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Signed,
[Signature]

Date 6...9.../2016

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Sender address:

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Date:7/9/2016

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Dear Pat,

I am writing to you, at the request of and on behalf of, the County Clare’s Public Participation Network (PPN) in relation to the above referenced Foreshore Lease application. It is noted that the Lease application is for a 35 year period for the testing of prototype wind, wave and tidal energy devices at the Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site, Spiddal in Galway Bay, located within 10km of County Clare.

You will be aware that the purpose of the PPN is to facilitate the participation and representation of communities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner in decision making and strengthen the capacity of communities and of the environmental, social inclusion & voluntary groups to contribute positively to the community in which they reside/participate.

It is noted by the Clare PPN that press notices and locations for display of material since May 2016 related to areas of County Galway only, save for an advert in August in the Irish Times. It is contended by the PPN that the consultation process did not afford adequate opportunity to the Clare PPN to participate in the public consultation process.

In that regard, the PPN request an extension of the closing date of 9th September to allow adequate time within which to assess the application and make any observations.

Yours sincerely on behalf of Clare PPN

Brian McCarthy
Senior Planner
Planning and Enterprise Development,
Clare County Council

Tel: 065-6846556
Email: bmccarthy@clarecoco.ie

CC: Sarah Clancy, Public Participation Network Coordinator, Clare PPN
Dear Administrator,

I have been instructed by the secretariat of Clare Public Participation Network to make the following submission in respect of Foreshore Application FS006566.

Clare Public Participation Network wishes to draw your attention to the fact that its members consider that developments which take place in any part of Galway Bay are a matter of concern to them and so they feel that there should have been a consultation and information campaign conducted in the coastal areas of Clare County regarding this license application. The members of Clare PPN only became aware of the Foreshore Application FS006566 last week through social media channels and through news media coverage of objections to or concerns about the granting of the license. There has been no opportunity for the PPN’s membership to reassure itself or enquire about any aspect of the project and for that reason Clare PPN now wishes to state its objection to this license being granted without an adequate information and consultation being conducted in the County. Clare PPN therefore in this submission objects to the deadline of September 9th and requests that a further extension be made during which an information campaign can be conducted in the County by the Marine Research Institute. Clare PPN has met with representatives from the Marine Research Institute who have indicated their willingness to conduct such a campaign.

Clare PPN requests that their member’s entitlements to participate in decision making under the Aarhus convention be respected in full and that a further extension of the consultation period sufficient for a public information campaign to take place in Clare is granted.

Yours on behalf of the secretariat of Clare PPN,

Sarah Clancy
Public Participation Network Coordinator
Unit 1 Westgate Business Park
Kilrush Rd,
Ennis
Co Clare.
Phone: 087 1617375

Email: sarah@clareppn.ie
Website: www.clareppn.ie
Twitter: @clare_pnn
Facebook: www.facebook.com/clareppn/
Dear Mr. Hickey
Thank you for your email dated 12th July, 2016. I would be grateful if you could note the following points and respond as the information sought concerns the environment.

- Today, FS006611 is incomplete on environ.ie, the Notice of Determination is still not available to the public. Are there other documents connected with this Lease extension application? Public consultation on FS006566 ends on 2nd August 2016 and these documents are material to proper public consultation.
- Thank you for the copy of the original Lease application FS004904, this is not available to the public on environ.ie and is material essential to public consultation on FS006566. Are there any other supporting documents with this application other than the application form and Lease sent to me?
- I notice that documents have been added to the External Bodies Consultation section of FS006566 in the last few days. Can you confirm that all letters requesting comment and all responses are now available to the public online?

Yours sincerely,
Sent: 18 July 2016 11:41
To: Robert Hickey - (DECLG)
Subject: Re: FW: RE: Marine Institute Foreshore Lease App - Reference Number :FS006566

Dear Mr. Hickey

Thank you for your reply. Please send a copy of the CD supplied to the external bodies consulted re FS006566, to the Library in Spiddal, if you have more than one copy, that would be great.

Thanking you,
Dear Mr O’Neill
Thank you for this reply. Could you please send me the following:
- List of members of the multi disciplinary MLVC who will assess the foreshore application.
- List of prescribed bodies who will make observations on the application

Regards
Dear Mr O’Neill

Thank you for this helpful information. I note that the Marine Licence Vetting Committee does not appear to have any professional landscape expertise. The proposed developments (particularly the floating wind turbines) appear to be proposed very close to shore.

Can I ask what organisation is responsible for assessing the landscape impact of the proposed development?

Thank you
Dear Mr O'Neill
Thank you for this reply. I understand from your reply that the Marine Institute will be responsible for assessing visual impact. Can I ask:

- Does the Marine Institute have professional expertise in visual impact assessment?
- If not
- Will they hire appropriate consultants to carry out this important aspect of the assessment?

Thank you.
Dear Mr O’Neill

Further to my email earlier today. Could I ask

- What is the closing date for observations on this application?
- Where will the funding for this Renewable Energy Test Site come from?
- What is the EU involvement in this scheme?

Thank you
From:  
Sent: 17 July 2016 15:02  
To: foreshore; testsite.consultation@marine.ie  
Subject: Re: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566

Patrick,

I must write to again complain at your lack of effort of try to consult with the public in a meaningful way.

Having wrote a mail to you less than 2 weeks ago to complain about the lack of effort to contact the locals, I was dismayed and upset to find out, that another ‘public consultation’ is planned for this Thursday - and again, very little effort to notify the locals living in Spiddal.

I only found out due to a chance meeting with someone.

Is the public consultation by 'invite only'?

Please explain how this could have happened, and why the mail below was not sent to me. Am I supposed to check the marine website on a daily basis? Did I get an invite to join the social media forum, that is mentioned on the mail?

I searched and found the website page, then found the 'communication' - only when I knew it existed.
Can you advise how many people actually read this post or shared this - this data is easily found by the admin on the site. It looks like it had 1 like..

Please respond in a respectful way this time, that shows you have actually read the mail - not the almost automated response that I got the last time, that did not even get me added to a mailing list, even though I complained about the lack of public consultation.

Regards,

From:  
Sent: 02 August 2016 22:40  
To: foreshore; Testsite Consultation  
Subject: Re: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566

Hi,

If you are trying to deliberately antagonize and make the locals paranoid of what you are planning - you are doing a good job.

If you are trying to keep the public genuinely involved - pretty poor job...
see the two mails that were sent out today...

Please advise when you would like to meet me and my neighbors to discuss this development....

Note - I got informed that Spiddal library is actually in Spiddal - well, guess what - I knew that!!!! No mention of meeting people who had a concern.
From:  
Sent: 16 June 2016 11:53  
To: Robert Hickey - (DECLG)  
Subject: Galway Bay foreshore lease

Ref: FS 006566

Hello Robert,
Thank you for speaking with me and for being so helpful in explaining the consent process regarding Foreshore Leasing.
1. I would like a copy of the Marine Institute's Foreshore Lease application from ten years ago, 2006 I believe the original Lease was granted, for testing site in Spiddal, Galway. I have had no success in locating it online.
2. I would like a list of the prescribed agencies who have been informed of the current upgrading application.
Any further advice or guidance would be warmly and greatly appreciated.
Regards,

From:  
Sent: 23 June 2016 16:13  
To: foreshore  
Subject: Re: planning application

A chara,
In relation to my earlier request for the Gaeilge on-line version of the Foreshore Lease Application FS006566, time is of the essence, thus, I would like to locate it as soon as possible.
Go raibh maith agat.
Le meas,

On Thu, Jun 23, 2016 at 11:02 AM, wrote:
A chara,
Please forward the Gaeilge version of the Foreshore Lease application FS006566. I am unable to locate it on line.
Le meas,

From:  
Sent: 28 July 2016 14:43  
To: foreshore  
Cc: Sean Kyne; Hildegarde Naughton; Minister; Catherine Connolly; Eamon OCuiv; Trevor OClochartaigh; noel.grealish@oireachtas.ie  
Subject: Att: Pat O'Neill URGENT: submissions to a planning application

A chara,
Re: Foreshore Lease Application FS006566
1. Further to an earlier phone call from a member of the public; please forward me confirmation that EACH individual submission made by a named individual, and which contains his/her address/telephone contact details, submitted through the one/same email
address will be considered by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, NOT as ONE submission, but counted in their own right to add in number to any other submission that may be made in relation to a particular planning application.

2. To clarify and to avoid any confusion could you compute for me the following; three individuals, (with postal / telephone contact details) who send three separate emails using this one email; how many submission will that count as?

