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Signed, ...

Date: 8/SEP/2016

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Dear sir,

We at the Park Lodge Hotel, Park, Spiddal, Co. Galway object to The Marine Institute's application for a 35 year Foreshore Lease in Galway bay.

We Strongly suggest that it is not approved.

We have used Galway Bay at Park Lodge Hotel as a unique selling point in promoting our Hotel over the past 36 years. We are concerned if this application is approved our business will suffer and result in a loss of 20 jobs for local people.

This is unacceptable and consequently must not be allowed to happen as it will impact the wider Tourism industry which over the past 2 to 3 years has grown due to the Wild Atlantic Way.

Submitted by the Foyle Family
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9 SEP 2016
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Date: 25/08/2016

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Date 28/08/2016

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LETTER OF OBSERVATION

FROM:

6 September 2016

Observation on Application Number: FS006566

Regarding: Application for Foreshore Lease to Construct an Offshore Electricity Generating Station

Applicant: Marine Institute, Rinville, Oranmore, Co. Galway

Dear Sir / Madam

I wish to object to the above referenced application for a 35 year foreshore lease by the Marine Institute to construct an electricity generating station. As an Environmental Scientist, I fully acknowledge the need to find alternative sources of electricity production other than oil and gas, and the harnessing of wind in Ireland to meet its obligations under international agreements. However it is important that infrastructural developments of the energy sector are constructed in an environmentally and economically sustainable way, that they have minimal impact on people living in close proximity to them, and that they do not pose a threat to the sustainability of other industries contributing to the Irish economy such as the Tourist industry.

There is currently no special strategy in Ireland for energy related developments at sea, unlike land. There are no zoned areas for the siting of large devices in Ireland, and as such, developers have no specific guidance as to where the most suitable locations are for their projects. Therefore it is incumbent on the Licencing Authority to fully consider the observations of all those that have concerns about the project, and to act to protect the balance of Ireland’s environmental integrity, for which it has a worldwide reputation as a place to live, and to visit.

Few would argue that Galway Bay is one of Ireland’s most scenic seascapes. From the R336 Coast Road linking Galway City and Salthill to South Connemara, there are spectacular views of the Burren’s limestone hills in Co. Clare and the three Aran Islands at the entrance to the bay. The view of the western setting sun over Galway Bay, as taken from the R336, is one of Ireland’s iconic images. This scenery of the bay is one of the West of Ireland’s most
significant scenic assets. This is acknowledged in Galway’s County Development Plan. It is very important that any developments in the Bay do not have a negative impact on the sustainability of its visual aspect, noise levels, water quality or recreational value.

With regard to this application, I strongly believe that the Marine Institute has been misguided in locating a test site which will include a number of devices of up to 35m in height, as well as a large permanent sea station platform in the Galway Bay, just 1.6km from the R336 Wild Atlantic Way, and within 15km of Salthill, one of Ireland’s most famous resorts.

The size and scale of the devices, which can there for up to 35 years, albeit intermittently, will have a significant and semi-permanent impact on the visual amenity of Galway Bay with respect to visitors and residents.

This statement is qualified as follows in the following points.

**Galway County Development Plan**

While the scope of the County Development Plan does not include developments at sea, it does identify important focal points and views (see page 172 of the Plan attached). It states on page 171 Section 9.12 that

‘County Galway has many important focal points from which views and vistas of great natural beauty can be viewed. These focal points and views have a very important amenity, tourism, economic and cultural value for the County and its people. It is therefore important to protect and preserve these views and vistas and development where permitted should not hinder or obstruct these views and vistas, but should be located and designed in a manner so as not to negatively impact on these focal points and views.’

View Number 74 in Map FPV1 is of North Clare Coast and the Aran Islands from Furbo (Na Forbacha), Spiddal (An Spideal) and Bearna. The entire development will be highly visible from both these focal points. It will also be directly between View 74 and the Aran Islands which can very clearly be seen from that focal point, as well as the setting sun over the bay.

