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**RE: Application for a Maritime Usage Licence by North Sea Array – LIC230001**

My name is Sharon Burke. My address is [REDACTED], my mobile number is [REDACTED] and my email address is [REDACTED].

I formally wish to make a submission against the granting of this Licence application by North Irish Sea Array.

The subject area of the above mentioned application is within an area of huge archaeological merit. It is an area which contains passage graves and various neolithic heritage. This same area was previously under consideration for a port development by Bremore Port Company Limited only a few years ago and as a result of investigations and applications for planning, it was decided that a port could not be situated in this area due to the significant archaeology of this area. I attach a link to Newgrange.com which outlines the significance of this area.

Therefore, it cannot be allowed to proceed. Any development, drilling etc will only undermine the soundness of this area and it would cause unprecedented damage to this archaeological landscape of the area which spreads not just from the cliffs but also contains underwater archaeology.

Environmentally, the subject area is also home to a huge variety of wildlife and they would be hugely affected by any proposed investigations. The protected Roseate Tern population on nearby Rockabill need to feed on the sandy beaches in the area, eating insects, squid, and crustaceans. They forage from close to shore, near beaches and rivermouths, out to pelagic (deep water) zones, sometimes in association with other terns, noddies, and shearwaters. It is also a breeding area for grey seals, oyster catchers, short eared owls, herons to name just a few.

The scale of investigatory work proposed under this licence would have huge detrimental impacts to the flora and fauna of the area and would have untold damage to the archaeology of the area. An area which has been described by An Taisce as possibly pre-dating Newgrange and being of huge significance.

Therefore I ask that you please refrain from granting the licence to North Irish Sea Array.

I further submit that I have only just learned that the deadline for submissions has been extended until the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. I commend this as there simply was not enough time for the public to have their say on this matter with a deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> April. However this extended deadline has not been properly communicated to people, it has not and is not, displayed on North Irish Sea Array's own website and

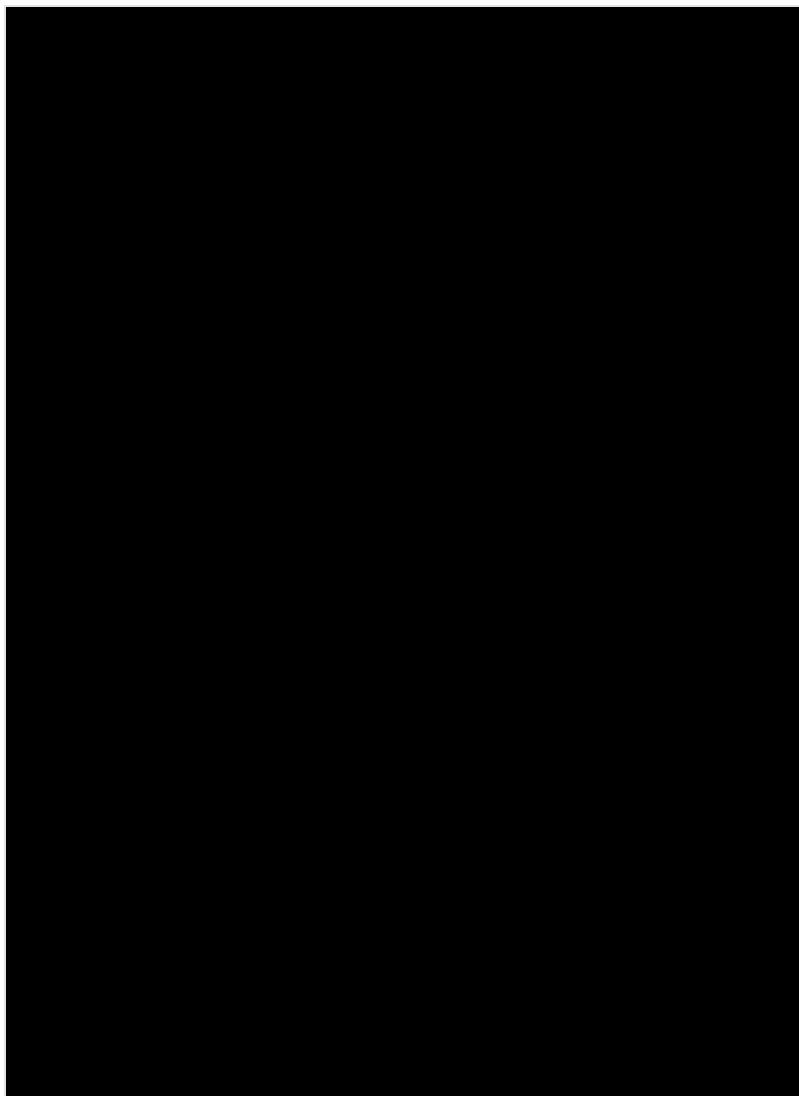
was not included in the newspapers that they first displayed the notice. I therefore submit that further notices should be inserted in all local newspapers confirming the new deadline so that people are made aware of the new deadline, to make a submission. It is particularly important given that images etc of the windfarm will not be available to the public before April 9<sup>th</sup> and there are more public consultation meetings still happening.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanking you.

Sharon Burke

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