

  
Foreshore Unit,  
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage,  
Newtown Road,  
Co. Wexford  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

### **Marine Adviser Environment Screening Stage Report**

**Re:** FS006859 DP ENERGY INIS EALGA ARRAY – SITE INVESTIGATIONS OFF THE COAST OF COUNTIES CORK AND WATERFORD

**Applicant:** DP ENERGY INIS EALGA ARRAY

I have reviewed the foreshore licence application FS006859 and all the environmental documents associated with it. As the Department's Marine Environment Advisor I conducted independent assessments of the information provided by the Applicant, having regard to the Habitats, Birds and EIA Directives. My comments on and recommendations for this application are as follows:

**Independent Environmental Consultant (IEC):**

The Department engaged RPS as an IEC to provide assistance with regard to the statutory and non-statutory environmental assessments of this foreshore licence application. The IEC has conducted independent assessments of the information provided by the Applicant, having regard to the Habitats Directive, EIA Directive, and the public and prescribed bodies' consultations.

The IEC requested further information from the Applicant; I have taken the Applicant's responses to the RFI into consideration when making my AA screening decision.

**Article 6(3) of Directive (92/43/EEC) (as amended) (Habitats Directive):**

Having considered the application by DP Energy Inis Ealga Array and the IEC's Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report I agree with and accept the Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report and its conclusions.

My signed Recommending Officer's **Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination** which requires the signature of the Minister as part of the decision-makers obligations under the Habitats Directive is attached.

On completion of the Public and Prescribed Bodies Consultation and the work of the IEC, I will furnish my final environment assessment with Appropriate Assessment Determination. This report may include any case specific conditions having regard to the information obtained during consultation phase.

**Signature and Date of Recommending Officer - Marine Advisor Environment:**

  
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