

### **Prescribed Body Consultation for Appropriate Assessment**

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- **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Marine Advisor**
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- **Bird Watch Ireland**
- **Health and Safety Authority**

**Marine Institute**

**From:** [REDACTED]@Marine.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 30 March 2022 15:21  
**To:** [REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>  
**Cc:** Housing Foreshore <foreshore@housing.gov.ie>  
**Subject:** RE: FS006916 Eirgrid Celtic Interconnector Appropriate Assessment Determination: Request for Observations

Dear [REDACTED]

I have read over the additional documentation provided and it does not change the view of the Marine Institute first communicated in November 2021.

One point to note, it would be advisable that subsequent reports prepared by any Independent Environmental Consultant (IEC) on behalf of the Department include either a list of Acronyms or, at the least, have the Acronym spelled out when a term is first used. I note in the report (labelled on DHLGH webpage - FS006916 Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report (prepared by IEC)) that the very important term 'LSE' is used throughout but never actually linked to the phrase Likely Significant Effect, similarly for terms such as Temporary Threshold Shifts (TTS) and Permanent Threshold Shifts (PTS) as they relates to sound impacts on marine mammals.

For information, I've made this point in other communications to the Foreshore Unit on similar submissions so apologies if you've seen this observation before.

Best wishes.

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**Environment Protection Agency**

**From:** EIAPanning <eiapanning@epa.ie>

**Sent:** Tuesday 5 April 2022 13:39

**To:** [REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>

**Subject:** FS006916 Celtic Interconnector Appropriate Assessment Determination: Request for Observations

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your correspondence dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 with regard to FS006916 Celtic Interconnector Appropriate Assessment Determination: Request for Observations. A response was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage by the Agency in relation to this Foreshore Application, and accompanying reports on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

The Agency further advises that consideration should be given to the in-combination effects of all other known plans/projects in the vicinity of the proposed development. All of the Agency's licence/permit information is available on our website at [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie) and dumping at sea permit applications and permits are available at the following link: <https://epawebapp.epa.ie/terminalfour/DaS/index.jsp>

Yours faithfully,  
Environmental Licensing Programme

Environmental Licencing Programme  
Office of Environmental Sustainability  
An Clár um Cheadúnú Comhshaoil  
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**Met Eireann**

**From:** [REDACTED]@met.ie>

**Sent:** Friday 25 March 2022 09:21

**To:** [REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>

**Subject:** Suspect URL Detected--RE: FS006916 Celtic Interconnector Appropriate Assessment  
Determination: Request for Observations

H [REDACTED]

No further comment.

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

**Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications**

**From:** [REDACTED]@decc.gov.ie>

**Sent:** Thursday 31 March 2022 17:45

**To:** [REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>

**Cc:** CorporateSupport.Unit <CorporateSupport.Unit@decc.gov.ie>; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] gov.ie>; [REDACTED]@decc.gov.ie>

**Subject:** RE: FS006916 Eirgrid Celtic Interconnector Appropriate Assessment Determination: Request for  
Observations

Dear Jessica,

We have no further observations to make beyond those already submitted in respect of this  
application last December.

Regards, [REDACTED]

**Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Marine Advisor**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday 4 April 2022 16:37  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>  
**Subject:** RE: FS006916 Celtic Interconnector AA Stage 2 obs request

Sarah

I have no additional comments to make at this time in relation to this application.

[REDACTED]

**Geological Survey Ireland**

**From:** GSI Planning <GSIPlanning@GSI.ie>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 5 April 2022 10:38  
**To:** [REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>; Housing Foreshore  
<foreshore@housing.gov.ie>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@decc.gov.ie>; [REDACTED]@GSI.ie>; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 22/104 [FS006916] Eirgrid Celtic Interconnector

**Your Ref: FS006916**

**Our Refs: 22/104 [c.f. 21/338]**

Dear [REDACTED]

With reference to your email dated 04 April 2022 and email from [REDACTED] dated 24 March 2022, regarding the FS006916 Eirgrid Celtic Interconnector Appropriate Assessment Determination: Request for Observations, please note that Geological Survey Ireland has no specific comment or observations to make on this matter at this time since our last responses [21/338].

If you have any further queries or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me [REDACTED] or my colleague [REDACTED] at [GSIPlanning@gsi.ie](mailto:GSIPlanning@gsi.ie).

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Geological Survey Ireland

**Inland Fisheries Ireland**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday 6 April 2022 09:57  
**To:** [REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>  
**Subject:** RE: FS006916 Eirgrid Celtic Interconnector Appropriate Assessment Determination: Request for Observations

Hi [REDACTED]

We have reviewed the additional documentation and have nothing further to add on this application.