This situation arises since the public were under the illusion that Minister Coveney couldn't but grant an extension following the many questions which the developer could not answer during the information meeting six days ago. The public find themselves with only one working day left to submit observations.

3. Please also confirm the exact time postal and email submissions need to be received.

4. Also, submissions delivered in person, do they need to all be in envelopes addressed to relevant section?

5. Does each individual submission delivered by one person count as an individual submission or as one?

6. Should an extension be granted by Minister Coveney in the next few days, can an individual add to their original submission?

Please reply today as time is of the essence, as I am sure you can appreciate.
Le meas,

From:
Sent: 29 July 2016 09:03
To: foreshore
Subject: Urgent: submission query

Buíochas for your reply Mr O'Neill.
In relation to the answer to question 3:
"Postal and e-mail submissions must be received by close of business next Tuesday 2 August 2016; email submissions will be accepted up to 23.59 hours on that date."

1. Please clarify for me what time is close of business next Tuesday 2 August 2016.

2. Email submissions are mentioned twice in the answer above; please clarify the deadline for emails submissions.

"Any submissions delivered by hand must be received in the Department’s Wexford office by next Tuesday (02/08/2016). They may be handed in to the Reception of the Department’s Wexford office up to 19.00 hours on next Tuesday (02/08/2016). Any hand delivered submissions should be addressed to the Marine Planning – Foreshore Section."

3. Please confirm that hand delivered applications are accepted up to 19.00 hours / 7pm
"Each individual submission delivered by hand to the Department’s Wexford office by 19.00 hours next Tuesday (02/08/2016) would be recorded as an individual submission, i.e. if A, B and C hand deliver submissions they will be recorded as being individual submissions from A, B and C.”

4. Please clarify how one individual delivering many submissions would be counted - i.e. If A delivers submissions on behalf of A, B, C, D and E, how many submissions would this count as?

5. I assume one can save paper, and that each individual submission does not need to be in a separate envelope?

6. How would individual submissions by A, B, C and D be counted if they were delivered (or posted) to the Reception Desk all in one envelope?

Buíochas,

From:  
Sent: 03 August 2016 21:50  
To: foreshore  
Cc: Catherine Connolly; Trevor OCllochartaigh; Eamon OCuiv; Hildegarde Naughton; Sean Kyne  
Subject: Re: Athrú seoladh

Urgent: please reply as a matter of urgency to the request emailed regarding the change of contact details for submissions regarding Foreshore Application FS006566

Is mise,

On Tue, Aug 2, 2016 at 5:59 PM, wrote:
A chara,
I note that the contact details supplied to forward submissions to Foreshore Lease Application FS006566 has changed from:
Marine Planning and Foreshore Section, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, Newtown Rd, Wexford, Co. Wexford, or foreshore@environ.ie
to:
The Foreshore Unit, Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Newtown Road, Wexford or foreshore@housing.gov.ie.
1. Could you give the reason please, for the address change, mid-consultation?
2. Also confirm that submissions made to either of the above contact details will be accepted throughout the consultation period as submissions for Foreshore Lease Application FS006566.
Is mise,

From:  
Sent: 04 August 2016 16:08  
To: foreshore  
Cc: Trevor OCllochartaigh; Catherine Connolly; Eamon OCuiv; Hildegarde Naughton; Sean Kyne; noel.grealish@oireachtas.ie; shane.ross@oireachtas.ie  
Subject: Publication of Information Meeting responses

A chara,
Re: Foreshore Lease Application FS006566

When can the public expect the publication of the responses to the questions asked at the Public Meeting last Thursday (July 21st, 2016)?

Is mise,

From:
Sent: 19 August 2016 15:13
To: foreshore
Subject: Foreshore Lease Application FS006566

A chara,
Re: Foreshore Lease Application FS006566
In relation to the above application, please forward the following:

1. The Natura Impact Statement submitted to the consenting authority by the Developer for the above application.
Response:
An Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening report was completed and provided by the applicant as part of the support documentation provided by the applicant (Appendix 6) and available for viewing on the Department website at:

2. The Appropriate Assessment carried out by the consenting authority on the basis of this Statement and any other necessary information.
Response:
The Environmental Impact Assessment and the Appropriate Assessment screening when completed by this Department will be published on the Department website when a determination of the application has been made.

3. Please confirm that the consenting authority has satisfied itself that the above Natura Impact Statement is complete, accurate and objective.
Response:
The Environmental Impact Assessment and the Appropriate Assessment screening when completed by this Department will be published on the Department website when a determination of the application has been made.

Buíochas,

From:
Sent: 24 August 2016 13:05
To: Robert Hickey
Subject: FS006566 Urgent

Dear Robert
Thank you for forwarding the Screening Report for FS006566, I note it was uploaded 22/8/2016 and is now publicly available on the Department’s website. However, the link given at the end of the report doesn’t work and the Appendices S1, S2, S3 and S4 are not available. I would be grateful if you would correct the link issue and provide the appendices.
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1. Has BirdWatch Ireland provided its response?
2. When will the Department make this information available to the public as part of the Application?

It is unacceptable that Application FS006566 is incomplete so close to the closing date for public submissions.

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From: Pat ONeill
Sent: 28 August 2016 18:10
To: Pat ONeill
Cc: Hildegarde Naughton; Eamon OCuiv; Catherine Connolly; Trevor OClochartaigh; sotuairisg@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; socualain@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; Sean Kyne; noel.grealish@oireachtas.ie
Subject: Questions re FS006566 "Application for a Foreshore Lease for the Construction of an Offshore Electricity Generating Station"

Dear Mr O'Neill

I received the email below from Mr Robert Hickey in response to a query regarding the provision of information to the public in the documents available online with regard to Application FS006566.

I will be out of the office until Tuesday, 30/08/2016. In my absence you can contact Pat O'Neill at 053-9117372 or Pat.ONeill@housing.gov.ie, otherwise I will contact you on my return.

As the matter is urgent, the closing date for public submissions is the 9th of September 2016, I am referring my queries to you.

1. Has Birdwatch Ireland's response to the Department’s External Bodies Consultation process been received by the Department?
2. When will the above be made available to the public? This is important as it was the only Environmental NGO consulted by the Department.

Response to Questions 1 &2 above:

As of now BirdWatch have not provided the Department with a submission on the application in question. While this Department has encouraged BirdWatch through notification and reminders to provide their views on the application as part of the consultation process, we cannot compel them to do so.

3. When will the Appendices to the EIA Screening Report for this application be made available to the public online? Appendices S1, S2, S3, and S4. are missing.

Response: All documentation in relation to the application is available for viewing on the Department website

4. When will the link to information on the Applicant’s website at the end of the Screening Report be operative?

Response: The applicant has confirmed that their website has had an update since the report was issued. The relevant link now should be: http://www.marine.ie/Home/site-area/data-services/real-time-observations/wave-buoy-observations
5. It is unacceptable that the documentation with this application is incomplete at this late stage of the public consultation period. Therefore, I would be grateful if you would let me know, who in the Department is responsible for ensuring that all documentation for a Foreshore application is complete and available to the public during the period of public consultation? Please provide their contact details as I would like to make a complaint regarding the provision of information with regard to FS006566, in a timely fashion, as required by law.

Response: The Marine Planning and Foreshore Section is responsible for the update of the Department website with the details and supporting documentation with respect to foreshore applications.

6. Was the Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht Underwater Archaeology Unit made aware of the findings in Appendix one of the EIA Screening Report, as shown on TG4 last Thursday, 25th August, 2016?

Response: The applicant has confirmed the position as follows:

‘The four objects located on the seabed at the time of acquisition in November 2007, as shown on TG4 Thursday, 25th August, 2016 were the anchors from the OceanEnergy Buoy that had been deployed at the site since November 2006.

As these four objects were known to be the anchors, and not material of an archaeological nature, there was no requirement to notify the Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht’s Underwater Archaeology Unit’

Le buíochas,

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From:
Sent: 29 August 2016 16:14
To: Pat O'Neill
Subject: FS006566

A chara, Mr O'Neill,
Re: Foreshore Application FS006566

1. Please clarify why the proposed offshore electricity generating station in this application is classified as an Annex III, rather than an Annex I or II project, under the EIA Directive.
2. Please explain why only one Environmental NGO, BirdWatch Ireland, was officially consulted by your Department as part of the External Bodies Consultation component of the application.

3. Have BirdWatch Ireland responded to the Department’s request to comment on FS006566? If yes, when will this be available to the public as part of the application online?