**Visual Impact on the Beach and Roadside Carpark at Furbo (Na Forbacha)**

The Carpark and Beach at Furbo is located on the R336 Wild Atlantic Way Route from Galway to Spiddal. It is located within Focal Point 74 in the Galway County Development Plan. I have enclosed a photo image of the view from the beach of the setting sun, and have superimposed an estimation of the view of the development from that location. It clearly shows the impact of the development. As the wind device can be of any shape or width up to 35m in height, it could in fact be much wider that that shown.
The Developer has miscalculated the visual impact of the Development

In their Environmental Report, the developer carried out an assessment on the visual impact on the seascape is ‘slight’. This is calculated on the basis that the magnitude of the size of the devices is ‘low’. How can one conclude that the magnitude of a device 35m high, just 1.27km from the coast is low? It also states that the seascape sensitivity is ‘medium’. There is no basis for concluding this. The County Development Plan does not estimate the seascape sensitivity. Impacts of developments at sea are very different to those on land as they can be seen for many kilometres.

The developer’s Environmental Report was a desk study and therefore lacks integrity in appreciating the true impact of the development on the residents and visitors to the surrounding areas.

No alternative sites were considered as would be required if an EIS was carried out.

Visual Impact from Co. Clare Burren Coastline

The proposed development is just 8km from Black Head in the Burren which is on the Wild Atlantic Way Route. That part of the Burren has been designated as a UNESCO Global Geopark site following a vote at the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) General Conference in Paris on 17 November 2015. The devices in the proposed test site will be clearly visible from that part of the Burren as well as the North facing view from the Cliffs of Moher.

Maximum Height or Width of the Devices not Clear

The application is not clear as to the maximum height above sea level that the ‘sea station platform’ (Section 4.3.2.4 of the Environmental Report) and all potential devices will be. No maximum width is stated in the application, and potential devices can be of any shape.

Lease period too long

35 Year Lease is grossly excessive for a Research and Development site. This is a generation and there is no justification in the application for such a lease period.

No Environmental Impact Assessment

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS) has not been carried out. In view of the above mentioned observations, and the overall impact of the development, I contend that an EIS should have been carried out to independently evaluate the true environmental impacts and alternative sites.
I ask that the above points be considered to decline this application for a foreshore lease.

Yours faithfully,
9.12 Focal Point and Views

County Galway has many important focal points from which views and vistas of great natural beauty may be viewed. These focal points and views have a very important amenity, tourism, economic and cultural value for the County and its people. It is therefore important to protect and conserve these views and vistas and development where permitted should not hinder or obstruct these views and vistas but should be located and designed in a manner so as not to negatively impact on these focal points and views.

9.13 Focal Point and Views Objective

| Focal Point and Views Objective |
| Objective FPV 1 – Development Management |
| Preserve the focal points and views as listed in Map FPV1 from development that in the view of the Planning Authority would negatively impact on said focal points and views. This shall be balanced against the need to develop key infrastructure to meet the strategic aims of the plan, and have regard to the zoning objectives of serviced development land within the Galway Metropolitan Area. |

9.14 World Heritage Sites

A Tentative List is an inventory of those properties which a country intends to consider for nomination to the World Heritage List. The new Tentative List was approved by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and submitted to UNESCO in March 2010. The nomination of any property from the new Tentative List for inscription on the World Heritage List will only take place after consultation with the relevant stakeholders, interested parties and local communities. Two sites in County Galway have been included on the Tentative List, namely, the Western Stone Forts and the Burren.

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| Objective WH 1 – Tentative World Heritage Sites |
| Protect the Outstanding Universal Value of the tentative World Heritage Sites in County Galway namely the Western Stone Forts and the Burren that are included in the UNESCO Tentative List, Ireland 2010 and engage with other national and international initiatives which promote the special built, natural and cultural heritage of places in the County. |

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Date: 9/9/2016

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Date: 09/08/2016

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