

FS007134 ESB Wind Development Ltd., Site Investigations at Sea Stacks Offshore Wind, off Dublin and Wicklow.

Prescribed Body Consultation on Appropriate Assessment, during period 11 July 2022 to 09 August 2022

Prescribed Body.

1. Commissioner of Irish Lights
2. Marine Institute
3. Marine Survey Office
4. Marine Advisor Environment
5. Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
6. Inland Fisheries Ireland
7. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
8. Marine Advisor Engineering
9. NPWS

1. Commissioner of Irish Lights

From: [REDACTED]@irishlights.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 12 July 2022 11:56
To: [REDACTED] (Housing) [REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie.
Cc: Housing ForeShoreORE; [REDACTED]
Subject: FS007134 ESB Sea Stacks Site Investigations - Consultation on
Appropriate Assessment
Attachments: IL Response 2 - FS007134 ESB Sea Stacks Site Investigations.pdf

Good Morning [REDACTED],

I hope this email finds you well.
Please find attached response from Irish Lights.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Navigation Support Officer

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[REDACTED]

Commissioners of Irish Lights

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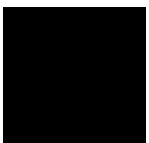
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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for contacting the Commissioners of Irish Lights requesting observations on this foreshore license application dated 11th July 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,



Acting Navigation Services Manager

Registered Charity No. 20002794

2. Marine Institute

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] ([Housing](#))
Cc: [Housing ForeShoreORE](#); [REDACTED] ([Housing](#))
Subject: RE: FS007134 ESB Sea Stacks Site Investigations - Consultation on Appropriate Assessment
Date: Tuesday 12 July 2022 17:18:35

Hi [REDACTED],

The Marine Institute have no further observations on this application at this time.

All the best

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
*Section Manager – Licensing and Policy Advice
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3. Marine Survey Office

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Sent: Wednesday 20 July 2022 10:04
To: [REDACTED] (Housing)
Cc: Housing Foreshore; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FS007134 ESB Sea Stacks Offshore Wind off Dublin and Wicklow

Good day [REDACTED],

Upon further review and consideration on of the application on the Marine Survey Office has no objection on to the above referenced application on from a navigational safety perspective.

The points of note raised on 22 March 2022 as per below continue to be required to ensure the safety of navigation on in the proposed survey area.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
*Marine Survey Office
Nautical Surveyor*

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Cc: 'Housing Foreshore' <foreshore@housing.gov.ie>
Subject: FW: FS007134 ESB Sea Stacks Offshore Wind off Dublin and Wicklow

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

After careful consideration on the Marine Survey Office has no objection on to the above referenced application from a navigational safety perspective.

However the following points shall be of note;

1. The Licensee shall, through consultation and agreement with the Department of Transport, Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights, arrange for the publication of a Marine Notice through the Maritime Safety Policy Division. The frequency and promulgation of Navtex and radio broadcast warnings shall be agreed in advance with the Irish Coast Guard for the duration of the license period.
2. The marking and lighting of moored instruments shall be carried out in consultation with the Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights. Lighting and marking shall be compliant with International Association of Aids to Navigation (IALA) requirements. Information regarding the position of any markings which create a hazard to navigation shall be promulgated to the mariner via publication of a marine notice and all available means appropriate.
3. The Licensee shall ensure all appropriate measures are taken for the duration of any on-site activity to ensure the safety of navigation is maintained. Any hazard to safe navigation shall be easily identifiable to all mariners operating within or in the vicinity of the license area.

Regards

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*Nautical Surveyor
Marine Survey Office*

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[REDACTED],
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8th August 2022

Prescribed Bodies Second Consultation - Environmental Report

Re: FS007134 Foreshore licence application for site investigation works off the coasts of counties Dublin and Wicklow

Applicant: ESB Wind Development Ltd

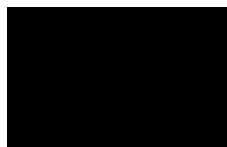
Dear [REDACTED],

The email of the 11th of July 2022 refers to this licence application for site investigation works off the coasts of counties Dublin and Wicklow.

The importance of the European Sites in this area has been outlined in my first Prescribed Bodies Report dated 13th May 2022. Among the many ecological highlights are that this area includes Special Protection Areas with populations of bird species that are of national and international importance and that it contains the only Special Area of Conservation in Ireland designated for the Annex I habitat Submarine structures made by leaking gases.

As you will note from my Screening Stage Report Environmental Report of the 28th June 2022 I concluded that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment was required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on European sites. I also identified the requirement for measures to protect the Annex IV species European Otter which occurs at this site to be included as licence conditions.

As stated in my first Prescribed Bodies Consultation 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.



Marine Advisor, Environment.

5. Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@agriculture.gov.ie>
Sent: Friday 26 August 2022 14:19
To: [REDACTED] (Housing)
Cc: Foreshore
Subject: RE: FS007134 ESB Sea Stacks Site Investigations - Consultation on Appropriate Assessment

Our Ref: FW.4.54 ESB Wind Development Ltd – Site Investigation licence at “ Sea Stacks Off Wind” situated off Dublin & Wicklow coasts (2nd circulation)
DHLGH Ref: FS007136

Dear [REDACTED],

Following responses from our consultees, this Department has no further observations to make regarding this application for ESB Wind Development Ltd.

Regards,

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6. Inland Fisheries Ireland

From [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@fisheriesireland.ie>

Sent: Friday 12 August 2022 11:00

To: [REDACTED] (Housing) <[REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>

Subject: RE: FS007134 ESB Sea Stacks Site Investigations - Consultation on Appropriate Assessment

Hi [REDACTED]

No comment to make other than to highlight the lack of knowledge around migratory pathways of diadromous species and how they could be impacted by the presence of off shore wind farms either through migration route or by disturbing offshore feeding areas, We need to highlight the need for studies on this topic.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

7. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

From: Planning Dlr <planning@DLRCOCO.IE>
Sent: Friday 26 August 2022 13:53
To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Housing)
Subject: FW: FS007134 ESB Sea Stacks Site Investigations - Consultation on Appropriate Assessment

Hi [REDACTED],

Please see below.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Sent: Friday 26 August 2022 13:48
To: Planning Dlr <planning@DLRCOCO.IE>
Subject: RE: FS007134 ESB Sea Stacks Site Investigations - Consultation on Appropriate Assessment

Hi [REDACTED]

The Planning Authority have reviewed and note the contents of the consultation,

Regards

[REDACTED]

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8. Marine Advisor Engineering

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Sent: Friday 26 August 2022 12:46
To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Housing)
Subject: RE: FS007134 ESB Sea Stacks Site Investigations - Consultation on Appropriate Assessment

Hi [REDACTED]

I have no further obs. My MA report sent to you on the 03/05/2022 at 15:29 remains valid.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] B.Eng. M.E.I.
Marine Advisor/Inspector
National & Regional Planning Policy,

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9. NPWS

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Sent: Thursday 3 November 2022 16:35
To: [REDACTED] (Housing) <[REDACTED]@housing.gov.ie>
Cc: Housing Foreshore <foreshore@housing.gov.ie>
Subject: RE: FS007134 ESB Sea Stacks Site Investigations - Consultation on Appropriate Assessment

Good afternoon

As you are aware we did not revert with obs on this before the public consultation closed on Aug 9th
– please see this as an acknowledgment of your emails

Regards

[REDACTED]

Executive Officer

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Aonad na nIarratas ar Fhorbairt

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