Is mise,

From:  
Sent: 29 August 2016 00:06  
To: Pat O'Neill  
Cc: Hildegarde Naughton; Catherine Connolly; Eamon O'Cuiv; Trevor OClochartaigh; sotuairisp@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; Sean Kyne; noel.grealish@oireachtas.ie; Joe Folan  
Subject: Urgent request for Information Re FS006566.

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I would be grateful if you would forward me the following documents:

1. The AA and the EIA documents for application FS004904, the application which resulted in the granting of the original 10 year Foreshore Lease /SJM/10380/2005 to the Marine Institute in 2006.

2. The formal screening opinion on the EIA Screening Report requested by the Marine Institute from your Department at page 29 of the Screening Report.

3. On page 28 of the Screening Report the Applicant states that:

"The Marine Institute do propose to undertake adequate consultation with relevant government agencies, environmental bodies and local stakeholders generally to determine the scope of a detailed Environmental Report to submit as part of the foreshore lease application process."

Could you tell me where to find details of who has been consulted and the outcome of these consultations?

4. At page 22 of the screening Report the Applicant states that:

"A Natura Impact Statement is being prepared which will present details of the analysis of any potential effects on the above site arising from the development of the proposed Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site"

The "above site" is referring to Table 1. Designated Protected Areas. Table 1. comprises: Black Head Poulsallagh IE000020, Galway Bay Complex IE000268 and Inner Galway Bay IE004031.

Where is this Natura Impact Statement to be found in Application FS006566?

Le buíochas,
From:
Sent: 27 June 2016 02:09
To: Niall Redmond - (DAHG)
Subject: FORESHORE LEASE APPLICATION NO. FS 006566

27/JUNE/2016.

Niall Redmond
Legislation and Guidance unit
National Parks and Wildlife Service
7 Ely Place
Dublin 2

Re .. Foreshore Licence Application No . FS 006566

A Chara,

The Department of the Environment , Community and Local Government has informed The National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Marine Institute's 2016 foreshore lease application, under file no. FS 006566 and have requested The National Parks and Wildlife Service comments relating to the said application.

Please forward me a copy of the request sent to The National Parks and Wildlife Service from the Department of the environment community, and local Government, and any and all comments submitted by The National Parks and Wildlife Service in response to that request.

Le Meas,


From:
Sent: 28 July 2016 16:27
To: foreshore
Subject: Re: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566

Dear Patrick,
Thank you for your email,
With regards to the Marine Licence Vetting Committee that will adjudicate and advise Minister Simon Coveney on Foreshore Lease Application no FS006566, can you please send me the names of the members of this committee, and the name of the chairperson.

Le mesas,

From: 
Sent: 25 August 2016 18:52
To: 

Subject: FORESHORE LEASE APPLICATION NO FS006566

25/8/2016

Mr Alan Berry,
Test Site Consultation Team,
Marine Institute,
Rinville,
Oranmore,
Co Galway.

Foreshore Lease Application By The Marine Institute in respect of the testing of prototype wind, wave and tidal energy devices at the Galway Bay Marine test site, Spiddal, Co Galway. Foreshore lease application No FS006566.

Dear Mr Berry,

I refer to the above mentioned foreshore lease application lodged by the marine institute with the Dept of Environment, Community and Local Government. After reading the foreshore lease application form submitted by the Marine Institute, I wish to bring to your attention the following details regarding the information contained in this application.

Question 18. on the application form is as follows.
What is the Nearest Distance from other generating stations or other constructions on the sea-bed, including constructions anchored permanently or semi-permanently to the sea-bed.

The Marine Institute answered this question as follows.
2.8 Km to the base of Spiddal Pier, nearest construction on the seabed.

This answer is inaccurate and misleading on the following grounds.

The town of Spiddal is served by a Sewerage system that uses a marine outfall pipe to release millions of gallons of untreated sewerage into
Galway Bay. This release of untreated sewerage in taking place despite being in Breach of European Directives and European laws, and is a major cause of pollution in Galway Bay.

This outfall pipe is located at Spiddal beach, and it extends into Galway Bay by a few hundred meters. This outfall pipe is the nearest construction on the seabed to the proposed Marine Test site, but has been omitted either mistakenly or intentionally in the lease application form answers.

This outfall pipe has also been omitted from the supporting documentation lodged with the foreshore lease application. These include detailed environmental reports and environmental assessments, that will be used by The Minister of Environment, Community and Local Government to determine his decision on this foreshore lease application.

The above omissions make it impossible to adequately screen the proposed project, or to calculate the cumulative impacts of the proposed development on the receiving environment of Galway Bay, which are legal requirements under Irish and European Law.

It is my opinion that the omissions mentioned above render this application flawed and invalid, and should not be considered further by The Dept of Environment, Community and Local Government until this matter is clarified.

I look forward to your reply to clarify this urgent matter.

Le Meas,
Lease, permitting the testing of Ocean Energy devices, other than wave energy devices, not connected by cable to shore, is not guaranteed, unless you have received information or guarantees to the contrary. Please let me know if this is the case?

There is public opposition to the granting of this Lease and any decision must take into account submissions received from the public and other interested parties. Therefore, I believe that the Smartbay Ireland site only currently has a Foreshore Lease until March 2017, and that this Lease, according to the Notice of Determination published on the 19th of July 2016, can be challenged for a period of three months following the publication of that Notice. Please see application FS006611 at the link below to see if this is a correct interpretation of the Notice and the current Lease and the original Lease it extends.

http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/applications/marine-institute-0

Are you satisfied, as manager of the consortium of test sites, to include Smartbay Ireland as one of these sites, and to commit EU Funding, through the FORESEA programme to testing Ocean Energy Devices at the Smartbay Ireland site without a guarantee that the site will have a Lease in two months time?

In the reply to my queries forwarded by you from Smartbay Ireland Ltd, Mr Breslin stated that:

"The Marine Institute, having prepared an EIA screening report on the proposed development of the SmartBay Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site in context of the criteria set out in Schedule Three of the EIA Regulations and in Annex III of the European Union Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, argued that the proposed development will not have a significant effect on the environment by virtue, inter alia, of its nature, size or location and thus does not consequently require an EIS. The national competent body assessed the screening report and concurred that the proposed project did not require the submission of an EIS."

I still do not understand why, given the location of the development, its size and nature, no EIA was deemed necessary. I cannot see how a development like this can be deemed to have no likelihood of having a significant effect on the Environment of Galway Bay, with all its protected habitats, especially given the cumulative effects of this development if considered with others in the Bay. This EIA Screening Report was made available as part of the application FS006566 on 22/08/16, and is the last document in the application section which can be found on the link below if you would care to examine it.

http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/applications/marine-institute-spiddal

Regards,

From: Alan Berry; John Breslin; foreshore@environ.ie; catherine.connolly@oireachtas.ie; MEP Harkin; hildegarde.naughton@oireachtas.ie; Sean Kyne; MINISTER@housing.gov.ie; marian.harkin@europarl.europa.eu; noel.grealish@oireachtas.ie; Nicolas Wallet; Trevor OClochartaigh; taoiseach.constituency@taoiseach.ie; twelby@cllr.galwaycoco.ie

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Subject: Environmental Screening Report -- Galway Bay Marine Test Site.

Mr Alan Berry,
Marine Institute,
Rinville,
Oranmore,

30/08/2016
Co Galway.

Re. Environmental Screening Report.

Dear Mr Berry,

I refer to the Screening Report for the Galway Bay Marine Test Site, which has been unavailable to the public even though it is a document that has profound consequences for the EIA process, which must be applied to this project under Irish and European Law.

This screening report has also been omitted from the supporting documents available online at the Dept of the Environment, Community and Local Government website, (foreshore lease application no F5006566) and have only been published online this week with only 2 weeks remaining in the public consultation process which closes on 9 September 2016. I consider this fact to be a serious breach of my right to information under the EIA Directive and The Aarhus Convention.

With regards to this screening report please send me the following information.

1. The name of the competent body that requested the preparation of the screening report and the date of this request.
2. The identity of the person responsible for producing the report and its contents.
3. The name of the national competent body that assessed the screening report and concurred with the Marine Institute that the project did not require the submission of an EIS, and the date that this decision was taken.
4. Is there information available that makes it possible to check that the decision not to request an EIS is based on adequate screening, and that the Competent body was fully aware of the nature of the development and its impacts at the screening stage. Where can I get a copy of this information?
5. Given the significance of the screening decision that an EIA was not required for this project, please advise me of the name and qualifications of the person or persons that made this formal decision.
6. Is the decision not to subject this project to an EIA in compliance with The Planning and Development (amendments) (no 3) Regulations 2011, as required under Irish and European law, and the European court Judgement in case C-50/09.

