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Sent: Wednesday 16 September 2020 17:23 **To:** foreshore <foreshore@housing.gov.ie>

Subject: Objection to AMETS Test Site, off the Mayo coast

I formally object to the following project:

Site Investigation for AFLOWT (Accelerating market uptake of FLoating Offshore Wind Technology) testing/demonstrating of Offshore Floating Wind (FOW) technology. Sub-bottom Profiling and Cone Penetration Testing to inform on the proposed deployment of a turbine of up to 6MW at AMETS (Atlantic MArine Energy Test Site) in partnership with SEAI off the west coast of Co. Mayo.

I object for reasons including:

- 1.) Wasted taxes
- 2.) Increased energy costs
- 3.) The disturbances imposed upon my family and livestock during the construction phase (e.g. increased road traffic, heavy equipment, and construction noise)
- 4.) Risk to the migratory birds and the bird sanctuary. Specifically, the Corncrake uses this area for breeding. Wind farms are an existential threat to endangered birds in Ireland.
- 5.) The wind farm will certainly obstruct the idyllic views of our beautiful coast

Respectfully,