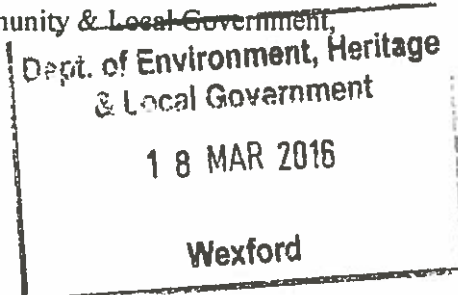


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**Re: Foreshore Lease Application by the Marine Institute in respect of the testing of prototype wind, wave and tidal energy devices at the Galway Bay Marine and Reviewable Energy Test Site, Spiddal, Co. Galway.**

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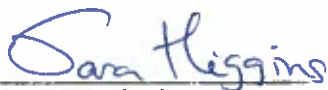
Dear Mr O'Neill,

I refer to your correspondence receive dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 requesting the EPA's observations in relation to the above foreshore lease application.

The Agency has viewed the application documentation provided.

We have no observations to make in regard to the proposed development at this time.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Tara Higgins  
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**Subject:** RE: Marine Institute- Galway Bay Marine Renewable Energy Test Site - File ref. FS 006566


Dear Mr O'Neill,

Further to your correspondence below, I can confirm that the initial observations of the EPA still stand.

Kind regards,  
Tara Higgins

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Dear Addressee,

Thank you for your respective observations/comments on this application which were received recently and have been noted.

Please find attached a revised application form submitted by the applicant. The only change (other than the date) is in Item number 25.

In the original application form the heights of the wind turbine blades and wave energy converters were 60m and 30m, respectively above UKHO Admiralty Chart Datum.

In the revised application form the heights of the turbine blades and wave energy converters are 35m and 5m respectively and these heights are relative to sea level.

For purposes of clarity, please confirm if the above changes your observations or if your initial comments still stand.