Regards,
From:  
Sent: 09 September 2016 10:50  
To: foreshore  
Subject: Mr Patrick O Neill - Closing time for email submissions  

Mr Patrick O Neill,  
Marine Planning - Foreshore Section,  

Dear Mr O Neill,  

Thank you for taking my telephone call earlier this morning, regarding the closing time for email submissions in relation to the Galway Bay Test Site, ref no FS006566.  

Please send me an email confirming the closing time for email submissions, and also confirmation that all email submissions will be acknowledged even though there might be a delay in replying to submissions due to the volume of submissions.  

Thank you.  

From:  
Sent: 14 September 2016 13:52  
To: foreshore  
Subject: Mr Patrick O Neill  

Mr Patrick O Neill,  
Marine Planning - Foreshore Section,  

Re - FS006566  

Dear Mr O Neill,  

Can you please let me know the approximate number of submissions/objections your office has received in relation to the above lease application. (FS006566)  

Regards,
-----Original Message-----
From: 
Sent: 23 June 2016 21:12 
To: foreshore 
Subject: 2014/02786 
Dear mr/mrs, 
Can I please receive application and available documents to reach decision on the Foreshore Licence given. 
Regards

-----Original Message-----
From: 
Sent: 30 June 2016 10:34 
To: foreshore 
Subject: Re: Marine Institute - Installation of fibre optic cables serving the Smart Bay test Site - File re. FS 005751 

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

Thanks for this documentation. One document I can’t find on the site which is the environmental screening report. (mentioned in 2.4.1 of the environmental report).

project: http://www.environ.ie/planning/foreshore/applications/marine-institute-spiddal

Can you send that to me please?

-----Original Message-----
From: 
Sent: 01 July 2016 12:22 
To: foreshore 
Subject: Re: Marine Institute - Installation of fibre optic cables serving the Smart Bay test Site - File re. FS 005751 

Dear Mr O'Neill,

Can you confirm receipt of my email yesterday and can you send on requested document asap? 

Regards
Dear Robert,

Many thanks for your prompt reply.

Given the complexity of the matter I am not sure that the concerned residents believe this is a suitable extension. I will revert to you on this matter.

I would be obliged if you could clarify the consultation process and outline where it is set out, legally or otherwise, so that we can familiarise ourselves with the process.

Kind regards,

Catherine Connolly TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Tel: +353 1 618 4410

catherine.connolly@oireachtas.ie
http://catherineconnolly.com/
Hi Niamh,

Could you confirm that the deadline for submissions re the Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site, Spiddal, Co. Galway has been extended to Friday, July 1st?

Kind regards,

Hildegarde Naughton, T.D.
Fine Gael - Galway West & South Mayo Constituency

Local Office:
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Dublin 2.
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From: Eamon OCuiv [mailto:eamon.ocuiv@oireachtas.ie]
Sent: 29 July 2016 09:26
To: foreshore
Subject: Fw: urgent answers needed

Could you provide this information as speedily as possible please.

Many thanks.

Éamon

-----Forwarded by Eamon OCuiv/Members/Oireachtas on 07/29/2016 09:24AM-----
To: eamon.ocuiv@oireachtas.ie
From: Date: 07/28/2016 01:35PM
Subject: urgent answers needed
Dear Eamon O Cuiv . T.D.
Please advise if you can assist me in getting the information requested in my email to the Dept of Environment, Community and Local Government, Foreshore planning Section, a copy of which i have provided below.

A Chara,

Please send me the information requested in my email dated 26 july 2016., a copy of which i have provided below.

I need this information urgently as the closing date for observations / objections to foreshore lease application no. FS006566 is AUGUST 2. / 2016.

Marine Planning and Foreshore Section,
Dept of The Environment, Community, and Local Government,
Newtown Road,
Wexford
Co Wexford.

Re .. Foreshore Lease Application For Marine Test Site, At Spiddal, Co. Galway..
Reference No . FS 006566.

A Chara,

Please forward the following information with regards to the Marine Licence Vetting Committee that advises the Minister, on the above mentioned Foreshore Lease Application.

1. List of the names of the members of the Marine Licence Vetting Committee that will advise the minister on the above mentioned Foreshore Lease Application.
2. Name of the Chairperson of the M.L.V.C.

3. Who Appoints the members to the M.L.V.C.

4. Is any member of the M.L.V.C., associated with the Marine Institute.

Look forward to your Reply,

Le meas,
From:  
Sent: 03 August 2016 14:17  
To: foreshore  
Subject: Foreshore Licence Application  

Hi  
Can you inform me on how many responds to the foreshore application FS006566 have you received to date from the public.  
Regards  

From:  
Sent: 09 August 2016 06:27  
To: foreshore  
Subject: Re: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566  

Hi Patrick  
Regarding Foreshore lease application FS006566  
What is the process when vetting this application, and who are the members of the vetting team  
Who is responsible for answering the public concerns/objections  
What is their experience/expertise/qualification in answering to specific concerns by the public that might arise.  
Regards  

From:  
Sent: 09 August 2016 17:07  
To: foreshore  
Subject: Re: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566  

Hi Patrick  
Is not the local community a key stakeholder as well, as its a site of community importance?  
Regards  

From:  
Sent: 11 August 2016 12:41  
To: foreshore  
Subject: Re: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566  

Hi Patrick  
Sorry to bother you again, but there are a few questions I need clarification on  
1. Why was The Marine Institute issued with an ‘Offshore Electricity Generating Station’ Application form to complete  
2. Should the applicant succeed in their foreshore lease application, what structures, if any are available to the public to protest.  
And is their time frame for same  
Regards
From: foreshore
Sent: 15 August 2016 09:26
To: foreshore
Subject: Re: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566

Hi
Thany you for this.
But the 2006 application had the wording Demonstration in the 'Offshore Electricity Generating Station' Application form,
and this one does not. In other words the 2006 was directed to saying specific 'Demonstration'
Can you explain this change please, as to the general public an application for an 'Offshore Electricity Generation Station' says exactly that what th licence will allow even if the request is for demonstration use,
Can you confirm this please
Regards

From: foreshore
Sent: 26 August 2016 08:38
To: foreshore
Subject: Re: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566

Hi Patrick
Can you confirm how many objections/submissions has been received from the public today regarding the Marine Institute foreshore lease application
Regards

From: Testsite Consultation
Sent: 05 September 2016 07:42
To: Testsite Consultation
Cc: thealy@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; sotuairisg@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; swalish@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; welby@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; catherine.connolly@oireachtas.ie; Trevor.OClochartaigh@oireachtas.ie; Taoiseach.Constituency@taoiseach.gov.ie; Minister; minister@dttas.ie; noel.grealish@oireachtas.ie; hildegarde.naughton@oireachtas.ie; Eamon OCuiv; shane.ross@oireachtas.ie; sean.kyne@oireachtas.ie; lukeming.flanagan@ep.europa.eu; marian@marianharkin.com; marian.harkin@europarl.europa.eu; sean.canney@oireachtas.ie; anne.rabbitte@oireachtas.ie;
Subject: Re: Proposed foreshore licence at Galway Bay

Dear Mr O Malley
I still way answers to my previous two emails, and been aware the closing date for submission is this Friday.
Also very important concern to the public, is the installation and operation of the 'Subsea Observatory' which one of the devices applied for in this new application.Yet it up and running as we speak. Surely the Marine Institute are not breaking the existing lease (law). Please explain, as it not part of the cable application, which also leads to project splitting.
On 23 August 2016 at 08:37, wrote:

Dear Mr O Malley

Thank you for your response.

Perhaps I should be more specific with my questions, while I welcome your reply, I felt some of my questions were not fully answered

1. May I see a copy of the study carried out in the site selection, including who carried out this study, their expertise in this area, what criteria was used, copy of environmental impact statement, and detail analysis of other sites looked at?
2. I shall follow up this with Dep. of Env. (Foreshore)
3. Who instructed/why all the new items including including more scope, allowance of increase in area (100m) of activity, conduits, cables, running of cables, construction and development. Those are new developments which were not in the existing lease. Since the Marine Institute are the leasee and responsible for the terms present in that agreement, then you are in a position to explain all the changes and extra scope allowed in the extension of time lease.

Please explain the need for this and why?
4. Please confirm that the 'underwater ocean observatory' has been deployed in the test site?
5. Confirm that only now its been included in the new lease application?

