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Request for Observations MUL260051 – Oriel Windfarm Ltd. Site investigations of the offshore wind farm area and the offshore cable corridor.

Dear Licence Authorisation Team,

I refer to your correspondence dated 22nd July 2026 requesting comments from the Agency on the Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) application to undertake site investigations (SI) of the offshore wind farm area and the offshore cable corridor to investigate the stability of the soil (seabed sediments) for the detailed design of foundations, wind turbines and the offshore substation and the detailed routeing of cables within the offshore wind farm area and the offshore cable corridor off the coast of County Louth. The Agency makes the following observations:

We note from the MUL application form, that no dumping at sea activities are proposed in relation to the stated SI works, but there is potential that the following projects could act in combination with the proposed SI works:

- Oriel Wind Farm Project (ACP ref: ABP-319799-24) and
- Oriel Wind Farm Project Dumping at Sea application (DaS).

We also note, in the MUL application, that the Applicant commits to ensuring that the proposed SI works will not overlap with the construction of the Oriel Wind Farm Project and DaS activities.

Oriel Windfarm Ltd submitted a DaS permit application to the Agency on 30th June 2026 and is seeking a 10-year permit. The offshore wind farm area is east of Dundalk Bay, approximately 22km east of Dundalk town and 6km south of the Cooley Peninsula. The loading activities relate to the lifting of sediment as drill arisings during the monopile drilled installation for the foundations in the offshore wind farm area.

The dumping at sea activities relate to the placement of drill arisings beside the monopile structure in the offshore wind farm area. It is proposed to dump 137, 280 wet tonnes of material from these activities. The associated application documents can be viewed on the EPA's online License and Enforcement Access Portal (https://leap.epa.ie) under Reg. No. S0041-01. This application is under assessment by the Agency in accordance with the requirements of the Dumping at Sea Act 1996, as amended.

The Agency advises that in considering and deciding on the maritime usage application that the proposed activity should not result in a contravention of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC, Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, Birds Directive 2009/147/EC, Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC, Bathing Water Directive 73/160/EEC or Environmental Liabilities Directive 2004/35/EC.

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Kind regards,
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Good morning,

Please see attached letter requesting observations for MUL260051 – Oriel Windfarm Ltd.

Please note the final date for observations to be submitted is 21/08/2026.

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