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Louth County Council submission on Maritime Usage Licence Application Ref MUL260051 (Oriel Windfarm Ltd)

Introduction

Louth County Council (LCC) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Non-Statutory Consultation in relation to the Maritime Usage Licence Application (Reference MUL260051) submitted by Oriel Windfarm Limited.

Background

The applicant has a current application for Development Consent for the construction, operation and decommissions of an offshore wind farm (An Coimisiún Pleanála Case Reference OA15.319799) which is active and is due to be decided by 21/09/2026.

The applicant obtained a Foreshore Licence (Ref FS006840) in May 2019 for initial surveys in the offshore wind farm area and offshore cable corridor, with a further Foreshore Licence (FS007383) granted to undertake site investigation works in May 2023. This licence expired in May 2026.

Proposed Application

Oriel Windfarm Limited has submitted an application for a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) under Section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to undertake site investigations of the offshore wind farm area and the offshore cable corridor off the coast of County Louth. The area subject to this Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) is defined as the Project planning application boundary below the high-water mark (HWM), plus a 4km buffer around the offshore windfarm area.

The site investigations will examine the stability of the soil (seabed sediments) to enable a detailed design of foundations, wind turbines and the offshore substation and the detailed routing of cables within the offshore wind farm area and the offshore cable corridor.

The applicant is seeking a 5-year MUL duration, with works proposed to be carried out on a 24-hour and 7 days per week basis subject to sea state and tidal conditions, except for environmental surveys, which are expected to take place during daylight hours.

Louth County Council Comments

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Having reviewed the documentation submitted as part of the Maritime Usage Licence Application (Reference MUL260051), Louth County Council have no objection to the proposed Maritime Usage Licence and would be supportive, subject to the works being in compliance with all relevant policy requirements.



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