On 22 August 2016 at 16:29, Testsite Consultation <Testsie.Consultation@marine.ie> wrote:

Dear

Please see the responses to your queries below.

- Before the Spiddal test was chosen (2006) what alternative sites was researched for suitability?
- A study was performed in 2004/2005 by UCC to look at locations for a quarter scale test site and Galway Bay inside the Aran Islands was recommended as somewhat uniquely having wave conditions averaging one quarter of those in offshore Atlantic. Together with the significant research and development capacity existing in Galway at the time the Galway location was seen as optimal.

Please explain why the applicant was instructed to apply for this Foreshore Lease using an Offshore Electricity Generating Station application form, rather than the Demonstration Offshore Electricity Generating Station application form as was with the 2006 Licence?

The original test site foreshore license application was submitted in 2005 on a Demonstration Offshore Electricity Generating Station application form provided by the FLU at that time but this form is now out of date. The FLU advised that the Offshore Electricity Generating application form be used for application FS006566.

The original lease in 2006 was a 10 page document with two schedules. The extensions of time on this lease was granted in July this year. Why is this extension of time on existing lease now become 60 page document with 10 schedules, including more scope, allowance of increase in area (100m) of activity, conduits, cables, running of cables, construction and development. Surely all this new developments within and out the lease area should have been applied for under a new complete lease and not on an request for 'extension of time lease'. Assuming the Marine Institute was still working within the existing lease rules?

The Marine Institute applied for a 1 year extension of the existing lease which was approaching 10 years of age in order to ensure that activities would continue pending decision on the new lease
The form of lease document was provided by the Foreshore Licensing Unit and Chief State Solicitors Office.

Why has the 'underwater ocean observatory' been deployed and is now in operation at the site while it only now included in the new application which the Marine Institute are applying for. Its not included in the original 2006 licence which is still in existence through the extension of time licence granted?

The cable and associated observatory is currently licenced and can operate on a stand-alone basis. The cable terminates within the Ocean Energy test site. The cable end equipment is included in the current lease application to allow ocean energy devices to potentially connect to it, receive power for onboard instruments and transmit data.

The longitude and Latitude central point co-ordinates given on the new application does not correspond with the 2006 licence, Has the Site moved?

The test site remains in its' initial position and will continue to do so if this application were to be granted. It is important to note that the latitude and longitude coordinates of the four corners of the test site which were outlined in the 2006 application have not been changed in the 2016 application.

Regards,
Conall O Malley on behalf of the Testsite Consultation Team

From:
Sent: Friday 19 August 2016 10:59
To: Testsite Consultation
Cc: thealy@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; sotuairisg@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; swalsh@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; welby@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; catherine.connolly@oireachtas.ie; Trevor.OClochartaigh@oireachtas.ie; Taoiseach.Constituency@taoiseach.gov.ie; minister@environ.ie; minister@dttas.ie; noel.grealish@oireachtas.ie; hildegarde.naughton@oireachtas.ie; Eamon OCuiv; shane.ross@oireachtas.ie; sean.kyne@oireachtas.ie; lukeming.flanagan@ep.europa.eu; marian@marianharkin.com; marian.harkin@europarl.europa.eu; sean.canney@oireachtas.ie; anne.rabbitte@oireachtas.ie;

Subject: Re: Proposed foreshore licence at Galway Bay

Thank you for your response

Can you please clarify/answer the following regarding the Proposed new application for 'Offshore Electricity Generating Station' in Galway Bay

- Before the Spiddal test was chosen (2006) what alternative sites was researched for suitability?
  Please explain why the applicant was instructed to apply for this Foreshore Lease using an Offshore Electricity Generating Station application form, rather than the Demonstration Offshore Electricity Generating Station application form as was with the 2006 Licence?

The original lease in 2006 was a 10 page document with two schedules. The extensions of time on this lease was granted in July this year. Why is this extension of time on existing lease now become 60 page document with 10 schedules, including more scope, allowance of increase in area (100m) of activity, conduits, cables, running of cables, construction and development. Surely all this new developments within and out the lease area should have been applied for under a new complete lease and not on a request for 'extension of time lease'. Assuming the Marine Institute was still working within the existing lease rules?

Why has the 'underwater ocean observatory' been deployed and is now in operation at the site while it only now included in the new application which the Marine Institute are applying for. Its not included in the original 2006 licence which is still in existence through the extension of time licence granted?
The longitude and Latitude central point co-ordinates given on the new application does not correspond with the 2006 licence, Has the Site moved?

Regards

On 18 August 2016 at 16:49, Testsite Consultation <Testsite.Consultation@marine.ie> wrote:

Dear,
The Marine Institute has held three public meetings on the Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test site as part of the consultation process and does not intend to hold further public meetings during the consultation period.
The Marine Institute has undertaken to meet with individuals who have queries they wish to address before the deadline for submissions in respect of our lease application. The aim of these meetings is to provide clarification, where required, on the information contained in our lease application. Should you have any outstanding queries relating to our application, we invite you to meet with us at either 12 noon on Wednesday 24th August or 12 noon on Thursday 25th August at the Marine Institute in Rinville. We can provide clarification on information contained in our lease application only.
Kind Regards,
Conall O’Malley on behalf of the Testsite Consultation Team

From:
Sent: Monday 15 August 2016 09:16
To: Testsite Consultation
Subject: Re: Proposed foreshore licence at Galway Bay

Hi
Thank you for this information
Their is allot here to read
Do you intend to hold another public meeting before deadline submissions date, since there is so much at stake here?
Regards

On 12 August 2016 at 16:31, Testsite Consultation <Testsite.Consultation@marine.ie> wrote:

Dear
Please find enclosed foreshore lease application form submitted in 2005 for the test site, along with the supporting documentation.
Regards,
Test Site Consultation Team
Marine Institute,
Rinville,
Oranmore,
Co. Galway.
T: +353 (0)91 387200
E: testsite.consultation@marine.ie

From: Testsite Consultation
Sent: 11 August 2016 10:01
To: Testsite Consultation
Subject: RE: Proposed foreshore licence at Galway Bay
Dear
The 2006 foreshore lease application documents are in our archives and will take a day or two to restore.
We will forward the requested documents to you as soon as possible.
Regards,
Test Site Consultation Team
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From: Sent: 11 August 2016 05:54
To: Testsite Consultation
Subject: Re: Proposed foreshore licence at Galway Bay

Hi
The site co-ordinates should be on your 2006 application for foreshore licence.
I need a copy of this please and all supporting documents you submitted for the 2006 lease
Regards

On 10 August 2016 at 16:21, wrote:
Hi
That fine but where on the application documents does it show these co-ordinates,
I went through the 2006 lease but it shows no co-ordinates

On 10 August 2016 at 15:25, Testsite Consultation <Testsite.Consultation@marine.ie> wrote:
Dear
The coordinates of the test site submitted for the original foreshore lease awarded in 2006 were

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Regards,
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From: Sent: 10 August 2016 13:31
To: Testsite Consultation
Subject: Re: Proposed foreshore licence at Galway Bay
Hi
Thank for Map.
What I am looking for exactly is the co-ordinates of the site (Longitude and Latitude) that been submitted as part of the application for the 2006 Test Site
Unfortunately the map you send me does not contain these detail
Regards

On 10 August 2016 at 11:58, Testsite Consultation <Testsite.Consultation@marine.ie> wrote:
Dear
As requested, please find attached map as referenced in original foreshore lease for the test site
Regards,
Test Site Consultation Team
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Oranmore,
Co. Galway.
T: +353 (0)91 387200
E: testsite.consultation@marine.ie

From:
Sent: 09 August 2016 15:29
To: Testsite Consultation
Subject: Re: Proposed foreshore licence at Galway Bay

Regarding the 2006 foreshore lease, can you kindly forward me also a copy of the site map that was used then
Regards

On 9 Aug 2016 06:41, wrote:
Hi
Thanks
Much appreciate
Regards

On 9 August 2016 at 11:22, Testsite Consultation <Testsite.Consultation@marine.ie> wrote:
Dear
The archived files from the application for the cable connection to the test site are very large and cannot be emailed all together from this email account unfortunately.
You will receive an email from Alan Berry (Ocean Energy Services Manager) shortly with the requested files attached as a compressed file.
In addition, all the documents you have requested are available for download from: http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/applications/marine-institute

Regards,
Test Site Consultation Team
Marine Institute,
Rinville,
Oranmore,
Co. Galway.
Dear Sir/Madam

Regarding Test Site at Spiddal

I would need to see all copies for previous forshore leases relating to this Test Site,
Especially the forshore licence granted in 2006
Application for grant of extension of time for same licence earlier this year and licence for this extension of time
Application and licence for cable connection from test site to shore at Spiddal

