

Public Notice Submissions

Submission 1

Hibernian Windpower Ltd welcome the comments from James O'Hagan, Chair of Dundalk Bay Cockle Fisheries and return the following:

- Although the foreshore licence application shows a large number of Vibrocores and CPTs on the seabed in the area, the actual numbers of Vibrocores to be taken and CPTs should be much less. Furthermore the actual process of taking a core sample is physically intrusive over a very small area, circa 150mm diameter. The impact of the proposed works is of low impact in terms of disturbing the seabed, e.g. sediment, foreign agents introduced.
- Further to this, the appointed contractor undertaking any works will adhere to industry standard operational and environmental practice, as reviewed by Hibernian Windpower Ltd. We will ensure that the NPWS (2014) "Guidance to Manage the risk to Marine Mammals from Man-made Sound sources in Irish Waters" document is complied with by all contractors.
- Hibernian Windpower Ltd will be appointing a Fisheries Liaison Officer who will be involved in consulting and co-ordinating with all foreshore users in the area in advance of and during survey works.

Submission 2

Hibernian Windpower Ltd welcome the comments from the self-employed fisherman and return the following:

- Although the application shows a large number of Vibrocores and CPTs on the seabed in the area the actual numbers of Vibrocores and CPTs should be much less. Furthermore the actual process of taking a core sample is physically intrusive over a very small area, circa 150mm diameter. The impact of the proposed works is of low impact in terms of disturbing the seabed, e.g. sediment, foreign agents introduced.
- The appointed contractors undertaking any survey and investigation works will adhere to industry standard operational and environmental practice, as reviewed by Hibernian Windpower Ltd. We will ensure that the NPWS (2014) "Guidance to Manage the risk to Marine Mammals from Man-made Sound sources in Irish Waters" document is complied with by all contractors.
- Any wind measurement and marker buoys anchored to the seabed will have a very small footprint on the seabed. It is intended to deploy a floating lidar buoy at a location in the foreshore licence area to be determined for a 12 month period. This may be extended for a further 12 / 24 months.
- This Foreshore Application is for a Licence to carry out site investigation and survey works, no permanent structures will be erected as a part of this licence.
- In relation to your comments on construction and operation of a wind farm, this foreshore licence application is solely for survey and investigation works. No construction works will take place under this foreshore licence.

Submission 3

Submission 3 is the same as Submission 2.



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Submission 4

Hibernian Windpower Ltd welcome the comments from the residents of Strandhill in Clogher Head and return the following:

- This Foreshore Licence Application is to carry out site investigation and survey works, no permanent structures will be erected during this period.
- The site investigation / survey works to be undertaken as part of the foreshore licence will not have any impact on residents' view of the bay or affect house prices.

Yours Sincerely,

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