My MA report sent to you on the 01/03/2022 at 15:52 remains valid.

Kind regards,

Edwin Mooney B.Eng. M.E.I.

Marine Advisor/Inspector

National & Regional Planning Policy,

An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

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2. *Foreshore Marine Advisor (Environment)*

From: Yvonne Leahy (Housing) <Yvonne.Leahy@housing.gov.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 13 July 2022 16:44
To: Graham Cadogan (Housing) <Graham.Cadogan@housing.gov.ie>
Subject: RE: FS007383 Oriel Windfarm Ltd., Foreshore Application - Additional Consultation for Purposes of Conducting Stage 2 AA

Hi Graham,

Please find attached my Prescribed Bodies Report for the second consultation of the Foreshore Application FS007383.

Take care,

Yvonne

Yvonne Leahy Ph. D.

Marine Advisor

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

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Graham Cadogan,
Foreshore Unit,
Department of the Housing, Local Government and Heritage,
Newtown Road,
Co. Wexford
13th July 2022

Prescribed Bodies Second Consultation - Environmental Report
Re: FS007383 Site Investigation works off the coast of Co. Louth
Applicant: Oriel Windfarm Limited

Dear Graham,

Your email of the 13th July 2022 refers to this licence application for Site Investigation works off the coast of Co. Louth.

The coastal area of Co. Louth holds good examples of coastal habitats for example in Carlingford Shore SAC [IE002306] and Dundalk Bay SAC [IE000455]. The latter has extensive intertidal areas of mudflats and sandflats which supports an internationally important wintering waterbird site Dundalk Bay SPA [IE004026]. The Atlantic Salmon use the tributaries and headwaters of the River Boyne, as spawning grounds. The Atlantic Salmon is a qualifying interest of the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC [IE002299]. The Boyne is of conservation importance as it represents an eastern river which holds large three-sea-winter fish from 20-30lbs. The Irish Sea has a number of SACs designated for Harbour Porpoise and two for Bottlenose Dolphin because of the significant presence of these species in this region.

As you will note from my Screening Stage Report Environmental Report of the 9th May 2022 I concluded that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment was required, as the project individually or in combination with other plans or projects, was likely to have a significant effect on European sites.

As stated in my Prescribed Bodies Consultation of the 9th May 2022 I have no objection to this application subject to a complete environmental assessment. I will provide site specific conditions once the environmental assessment process is complete.

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Yvonne Leahy
Marine Advisor, Environment

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3. *Marine Institute*

From:[redacted] <[redacted]@Marine.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 13 July 2022 16:14
To: Graham Cadogan (Housing) <Graham.Cadogan@housing.gov.ie>
Cc: Housing ForeShoreORE <foreshoreORE@housing.gov.ie>; Housing Foreshore <foreshore@housing.gov.ie>
Subject: RE: FS007383 Oriel Windfarm Ltd., Foreshore Application - Additional Consultation for Purposes of Conducting Stage 2 AA

Hi Graham

As a follow-up to my previous message, I will draw attention to the recently launched aquaculture viewer which may also be of assistance to the Department in this and future deliberations.

The link is as follows: https://dafm-maps.marine.ie/aquaculture-viewer/

All the best

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[redacted] *PhD*

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Cc: foreshoreORE@housing.gov.ie; foreshore@housing.gov.ie
Subject: RE: FS007383 Oriel Windfarm Ltd., Foreshore Application - Additional Consultation for Purposes of Conducting Stage 2 AA

Dear Graham,

The Marine Institute has no further observations to make at this time.

We will draw your attention to current consultations as it relates to sea fisheries in Natura areas. DHLGH may find the information found at the website of some use when considering in-combination effects during the Natura assessment process.

The link to the website detailing these consultations is as follows:
http://www.fishingnet.ie/sea-fisheriesinnaturaareas/

All the best

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] *PhD*

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4. *Inland Fisheries Ireland*

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Sent: Thursday 21 July 2022 12:16
To: Graham Cadogan (Housing) <Graham.Cadogan@housing.gov.ie>
Subject: RE: FS007383 Oriel Windfarm Ltd., Foreshore Application - Additional Consultation for Purposes of Conducting Stage 2 AA

Dear Graham

We have no further comment to make on this application.

Kind regards

[redacted]

Iascach Intíre Éireann
Inland Fisheries Ireland

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5. Commissioner of Irish Lights

From:[redacted] <[redacted]@irishlights.ie>
Sent: Friday 29 July 2022 14:39
To: Graham Cadogan (Housing) <Graham.Cadogan@housing.gov.ie>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@irishlights.ie>; Housing ForeShoreORE <foreshoreORE@housing.gov.ie>
Subject: FS007383 Oriel Windfarm Ltd., Foreshore Application - Additional Consultation for Purposes of Conducting Stage 2 AA

Good afternoon Graham,

Please find attached.

Kind Regards

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Navigation Services Manager

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29 July 2022

Graham Cadogan
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FS007383 Oriel Windfarm Ltd., Foreshore Application –

Dear Graham,

Thank you for contacting the Commissioners of Irish Lights requesting observations on this foreshore licence dated 13th July 2022.

Irish has reviewed this application and have had previous consultations with Oriel Windfarm Limited.

Our observations are as follows and we note the foreshore applications makes reference to this buoy:
The Dunany buoy lies within the foreshore boundary limit. Commissioners of Irish Lights request mariners navigating around the coast of Ireland to exercise the greatest care to avoid damage to existing Aids to Navigation. Any works adjacent to existing Aids to Navigation should ensure a wide berth, paying particular attention to the strength of wind and tide.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the team.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]
Acting Navigation Services Manager

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