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

**Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, NPWS/UAU**

**From:** Housing Fem Dau <Fem.Dau@housing.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 20 April 2022 11:25  
**To:** Housing Foreshore <foreshore@housing.gov.ie>  
**Subject:** FS006916

A Chara,

NPWS and UAU have no further comment to make on this application.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
*Executive Officer*

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**Aonad na nIarratas ar Fhorbairt**  
*Development Applications Unit Oifigí an*  
**Rialtais**

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**Marine Survey Office**

**From:** [REDACTED]@transport.gov.ie>

**Sent:** Friday 8 April 2022 08:54

**To:** [REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>

**Subject:** FW: FS006916 Eirgrid Celtic Interconnector Appropriate Assessment Determination: Request for Observations

Good morning [REDACTED]

This office has no further comment other than that previously submitted in November 2021. Regards

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*Surveyor PSCO*  
*Marine Survey Office*

**An Roinn Iompair**  
*Department of Transport*

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**FS006916 Foreshore Application on behalf of EirGrid plc Installation of the EirGrid Celtic Interconnector Electricity Cable**

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting the Commissioners of Irish Lights requesting observations on this foreshore licence application dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Irish Lights has reviewed this application and have no further observations with respect to the project from a safety of navigation perspective.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
**Acting Navigation Services Manager**



**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine**

**From:** [REDACTED]@agriculture.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday 22 April 2022 10:21  
**To** [REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>  
**Cc:** Foreshore <Foreshore@agriculture.gov.ie>  
**Subject:** Our Ref: FW.8.102 Eirgrid Plc – Installation of the EirGrid Celtic Interconnector Electricity Cable at Claycastle Beach, Co. Cork

**Our Ref: FW.8.102 Eirgrid Plc – Installation of the EirGrid Celtic Interconnector Electricity Cable at Claycastle Beach, Co. Cork**  
**DHLGH Ref: FS006916**

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request for comments/observations from this Department in relation to this application by EirGrid.

This Department has no objection to this application but wish the following to be noted:-

- It is BIM's view that in conducting the screening for appropriate assessment determination the applicant (FW.8.102) needs to consider the cumulative impact of the proposed works where extant Appropriate Assessments for Natura sites in the area assess the potential impacts of fisheries and aquaculture activities.

Regards,

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**Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Marine Advisor Ecologist**

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Foreshore Unit,  
Department of the Housing, Local Government and Heritage,  
Newtown Road, Co. Wexford  
26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Prescribed Bodies Second Consultation - Environmental Report**

**Re:** FS006916 Construction and operation of a subsea electrical interconnector cable from the Irish EEZ to landfall at Claycastle, Co. Cork

**Applicant:** Eirgrid

Dear [REDACTED]

Your email of the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 refers to this Foreshore Application for the construction and operation of a subsea electrical interconnector cable from the Irish EEZ to landfall at Claycastle, Co. Cork.

Close to the landfall site at Claycastle Beach two important Special Protection Areas (SPA) are located. Ballymacoda Bay SPA (IE004023) to the west of this beach is one of the most important sites in the Ireland for wintering waterfowl. It qualifies for international importance on the basis of regularly exceeding 20,000 wintering birds and for its Golden Plover and Black-tailed Godwit populations. These species are listed on Annex I of the E.U. Birds Directive. In addition, the site supports nationally important populations of a further fourteen species including Golden Plover and Black-tailed Godwit. The Blackwater Estuary SPA (IE004028) lies to the northeast of Claycastle Beach and is an internationally important wetland site because of the population of Black-tailed Godwit it supports. It is also of high importance in a national context, with seven species having populations which exceed the thresholds for national importance. The occurrence of Little Egret, Golden Plover and Bar-tailed Godwit is of particular note as these species are listed on Annex I of the E.U. Birds Directive.

Two sites along the southern coast of Ireland, Roaringwater Bay SAC (IE000101) and Saltee Island SAC (IE000707) are designated for Annex II marine mammals. The former site is designated for the Harbour Porpoise, the European Otter and the Grey Seal. The latter site is designated for the Grey Seal.

As you will note from my Screening Stage Report Environmental Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 I agreed with and accepted the outcome of the IEC's review of the environmental reports associated with this application.

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.

[REDACTED]  
Marine Advisor, Environment.

**Bird Watch Ireland**

**From:** [REDACTED]@birdwatchireland.ie>

**Sent:** Wednesday 27 April 2022 14:08

**To:** [REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>  
[REDACTED]@birdwatchireland.ie>

**Subject:** RE: Final reminder FS006916 Eirgrid Celtic Interconnector Appropriate Assessment Determination: Request for Observations

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the information. BirdWatch Ireland is not in a position to respond due to severe capacity constraints. Our inability to respond doesn't infer that we have no concerns in relation to the proposal or that we don't support it, it just means that at this time we don't have the staff time to devote to it.

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]



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25/04/2022

**Re: Foreshore Application [ref.FS006916] for development by Eirgrid PLC. at Claycastle Beach  
Co. Cork & your email of 21/04/2022**

Dear [REDACTED]

The Health and Safety Authority (the Authority), acting as the Central Competent Authority under the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 209 of 2015) gives technical advice to the Planning Authority when requested, under regulation 24(2) in relation to:

- (a) the siting and development of new establishments;
- (b) modifications to establishments of the type described in Regulation 12(1);
- (c) new developments including transport routes, locations of public use and residential areas in the vicinity of establishments, where the siting, modifications or developments may be the source of, or increase the risk or consequences of, a major accident.

Since the above-referenced application appears to be outside the scope of the Regulations, the Authority has no observations to forward.

If you have any queries please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
***Inspector,  
COMAH, Chemical Production & Storage (CCPS)***

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