Regards

From:
Sent: 01 September 2016 23:30
To: foreshore
Subject: RE: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566

Hi how many of those are objections

Regards

From:
Sent: 06 September 2016 06:46
To: Beatrice Kelly
Cc: thealy@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; sotuairisg@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; swalsh@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; welby@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; catherine.connolly@oireachtas.ie; Trevor.OClochartaigh@oireachtas.ie; Taoiseach.Constituency@taoiseach.gov.ie; Minister; minister@dttas.ie; noel.grealish@oireachtas.ie; hildegarde.naughton@oireachtas.ie; Eamon OCuiv; shane.ross@oireachtas.ie; sean.kyne@oireachtas.ie; lukeming.flanagan@ep.europa.eu; marian@marianharkin.com; marian.harkin@europarl.europa.eu; sean.canney@oireachtas.ie; anne.rabbitte@oireachtas.ie; marion.boland@sfi.ie
Subject: Re: Forseshore lease application Galway Bay

Hi Beatrice

Thank you for referring me again to the Marine Institute Application regarding the possible ship wreck
The EIS does not cover it in a correct manner, it not a proper EIS, its mainly desk based studies and based on assumptions.
Also in 2014 the remains of an ancient forest was uncover near the test site at the foreshore at lippa (less than 1k away). This is not mentioned anywhere in the so called desk based EIS,
....'The north Connemara coastline could be one of this island’s richest “time capsules” of life before sea levels rose, according to State archaeologists who have removed a 3,700-year-old structure from the shore in Co Galway.'

Can you please clarify where your department also stands on this as well as the 'possible ship wreck' mentioned in the Marine application on the cable project (Project splitting), but goes on to say 'no future investigation'
see link
Regards

On 29 August 2016 at 14:23, Beatrice Kelly <bkelly@heritagecouncil.ie> wrote:
Dear
Thank you for your email about this application. The Heritage Council, due to a lack of capacity, was not able to make any direct submission on this application.
However I looked at the application on the Dept of Environment/housing website and there is an environmental report with many appendices included there which covers the topics usually addressed in an EIS. http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/applications/marine-institute-spiddal
It also includes the submissions from various bodies as well as copies of the public advertisements. Hope this is of some help.
Best wishes
Beatrice Kelly

From:
Sent: 16 August 2016 08:26
To: mills@inshore-ireland.com; flynn@inshore-ireland.com; Beatrice Kelly
Subject: Forseshore lease application Galway Bay

Not sure if you were made aware of the the proposed 35 year foreshore lease application by The Marine Institute to 'Construct an Offshore Electricity Generating Station' just off An Spideal, in Galway Bay. The proposed site (sea area, 30 times the size of Croke Park) will house a test site for floating windturbine(s), and lots of other tidel/wave devices some below and other above water. It also will have a fixed Sea station with a a generator and pumps. The sea station will be as big as 90 feet long and 3/4 stories high, while the wind turbine will start off at around 115 feet tall.
There is no Environment Impact Statement, and alot of stakeholders were not contacted, including us the Spiddal Galway Hooker race regatta committee
Department of Environment Foreshore
Application reference: FS006566
Closing date for submissions of objections and observations are until 7th. September
see attached
I would appreciate your response after you have time to read into it
Regards

From:
Sent: 09 September 2016 08:29
To: testsite.consultation@marine.ie; foreshore; karmenu.vella@ec.europa.eu; frank.vassen@ec.europa.eu; silvija.aile@ec.europa.eu; micheal.obriain@ec.europa.eu; thealy@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; sotuairisg@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; swalsh@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; welby@cllr.galwaycoco.ie; catherine.connolly@oireachtas.ie; Trevor.OClochartaigh@oireachtas.ie; Taoiseach.Constituency@taoiseach.gov.ie; Minister; minister@dttas.ie; noel.grealish@oireachtas.ie; hildegarde.naughton@oireachtas.ie; Eamon OCuiv; shane.ross@oireachtas.ie; sean.kyne@oireachtas.ie; lukeming.flanagan@ep.europa.eu; marian@marianharkin.com; marian.harkin@europarl.europa.eu; sean.canney@oireachtas.ie;
Dear Mr O Malley

Today is the final date for submissions from the public to the new foreshore lease application ref: FS006566 FORE SHORE LEASE APPLICATION BY MARINE ISITITUTE ‘TO CONSTRUCT AN OFFSHORE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATION’ IN GALWAY BAY.

It's disappointing that I have yet not received any direct answers to some serious issues with the Galway Bay Test site which Marine Institute hold a foreshore licence for and SmartBay operate and manage.

Therefore, it’s my understanding that the Marine Institute has broken the terms of the existing lease, this including operating an unauthorised device on the test site. This device 'SmartBay Subsea Observatory' is one on the devices been sort for in this new lease (if granted) Yet it has been deployed and in operation.

The existing lease do not allow for such a device, so they would first need to have approval got for it. The existing lease states in the Sixth Schedule (9.9) 'Shall insure that cable connection to shore is not permitted as part of any testing programme'

This is what they are doing right now and are breaking the lease. Its only in the new lease that will allow for this. Allot of the community has lost confidence on both The Marine Institute and Smart Bay in the manner of how the manage our natural resources.

Neither the existing lease or the cable project lease allow, its can only be done though a new lease With out these any many more questions put the the Marine Institure, which they have not/cant not answer.

See attached

Mise le meas
From:  
Sent: 29 July 2016 10:06  
To: foreshore; institute.mail@marine.ie  
Cc: Anny Wise; Minister; timmy.dooley@oireachtas.ie; michael.harty@oireachtas.ie; Pat Breen; joe.carey@oireachtas.ie; Denis.Naughten@oireachtas.ie  
Subject: Access to Information and Participation in plans affecting my environment - Compliance with the Aarhus Convention  

Hi  
I live on the Road along the Clare coast of Galway Bay. I have been made aware, via social media, that there is an extension, which includes extensive changes effectively comparable to a new application, on a current foreshore license being sought by the Marine Institute. [http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/applications/marine-institute-spiddal](http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/applications/marine-institute-spiddal)  

I cannot find anyone locally who is aware of this application including the local fishermen who are now concerned about being excluded from the consultation.  

Can you please tell me what steps, if any, were taken to include the public on the Clare coast in the information and participation process as are our rights under the Aarhus Convention?  

Can you also please detail and send me the steps that were taken to inform and facilitate participation of the people on the Galway coast?  

Kind regards

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From:  
Sent: 29 July 2016 13:19  
To: foreshore  
Subject: Re: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566  

Thanks Patrick  

What about those of us on the Clare coast?  

Kind regards

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Sent: 29 July 2016 16:23
To: foreshore  
Cc: Pat Breen; timmy.dooley@oireachtas.ie; joe.carey@oireachtas.ie; michael.harty@oireachtas.ie; Denis.Naughten@oireachtas.ie; Minister

Subject: Re: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566

Actually Patrick I would like to know what public meetings were held in Clare. Did you afford the public on the Clare side of Galway bay the same process such as the meetings you have previously outlined?

What Clare newspaper did you advertise in?

Did you use social media in your consultation process?

The consultation process is vital in our successful national energy transition. Unfortunately inadequate effort at the early stages only gives rise to opposition as the projects grow.

I would appreciate if you would please reread my emails and answer my questions directly.

Kind regards
From:  
Sent: 16 June 2016 12:07  
To: Alan Berry  
Subject: Query regarding

Dear Alan,

Thank you for taking my call earlier regarding the public consultation on the Galway Bay test site. As discussed if it is possible to determine if any submissions were made which reference Cumann Seoltóireachta an Spidéil (CSS) you might let me know.

Best regards,
From:

To: "institute mail" <institute.mail@marine.ie>
Sent: Friday, 8 July, 2016 17:49:28
Subject: Galway Bay marine renewable energy and testing site

Dear sirs

Being as I have made a submission to the Department of the Environment in relation to your application for a foreshore lease, I would like join with the demand for further public information and consultation and more in depth level of detail with regard to the proposed testing site. I would therefore like to be informed of any such public forum or event.

