

**CINNEADH UM SCAGADH LE HAGHAIDH NEASÚNACHT CHUI/CUIREADH MAIDIR LE HAIGHNEACHTAI POBLÍCHUN
CRIODA MEASÚNACHT CHUÍ CHÉIM 2 A CHUR CHUN FEIDHME**

FÓGRA POBLÍ

lártas ar cheadúnas urfhá maidir le hólrectha iníochta Láithreachán i leathainid fiumainm

geolaítear a stáint anach do gósta ag Limistéar Táistil AMETS, Trá Bheala Dóire, Béal an

Mhuirthead. Co. Maigh Eo. Tag: F5007062.

Tá an iníochadh láithreachán atá bearaithe ag Udará Fionnpháin imbharrthana na hInnreath

(SEAI) ma thacaíodh é a láithreachán táistil lárscála um fhuinneamh go dtí a stáint anach

(SEAI) mar gheolaí a fhobair ar a chósta an Altanach, amach ag gósta do Béal an Mhuirthead.

Co. Maigh Eo. Is leanún é seo ar an tarraxú urfhá céanna a chuir SEAI isteach, mar

chomhpháirtítear, ar son SAIPEM SA. Ghair SEAI úinéireacht ar an tarraxas a shín agus is eisear

redundas do SEAI, da idirfófaí.

Déanfaí meascún leis an iníochadh láithreachán ar ornúnaidh ghníomhaill nó farraige le haghaidh

a leithid de theicneolóigacha a mianail agus a ghreama, iú shonraí geofísiceacha aus

geotectónica a bhailiú. Sabhairs air sin, danteann sonraí bhanacháin chun an timpseantac

haghaidh bhailiú nuair aon amháin ari an creidimh urfhá agus pheadh udará leis an

iníochadh ag an láithreachán.

Tugta fogairtear seo i gcomhréacht le Rialachán 4/28/11 - Rialachán n.º 9/Comhpháibhloibh Eorpach (én agus Gníomhaigh Nádúrtha) 2011 gur chum an tAire

nach mbheadh ionchar suntasach ag an bpíleán ar a láithreachán Eorpach, go bhfuil Measúnacht Chuí nachnáach. Tá cíos den chinnéadh um seagadh le haghaidh

Measúnacht Chuí ar fáil at <https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/f498c-seai-sapam-site-investigation-for-floating-offshore-wind-testing-at-amets-site-mayo>.

Agus an t-ábhar seo a mhéesag ag an láithreachán, ní a leanas se a níltear a leanas an aistí:

1. An t-ábhar síilim um seagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Chuí anna huiulin ag Comhpháibhloibh Muirí na Roinne (comhlataí);

2. An urarscáil Chomhshaoil anna huiulin ag Comhpháibhloibh Muirí na Roinne (comhlataí);

3. Roinnt doiciméad ararras a chuir SEAI isteach lena níteadhán an Scagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Chuí a threan agus atá san aigineadait at a indearná an Áire

cimeádach an 8 Márta 2022.

Gurfíonn sé an t-ábhar síilim agus Oidhreachta freastach as chinnéadh a diféanamh maidir leis an tarraxas agus d'fheideadh an Áire an t-árarras a cheadú, a

fhagmhaidh nó i bhfigil leis an tarraxas, le comhionadh leis an tarraxas a ní uairí is infeidhime, ní d'fheadfaidh sé é a dhíoltu.

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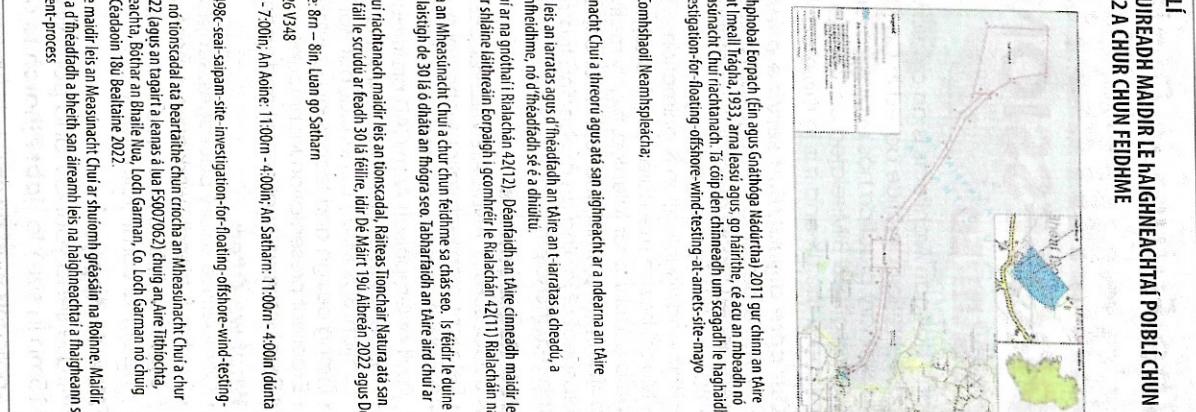
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PUBLIC NOTICE
APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING DETERMINATION/INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING STAGE 2 APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

PUBLIC NOTICES

Application for a foreshore licence in relation to Site investigation works for floating offshore wind at the AMETS Test Area, Belmullet, Co Mayo ref: F5007062.

The proposed site investigation by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) is in support of the development of a floating Offshore Wind full scale test site on the Atlantic coast offshore Belmullet, Co Mayo. This is a continuation of the same foreshore licence application originally submitted by SEAI as partners, on behalf of SAIPEM SA. SEAI have since taken over ownership of the application and a licence, if granted, will be issued to SEAI.

The site investigation will assess the suitability of the seabed for the mooring and anchoring of such technologies, by gathering geophysical and geotechnical data. In addition, benthic data will be gathered to assess the ecological environment at the two Test Areas and the cable route. The foreshore licence is only for the collection of this data and a separate authorisation will be required prior to, and specific to, any wind generation technologies being deployed at site.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 47(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 1993, 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/f498c-seai-sapam-site-investigation-for-floating-offshore-wind-testing-at-amets-site-mayo>.

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 Environmental Report prepared by the Department's Marine Advisor (Environment);

3. A number of application documents submitted by SEAI which informed the Screening for Appropriate Assessment and are contained in the submission the Minister determined on 8th March 2022.

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(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011.

In this regard, in accordance with Regulation 42(1)(3), 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, or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European Site in accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011.

The Minister will carry out an Appropriate Assessment and in doing so shall have regard to the matters in Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011.

The Minister will make a determination in respect of the project, the Natura Impact Statement included with this application, and the other information relevant to the application, as available for inspection for 30 calendar days, between Tuesday 19th April 2022 and Wednesday 18th May 2022, free of charge at:

Béal an Mhuirthead (Belmullet) Garda Station, Contae Maigh Eo (Co. Mayo), F26 D218.

Opening hours: Monday: Closed; Tuesday: Closed; Wednesday: Closed; Thursday: 1:00pm - 7:00pm; Friday: 11:00am - 4:00pm; Saturday: 11:00am - 4:00pm (closed on Saturday of a Bank Holiday weekend)

The documentation is available on the Department's website: <https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/f498c-seai-sapam-site-investigation-for-floating-offshore-wind-testing-at-amets-site-mayo>

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 Tuesday 19th April 2022 and Wednesday 18th May 2022 (quoting ref: F5007062) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Westport, Co. Mayo or foreshore@housing.gov.ie. The closing date for

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 April 19th 2022

Árna dháú an 19 Aibreán 2022