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

Application for a foreshore licence in relation to Sea Stacks Offshore Wind project by ESB Wind Development Limited off County Dublin and County Wicklow (Reference: FS007134) to undertake marine site investigations to inform feasibility assessments and design relating to the Sea Stacks Offshore Wind project. Surveys will be undertaken in an area under consideration for development of an offshore wind farm array (to the east of County Dublin and County Wicklow) and along potential export cable corridors from the array area back to the shore and at potential cable landfall areas. These site investigation works include Geophysical surveys, Geotechnical surveys, Metocean surveys, Environmental/Ecological and Archaeological surveys.

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

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 42(6) 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/9815d-esb-wind-development-limited-site-investigations-at-sea-stacks-offshore-wind-off-dublin-and-wicklow/>

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

1. The Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report
2. The Marine Advisor Environment Screen Stage Environmental Report with Screening determination and EIA examination
3. Application documents submitted by ESB Wind Development Limited
4. Submissions and observations received during the public and prescribed bodies' consultations and ESB responses to same.

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 of this case. Any person may make a submission or observation to the Minister concerning the proposed project and the Minister shall have regard to any submissions or observations received during the public consultation period.

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 11 July 2022 and 9 August 2022, free of charge at:

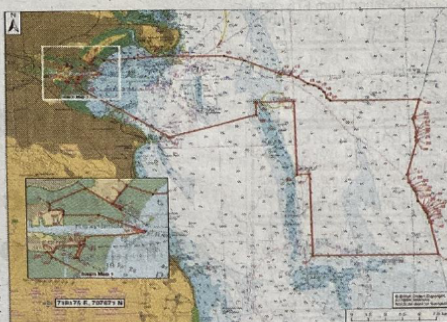
- Fingal County Council, Planning Department, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2. Monday to Thursday: 09:00 to 17:00. Friday: 09:00 to 16:30.
- Dublin City Council, Planning Department, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, D08 RF3F. Monday to Friday: 09:00 to 16:30.
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Planning Department, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 K6C9. Monday to Friday: 10:00 to 16:00.
- Wicklow County Council, Planning Department, County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow Town, A67 FW96. Monday to Friday: 09:00 to 15:30.
- Howth Garda Station, 8 Dunbo Hill, Howth, Co. Dublin, D13 YR70. Daily 07:00 to 21:00.
- Irishtown Garda Station, 57A Irishtown Road, Irishtown, Dublin 4, D04 YE33.
- Dun Laoghaire Garda Station, 34/35 Corrig Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 N299.
- Bray Garda Station, Convent Avenue, Bray, Co. Wicklow, A98 E093.
- Greystones Garda Station, 6, Marine Terrace, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, A63 N446. Daily 07:00 to 24:00.

The documentation is available on the Department's website at: <https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/9815d-esb-wind-development-limited-site-investigations-at-sea-stacks-offshore-wind-off-dublin-and-wicklow/>

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 11 July 2022 and 9 August 2022 (quoting ref: FS007134) 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 9 August 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>



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Dated this 11th July 2022