Faithfully
Could you please identify the deadline for making submissions concerning the Application for the approval of the Minister for a Foreshore Lease for a period of one additional year under Section 2 of the Foreshore Act 1933 to the Marine Institute, Oranmore, Co. Galway (File Ref.: FS004904)

Regards
Dear Ms O’Brien

further to my invalid AIE request, I have just looked at the link you sent which leads to a 32 page document which it will take some time to read and understand. Therefore, while I work out how to send a valid AIE request, would you ensure that my questions regarding the Lease issued by Minister Coveney and his Department yesterday on foot of Application FS006611 are submitted to the Minister and his Department? This information is required for the ongoing public consultation on application FS006566. The information is of environmental significance. The nature and extent of a Foreshore Lease have to be understood in order to consider the possible effects on the environment.

Thanking you on behalf of

On Wed, Jul 20, 2016 at 11:23 AM, wrote:

Dear Ms. O’Brien

I would be grateful if you would let me know in what way my AIE request is invalid so that I can correct it.

Thanking you
Dear Patrick,

Thank you kindly for getting back to me in regards to the situation with submissions. With regard to the Foreshore Lease Application FS006566 where you read out a section of the application form that explains how this development is not a generating station, could you clarify please. And explain how you mean that this application is "unique".

Thank you
Dear Mr O’Neill

I would welcome a reply to this email concerning the important matter of independent visual impact assessment of proposed project

Thank you

From:                      
Sent: 01 August 2016 12:03
To: foreshore
Subject: FW: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566 - Assessment of Application for foreshore lease

Dear Mr O’Neill

I would welcome a reply to this email concerning the important matter of independent visual impact assessment of proposed project

Thank you

From:                      
Sent: 27 July 2016 12:22
To: ‘foreshore’
Subject: RE: Marine Institute - Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566 - Assessment of Application for foreshore lease

Dear Mr O’Neill

Thank you for the clarification re the role of the MLVC.. Can I then re-phrase my query:

- Does the MLVC have professional expertise in assessing visual impact? If not
- Will the MLVC hire independent professional consultants to assess this important aspect of the proposed development in Galway Bay?

As you will appreciate from my questions I am concerned about the visual impact of this development on Galway Bay. I wish to be reassured that this will be independently assessed and that some organisation (MLVC ?) will be accountable for this assessment...
A Chara,

Re: Foreshore Lease Application FS006566

At a public meeting on 21 July, regarding the above application, the Developer informed the public that: It was the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government who decided that the applicant ought to use the application form entitled 'Application for Foreshore Lease to Construct an Offshore Electricity Generating Station' rather than the 'Application for a Foreshore Lease for the Construction and Operation of a Demonstration Offshore Electricity Generating Station'.

The Developer also informed the public that the Test Site in question is not 'Grid Connected'.

However, an email response from Minister Coveney to a member of the public in attendance at the meeting regarding the question of the above site being grid connected states that "The cables will be used to; measure and feed electricity generated by wave energy devices during testing into the electrical grid (non-commercial); ...".

It was expected that the Developer would clarify this contradiction with the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in the public interest, the public don’t know who to believe, the Minister or the Developers which are State Bodies.

Please explain why the applicant was instructed to apply for this Foreshore Lease using an Offshore Electricity Generating Station application form, rather than the Demonstration Offshore Electricity Generating Station application form.

Please clarify if the Offshore Electricity Generating Station in application FS006566 is grid connected or not, or if it will be grid connected or not.

I would appreciate if you could reply to my above queries.

Kind Regards,
A chara,

Please forward the statutory rules, regulations, procedures and application forms regarding the following:

Applications for a Foreshore Lease to Construct an Offshore Electricity Generating Station.

Applications for a Foreshore Lease for the Construction and Operation of a Demonstration Offshore Electricity Generating Station.

Regards,
From:  
Sent: 20 August 2016 14:47  
To: foreshore  
Cc: Catherine Connolly; Trevor OClochartaigh; eamon.ocuiv@oireachtas.ie; Sean Kyne; Hildegarde Naughton; Noel Grealish; simon.coveney@oireachtas.ie  
Subject: Grid connection FS006566

Please see the attached Word doc. Can someone please riddle me what is going on here?

More shenanigans? Or just stupidity (nope, don't think it's stupidity)

Who's driving the ship here? Do we have anyone in a position of power who actually cares about Ireland-of-the-future? Or is it just pigs-at-the-trough again?

I may be stating the 'bleeding obvious' but, there actually are consequences to all our actions. I think we should be trying to cause the least amount of damage at all times rather than giving Carte Blanche to every megalomaniac who pops up looking to trash the environment.

What's really happening here, with this grid connection and 'type' of application? And they attempted to FÔB us off with saying that they were told by you that there was no suitable application category/form, but what then is a "Demonstration Offshore Electricity Generating Station application form."???

BTW, this is a live email with a real person behind it and I'd love to hear an explanation as to what you think you're doing here with this application.

Thanks in Aarhus-Aware anticipation,
From: coastalconcern@gmail.com [mailto:coastalconcern@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Coastal Concern Alliance
Sent: 02 September 2016 15:11
To: foreshore
Subject: Galway Bay Test Site Proposal

Dear Sirs

I note that no EIA has been carried out in relation to be the above site. Could you let me know why this is the case?

Also does Galway Co Co have any statutory role in the assessment of the proposed project?

Regards

Helen Gelletlie

CCA Policy Team
Dear Mr. Coveney,

Thank you for the time extension to make a submission regarding the above application re: Foreshore Lease application FS006566 Wave Test Site, Galway.

I’m afraid that this new time limit is still insufficient for such a massive project to be assessed by us the local stakeholders bearing in mind that, unlike the applicants and your good self, we are not being paid to do this work and must struggle to fit it in with our daily responsibilities. It is quite a lengthy document (nearly 300 pages plus 21 appendices) and expert advice will need to be sought.

Should a longer extension not be granted, the applicants would clearly be in contravention of the Aarhus Convention rules. As things stand,
- there are many inconsistencies
- there is much conflicting information throughout the application
- there is insufficient information to inform a reasoned decision.

Importantly, with regard again to Aarhus, there was insufficient time given originally (and again now) for local stakeholders to deliberate and, if need be, protest.

Therefore I urge you to look on this and at least give us the extra time needed. Ideally you would consider shelving this whole project until the applicants can show that they actually know for what they are applying and are able to demonstrate that they are willing to engage (as laid down by law) with us, the local stakeholders.

Please keep me informed as to what is happening with regard to this project.

Kind regards,
Thank you for giving us a 10 day extension to make a submission regarding the above application re: Foreshore Lease application FS006566 Wave Test Site, Galway.

However, I am hoping that you can extend this time preferably until the end of September to review this application as it is quite a lengthy document (nearly 300 pages not including 21 appendices.) Furthermore, the applicants, in this case, have not complied with the Aarhus Convention rules (which Ireland has ratified) as they have failed to give its residents in An Spidéal sufficient information in order for us to make a reasoned decision. There was also insufficient time given to deliberate on this important issue.

Therefore I urge you to look on this and give us the extra time needed.

Ag súil le cloisteáil uait ar do chaothúlacht.

Le gach dea-mhéin
From: simon.coveney@oir.ie
To: simon.coveney@oir.ie
Date: 20/06/2016 23:16
Subject: Consultation regarding Foreshore Lease application FS006566 -Wave Test Site, Galway

Mr Minister Coveney, a chara,

Re: Foreshore Lease application FS006566 -Wave Test Site, Galway

Go raibh maith agat for extending the deadline by ten days, until July 1st., for the submissions of observations regarding the above mentioned application.

There are 271 pages in the main document of the application, and a further 21 appendices. Time is a limited resource for working families. To fully engage with the consultative process one has to read all the various documents, engage with others in our community, and then make a considered response. The remaining time before the due date is insufficient to allow this. Furthermore on the advice of our elected representatives we are seeking direct engagement with the applicant and this takes time. Thus I am seeking a further extension on the deadline, until the first of August.

Is Mise,
Dear Minister,

In relation to the Foreshore Lease Application FS006566 in Galway both the local TDs and the people of the area have the most serious concerns about the time limit set for submissions. I raised this matter in the Dáil with the Taoiseach on the 15th of June and subsequently an extension to the 1st of July was given. While the extension is welcome, given the complexity of the matter and volume of documentation involved, a further extension is required and at least until the 1st of August.

In addition to this email which is being sent given the urgency of the matter, a letter signed by myself, Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív and Deputy Noel Grealish asking for this extension will be handed into your office today.

I understand that Deputy Naughton has made a separate request in writing.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Catherine
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http://catherineconnolly.com/
From: A Áire Coveney
Sent: 14 July 2016 00:07
To: Minister
Subject: Re:FS006566 "Application for Foreshore Lease to Construct an Offshore Electricity Generating Station"

I am notifying the Minister that it is believed that the Lessee (Lease Ref: SJM/10380/2005) is in breach of this Lease, and ask the Minister to confirm or deny that this belief is correct. If this belief is correct, what is the Minister doing about the situation? (The Lease in question was to expire on 19th March 2016 and was extended(FS006611) on March 16th 2016 for a further year).

