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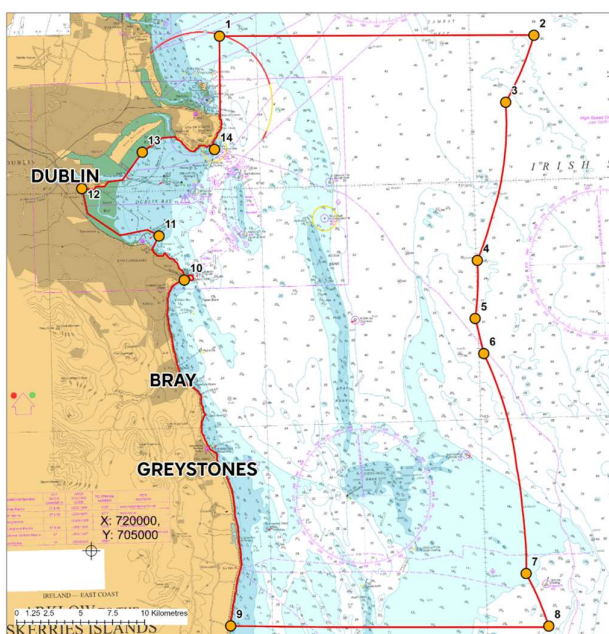
INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING STAGE 2 APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

Application for a foreshore licence in relation to RWE Renewables Ireland Limited, site investigations off County Dublin and County Wicklow, ref: FS007188 for marine surveys in the area which includes the proposed Dublin Array wind farm site in the vicinity of the Kish and Bray Banks, potential export cable routes extending from within the array towards shore at three landfall options, in the regions of Poolbeg and Shanganagh, County Dublin and a wider ecological monitoring area. The ecological monitoring area extends approximately 16 km to the north and to the south of the proposed array boundary, to the limit of territorial waters to the east and adjoins the coast to the west in the constituencies of Fingal, Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and Wicklow as shown below.

This application is for the completion of geotechnical and geophysical site investigations and ecological, wind, wave and current monitoring to provide further data to refine the wind farm design, cable routing, landfall design and associated installation methodologies for Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm. The following are proposed:

- Geophysical survey: Bathymetric survey, Side scan sonar, Sub-bottom profiling, Marine magnetometer, Refraction survey.
- Geotechnical site investigation: Boreholes, Cone penetration tests, Vibrocores.
- Wind, wave and current monitoring: Floating LiDaR units, Wave and current monitoring devices.
- Ecological monitoring: Static acoustic monitors, Subtidal and intertidal benthic ecology surveys, Potting and trawl surveys.

The Foreshore Licence application area, where marine surveys are proposed, is shown in the map below. The key coordinates are provided in the table below:



Ref	X_Coordinate	Y_Coordinate
1	730008.31	745153.903
2	754564.563	745219.333
3	752368.509	739989.528
4	750155.164	727658.742
5	749981.118	723124.345
6	750653.732	720395.233
7	753957.242	703235.518
8	755733.48	699126.91
9	730891.117	699141.352
10	727268.599	726123.276
11	725288.765	729557.865
12	719253.713	733262.717
13	723975.693	736094.653
14	729624.601	736310.209

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 42(8) of S.I. No. 477/2011 - European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 that the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, in considering an application for a foreshore licence under the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended and in particular whether or not the plan or project would have a significant impact on a European Site, has determined that an Appropriate Assessment is required. A copy of the Appropriate Assessment screening decision is available on:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/96643-fs007188-rwe-renewables-ireland-site-investigations-for-the-proposed-dublin-array-ore-development/>

In considering this matter the Minister had regard to the following:

1. The Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report, prepared by Independent Environmental Consultants.
2. The Marine Advisor Environment Screening Stage Report, prepared by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Marine Environment Advisor.
3. A number of application documents submitted by RWE Renewables Limited, which informed the Screening for Appropriate Assessment and are contained in the submission the Minister determined on.

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is responsible for making a decision on the application and the Minister may either grant, approve or consent to the application with or without covenants, conditions or agreements, where applicable, or refuse the application.

The Minister will carry out an Appropriate Assessment and in doing so, shall have regard to the matters in Regulation 42 (12). The Minister will make a determination as to whether or not the proposed plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site in accordance with Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011.

In this regard, in accordance with Regulation 42(13), public submissions are invited for the purposes of conducting the Appropriate Assessment in this case. Any person may make a submission or observation to the Minister concerning the proposed project within 30 days of the date of this notice. The Minister shall have regard to any submissions or observations received during the public consultation.

A copy of the application, map of the proposed project, the determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the project, the Natura Impact Statement included with this application, and the other information and documentation relevant to the application, are available for inspection for 30 calendar days, between 30th June 2022 and 29th July 2022, free of charge at:

- Shankill Garda Station, Dorney Court, Shankill, Dublin 18, D18 CD50
- Dún Laoghaire Garda Station, Corrig Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin, A96 N299
- Blackrock Garda Station, 15 Sweetman's Avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin, A94 X660

- Clontarf Garda Station, Strandville Avenue East, Clontarf, Dublin 3, D03 FA46
- Irishtown Garda Station, Irishtown Road, Irishtown, Dublin 4, D04 YE33
- Pearse Street Garda Station, 1-6 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 W289
- Howth Garda Station, 8 Dunbo Hill, Howth, County Dublin, D13 YR70 (7am-9pm)
- Wicklow Garda Station, Bachelor's Walk, Wicklow, County Wicklow, A67 HK20
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 K6C9 - By appointment only, Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm. Phone: 01 205 4700; Email: info@dlrcoco.ie
- Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 - By appointment only, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm. Phone: 01 2223 114; Email: planning@dublincity.ie
- Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, A98 W627 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 8.30pm. Phone: (01) 286 2600; Email: braylib@wicklowcoco.ie
- Greystones Library, Mill Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, A63 KN52 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 8.30pm. Phone: (01) 287 3548; Email: greylib@wicklowcoco.ie
- Wicklow Library, The Mall, Main Street, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow, A67 X504 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 8.30pm. Phone: (0404) 67025; Email: wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie

The documentation is available on the Department's website:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/96643-fs007188-rwe-renewables-ireland-site-investigations-for-the-proposed-dublin-array-ore-development/>

Members of the public who wish to make a submission or observation concerning the proposed plan or project for the purposes of conducting the Appropriate Assessment may do so between 30th June 2022 and 29th July 2022 (quoting ref: FS007188) 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 29th July 2022. Take notice that material upon which the Minister shall make the Appropriate Assessment determination will 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 30th June 2022