Foreshore Unit,
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage,
Newtown Road,
Co. Wexford
26th January 2023

Marine Adviser Environment Screening Stage Report

Re: FS007354 KINSALE OFFSHORE WIND LTD/SITE INVESTIGATIONS OFF THE COAST OF COUNTY CORK

Applicant: KINSALE OFFSHORE WIND LTD

I have reviewed the foreshore licence application FS007354 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:

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

Having considered the application by Kinsale offshore wind Ltd and all associated documentation I conclude as per the internal Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report, that a stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required.

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, 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:

26th January 2023