It is believed that elements of FS006566 "Application for Foreshore Lease to Construct an Offshore Electricity Generating Station", currently under public consultation, and not yet determined by the Minister, have already been deployed at the Lease site location. Would the Minister confirm or deny that this belief is correct? and provide details of same.

It is believed that further energy devices, being wind/wave/tidal or a combination of these, unsuited to deployment in the area outlined in FS006566, are currently seeking funding, are ready to be deployed, are envisaged and/or intended for future deployment in Galway Bay. Would the Minister confirm or deny the truth of this belief? And if this belief is correct, would the Minister please provide details of same.

What is the Minister's policy regarding the deployment of energy devices or any device whatsoever, in Galway Bay, outside the current Lease Area? It is believed that there are devices and will be further devices unsuited to deployment at the current Lease Area. Has the Minister and/or his Department been made aware, orally or in writing, of any such plans? would the Minister please provide details of same?

Have any Foreshore Lease or License applications been received by the Minister or his Department for the deployment, or the investigations necessary for the deployment, of ocean energy devices, or any device whatsoever, outside the current Lease Area? Please provide details of same.

In addition:
1. the Notice of Determination for FS006611, the application to extend the above lease, has not been made available to the public.
2. FS004904 is not publicly available on environ.ie.
3. FS005751 is incomplete on environ.ie
4. application, FS006566, currently under public consultation, is incomplete.

All of the above applications have been determined, with the exception of FS006566, but are essential for the purposes of any meaningful public consultation on FS006566. There are strong concerns about the State's compliance with the Aarhus convention and with environmental law at National and EU level.

As there is a Public Meeting on 21st July, 2016 at 7.30pm at the Connemara Coast Hotel, Furbo, Galway, and as the deadline for public submissions on FS006566 is imminent, please treat this request for information as a matter of urgency.

Is mise,
From: 
Sent: 20 July 2016 01:06
To: Minister
Subject: Request for clarification and information essential to public consultation ending 2/8/2016

A Aire Coveney

With regard to the Foreshore Application FS006611 to extend Lease ref SJM/10380/2005, it is noted that a new Lease was signed and sealed today by you and your Department and uploaded to the environ website. However, it is also noted that the Lease is only part of the Notice of Determination required, and other elements continue to remain unavailable to the public. As FS006611 is material to Application FS006566 (currently open for public consultation ending on 2nd August 2016), how can an uninformed public hope to grasp the full import of FS006566? How is the ordinary citizen supposed to believe that you and your Department are engaging in meaningful public consultation?

FS006611 was an application for an extension to an existing Lease as stated above. The extension Lease issued today has sixty pages, the original had thirteen. Why is there such a disparity between the two, if the new Lease is just a simple continuation of the old Lease, under the same terms, for a period of one year?

These legal documents are difficult for the ordinary citizen to understand. Therefore, I would be grateful if you and your Department would provide a clear statement of the differences between the two Leases, that an ordinary citizen can understand. Does the new Lease grant the Lessee new powers and permissions? What is the "Development" referred to in the new Lease? Where or what are the "Plans" referred to? Is the part of the Foreshore granted under the new Lease exactly the same as that granted by the original Lease? This information is required as it pertains to the environment. This information is also required in relation to the public consultation process re FS006566. In the interests of the public at large, perhaps this information could be uploaded to the DECLG website?

Thanking you on behalf of
A Aire,

Further to a public meeting held yesterday evening it was agreed unanimously that a further extension of time was necessary. Having talked to the residents, 3 months at the very least would seem necessary.

Foras na Mara said that they had absolutely no problem with a further extension being given and that they would be communicating that to the Minister.

Le meas,

Catherine

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From:
Sent: 22 July 2016 12:05
To: Minister
Subject: A request that the public consultation period for FS006566 be extended.

Dear Minister Coveney

I attended the meeting about the Marine Institute Foreshore Lease Application FS006566, and want to thank you for granting the initial extension to the public consultation period to 2nd August 2016. However, the meeting raised more questions than it answered, therefore, in the interests of giving the ordinary citizen time to deal with the enormous volume of information to be considered, and to find the information to answer questions that remain unanswered, a further extension is required.

Please grant an extension of the public consultation period of at least four months from the current end of the process on 2nd August 2016. The Dáil will not be sitting from now until 27th September 2016, and the public need their elected representatives to be available, as part of the consultation process, to ask questions and raise issues on their behalf, without that help, application FS006566 would already be a done deal.

Yours sincerely,
From:
Sent: 22 July 2016 13:07
To: Minister
Subject: Foreshore Licence FS00656 consultation process

A Aire,

Considering the serious concerns regarding the consultation process expressed last night at a public meeting with the Marine Institute in relation the application for an offshore generating system on Galway Bay (Foreshore application FS00656), I am seeking a further extension of a minimum of six months to consider appropriately the above application.

Le meas,
Dear Minister Coveney

I attended the meeting about the Marine Institute Foreshore Lease Application FS006566, and want to thank you for granting the initial extension to the public consultation period to 2nd August 2016. However, the meeting raised more questions than it answered, therefore, in the interests of giving the ordinary citizen time to deal with the enormous volume of information to be considered, and to find the information to answer questions that remain unanswered, a further extension is required.

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Yours sincerely,
From: simon.coveney@oireachtas.ie
Date: 22/07/2016 16:22
Subject: Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test site - Foreshore Lease Application

A Aire,

From the meeting I attended yesterday with The Marine Institute in the Connemara Coast I wish to state that I was thoroughly amazed at the incompetency of the said institute in dealing with the pertinent questions raised by the local people - me being one of them.

The whole process employed was and is a sham. The people were not made aware of what was happening before the deadline or given the right information. After the meeting last night we still haven't been given the answers to our questions. Therefore I am asking that the deadline be extended for at least another 8 - 12 months in order for us (the local people) to wade through this mess.

The whole process is a disaster with no regard to environmental information and transparent procedures and I have no qualms in bringing this further afield to the Aarhus Convention committee.

Ag súil le cloisteál uait ar do chaothúlacht.

Le dea-mhéin
From: 
Sent: 22 July 2016 17:43
To: Minister
Subject: Foreshore Application 006566

A Aire Coveney,

I attended the information meeting hosted by The Marine Institute in relation to their current Foreshore Lease Application (FS006566) and wish thank you for granting the initial extension to the public consultation period to 2nd August 2016.

However, the meeting raised more questions than it answered. The consultation process was described as highly inadequate by many members of the public at the well attended meeting, and this assertion was confirmed by our public representatives who attended the meeting with their constituents. In order to find the information to answer questions that the applicant could not furnish answers to at the meeting last night and to give due consideration to the enormous volume of information to be considered, a further extension is required.

I am requesting a further extension of the public consultation period of at least six months from the current end of the process on 2nd August 2016. Thankfully, many members of the public have jobs, families and daily chores to attend to; time is a limited resource, and to give due consideration to the sea of information that needs to be digested I believe six months is a fair extension of time to consider the issues involved.

Is mise,
At a meeting held last Thursday in the Connemara Coast Hotel in relation to the foreshore lease application by the Marine Insititute for a test site in Connemara it was agreed to look for a further extension of time for the submission of observations in relation to this application. A date of the 30th of September was suggested. I understand the Marine Institute will agree to this further extension of time for submissions.

I would appreciate if you could look at this matter urgently and favourably and if you could revert to me on it in the next few days.

Éamon
From: Hildegarde Naughton/Members/Oireachtas
To: Minister for Environment Community and Local Government, Simon Coveney/Members/Oireachtas@houses,
Date: 25/07/2016 15:03
Subject: Foreshore Lease application FS006566 Wave Test Site, Galway

The Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government
Simon Coveney T.D.
The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government
Custom House
Custom Quay
Dublin 1

Via Email

Re; Foreshore Lease application FS006566 Wave Test Site, Galway

Dear Minister,

Further to recent correspondence on the above matter I write again to seek a further extension of the deadline for submissions.

I recently attended a public meeting with both concerned residents of the area and the Marine Institute.

The overwhelming feedback from residents was that they had still insufficient time to make a worthwhile submission on the proposed licence.

In the circumstances and in the interests of good local relations, I would urge a further extension of the deadline.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Hildegarde NAUGHTON TD

Galway West Constituency