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**Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment Public Consultation:
Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets**

Dear Mr Shakespeare,

I am writing in accordance with article 132(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2024, to advise that Dublin City Council will be the nominated authority with respect to the transboundary EIA consultation on the proposed Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms Transmission Assets development.

For your information, the Minister received notification from the Planning Inspectorate UK (PINS), dated 15 January 2025 (attached for information) regarding receipt of a development consent application for the proposed offshore windfarm transmission assets by Morgan Offshore Windfarm Ltd and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd, which is situated in the east Irish Sea. This notification is an invitation to participate in transboundary EIA consultation in accordance with the provisions of the 1991 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention).

In September 2023, at the pre-application stage, a transboundary EIA screening was conducted on behalf of the Secretary of State that identified a number of potential transboundary environmental impacts on Ireland. A second screening took place in January 2025 that reaffirmed the presence of several potential transboundary environmental impacts on Ireland. Subsequently the Department decided, in keeping with the procedures for similar developments and the screening results, to hold a public consultation to give members of the public an opportunity to make submissions on the proposed development.



This Department issued a response to PINS on 27 January 2025 advising that the consultation period proposed by PINS (6 weeks from date of receipt of the notification) would not be sufficient to prepare and administer a public consultation on the potential transboundary environmental impact from the proposed development. PINS were advised that the Department would make contact in February to confirm the public consultation timelines, which will be agreed between officials in the Climate and Environmental Planning Policy (CEPP) unit of this Department and appropriate officials in Dublin City Council.

In reference to article 132(4)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2024, that requires a list of all other planning authorities likely to be affected by the proposed development to be submitted to the nominated authority, I wish to advise that, based on the nature of the transboundary issues screened in which are noted above, no planning authority can be excluded. Therefore, Dublin City Council should ensure all planning authorities are consulted with a view to advertising this transboundary EIA public consultation.

Officials from the CEPP unit will be in touch with the appropriate officials in Dublin City Council in due course to discuss next steps.

Any queries in relation to this letter should be addressed to transboundaryeia@housing.gov.ie

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments:

- Transboundary Screening Statement dated 15 January 2025
- Transboundary consultation notification received from PINS dated 15 January 2025
- Table with Documentation Links