

PUBLIC NOTICE

REPEAT CONSULTATION

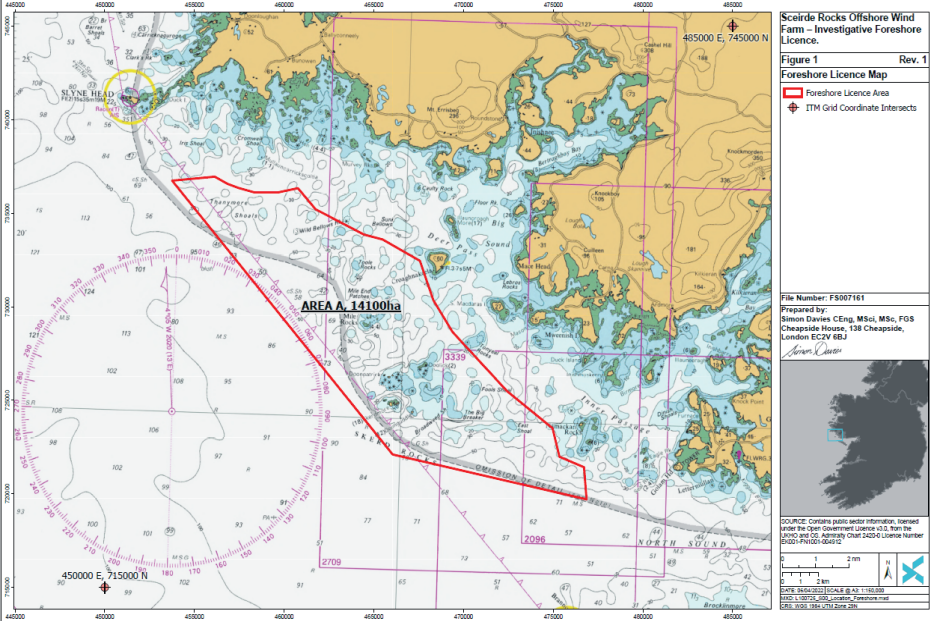
APPLICATION FOR A FORESHORE LICENCE

ALSO INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING STAGE 2 APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

A public consultation in relation to the application was held between the period of 30th January 2023 and 28th February 2023.

The Applicant has submitted an updated Natura Impact Statement to reflect the Department’s Marine Advisor’s recommendations and therefore a Repeat Consultation period is required.

Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta has applied to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a Foreshore licence under Section 3 of the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, for the proposed Sceirde Rocks Offshore Wind Farm (OWF) site investigations to determine geotechnical, geophysical, metocean, wind resource and benthic characteristics within the Foreshore Licence Area. The results of the site investigations will be used to determine the feasibility of developing an offshore wind farm and informing the design of the Sceirde Rocks OWF Project following which the Project will be progressed in accordance with the National Marine Planning Framework and other relevant legislation including the new consenting regime for offshore renewable energy being legislated for through the Maritime Area Planning Act (MAP).



The Foreshore Licence Application Area is located within the area defined by the Coordinates in the following table. Full details of the Foreshore Licence Application Area co-ordinates can be found in the Schedule of Activities document.

ID	LATITUDE (Deg Min Sec)	LONGITUDE (Deg Min Sec)	ID	LATITUDE (Deg Min Sec)	LONGITUDE (Deg Min Sec)
1	53°13'43.7350"N	9°50'47.2260"W	4	53°12'48.5100"N	9°50'37.3140"W
2	53°22'12.3600"N	10°02'42.3600"W	5	53°13'56.6260"N	10°00'23.0590"W
3	53°13'43.7350"N	9°50'47.2260"W			

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.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – SECTION 19 OF THE FORESHORE ACT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 19 of the Foreshore Act, 1933, as amended, that Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta has applied to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a Licence under the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, for the purposes of the above project. In this regard, in accordance with Section 19, public submissions are invited on the proposed plan or project.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS ON APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 42(13) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, of an application for a foreshore Licence in relation to the above project 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 has determined, in accordance with Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the proposed plan or project. A copy of the Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report is available at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/7a077-fuinneamh-sceirde-teoranta-site-investigations-for-the-proposed-sceirde-rocks-offshore-wind-farm/>

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 and, in doing so, shall have regard to the matters in Regulation 42(12).

In this regard, in accordance with Regulation 42(13), any person may make a submission or observation to the Minister concerning the proposed project during the period of consultation detailed below. The Minister shall have regard to any submissions or observations received during this time.

A copy of the application, map of the proposed project, location map coordinates, the determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the project, the updated Natura Impact Statement, and the other information and documentation relevant to the application, are available for inspection for 30 calendar days, between 2nd May 2023 and 31st May 2023, free of charge at:

Clifden Garda Station, Galway Rd, Clifden, Co. Galway. 095-22500 (open 24 hours) or
Carna Garda Station, Carna, Co. Galway. 095-32242 (by appointment only) or
Kilrush Garda Station, Ennis Rd, Kilrush, Co. Clare. 065-9080550 (open 24 hours) or
Planning Department, Galway County Council, County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway. 091-509000 (open 09.00-16.00 Mon-Fri) or
Planning Department, Clare County Council, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare. 065-6846232 (open 09.00-16.00 Mon-Fri) or
Clifden Library, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway. 091-509616 (open 14:30-18:00 & 18:30-20:30 Mon, Wed; 10:30-13:00 & 14:30-18:00 Tue, Thu, Sat; 10:30-13:00 & 14:30-18:00 & 18:30-20:30 Fri) or
Kilkee Library, O Connell Street, Kilkee, Co. Clare. 065-9056034 (open 13:30-17:30 & 18:00-20:00 Mon, Wed; 10:30-13:30 & 14:00-17:30 Tue, Thu, Fri; 10:00-14:00 Sat)

This documentation and information is also available on the Department’s website, at:
<https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/7a077-fuinneamh-sceirde-teoranta-site-investigations-for-the-proposed-sceirde-rocks-offshore-wind-farm/>

Members of the public who wish to make a submission or observation in writing concerning the proposed project may do so between 2nd May 2023 and 31st May 2023 (quoting ref: F5007161) 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 31st May 2023.

Take notice that material to which the Minister shall have regard in making 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:

<https://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/public-participation-foreshore-consent-process>

REVIEW PROCEDURE

A review procedure is available before the High Court whereby the substantive or procedural legality of the Minister’s Screening for Appropriate Assessment determination may be challenged. The review procedure is governed by Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts, 1986 (S.I. 15 of 1986). A person wishing to avail of the review procedure must first file (i) a statement of grounds; and (ii) a verifying affidavit, in the Central Office of the High Court. It is then necessary to make an application for leave to apply to the High Court.

An application for leave to apply for judicial review shall be made within three months from the date when grounds for the application first arose under Section 21(1) of the Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts as amended by S.I No 691 of 2011. The time-limit for such a review commences from the date that this public consultation starts. Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from the Citizens Information’s website at citizensinformation.ie

Section 50B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended applies inter alia to Judicial Review Proceedings. The matter of costs is addressed under Subsections (2),(2A),(3) &(4). Notwithstanding anything contained in Order 99 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. 15 of 1986) and subject to subsections (2A), (3) &(4), in proceedings to which this section applies, each party to the proceedings (including any notice party) shall bear its own costs. The full text of Section 50B is available at:

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2010/en/act/pub/0030/sec0033.html#sec33>

28th April 2023.