

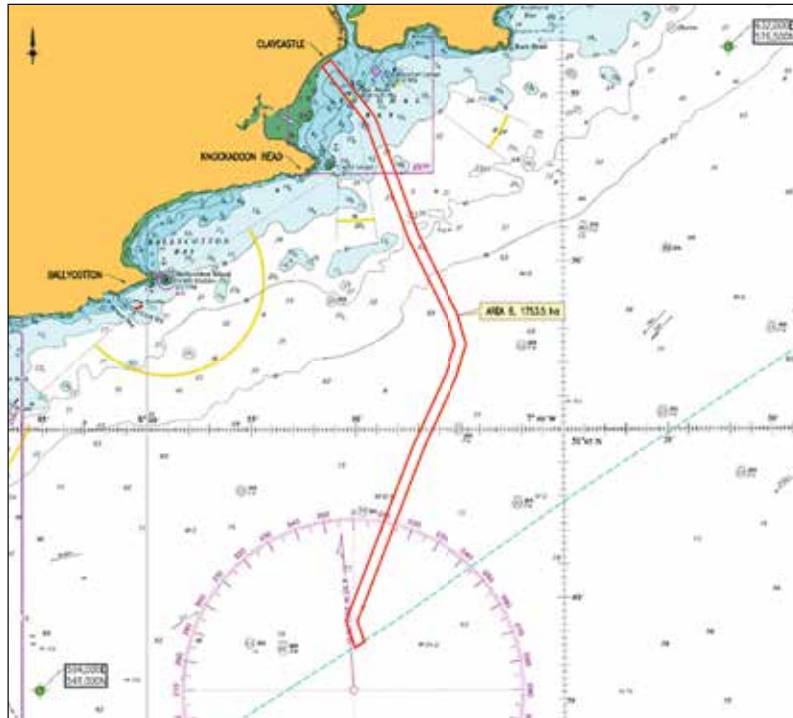
PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation For Public Submissions For Purposes Of Conducting Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment

Application for a foreshore licence in relation to the EirGrid PLC Installation of the EirGrid Interconnector Electricity Cable FS006916

EirGrid PLC, The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Do4 FW28 has applied for consent under the Foreshore Acts to occupy an area of foreshore to enable the installation and operation of a submarine High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) electricity cable, the Celtic Interconnector. The Celtic Interconnector is a proposed electrical link, consisting primarily of a subsea cable, which will enable the movement of electricity between Ireland and France and will be the first direct energy link between the two countries, running from the south coast of Ireland to the north-west coast of France.

The Foreshore Licence Application Area is shown in the map below:



Coordinates of the Foreshore Licence Application Area are provided in the following table:

Route Branch	AC	Longitude DMS (WGS84)	Latitude DMS (WGS84)	Easting in m (Irish National Grid)	Northing in m (Irish National Grid)
Claycastle Beach	0	7° 51' 36.39" W	51° 56' 03.31" N	209671.4	75741.6
Claycastle Beach	1	7° 49' 24.58" W	51° 54' 18.38" N	212198.5	72503.7
Claycastle Beach	2	7° 47' 35.35" W	51° 51' 13.38" N	214303.1	66791.2
Claycastle Beach	3	7° 47' 15.86" W	51° 50' 44.01" N	214678.8	65884.7
Claycastle Beach	4	7° 45' 19.96" W	51° 48' 19.05" N	216912.4	61411.0
Claycastle Beach	5	7° 44' 59.99" W	51° 47' 34.78" N	2172899.9	60044.1
Claycastle Beach	6	7° 45' 28.99" W	51° 46' 38.41" N	216749.7	58299.8
Claycastle Beach	7	7° 47'.77" W	51° 44' 38.59" N	215001.1	54591.1
Claycastle Beach	8	7° 50' 16.80" W	51° 39' 21.59" N	211261.8	44783.8
Claycastle Beach	9	7° 49' 55.76" W	51° 38' 40.30" N	211668.2	43508.7

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been prepared in respect of this proposal.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 42(8) of S.I. No. 477/2011 - European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in considering an application for a foreshore licence under the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended and in particular whether or not the plan or project would have a significant impact on a European Site, has determined that an Appropriate Assessment is required. A copy of the Appropriate Assessment screening decision is available on <https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/7bfb1-eirgrid-celtic-interconnector-electricity-cable/>

In considering this matter the Minister had regard to the following:

1. The Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report (Prepared by ARUP Partners Ltd);
2. The Environmental Report (Prepared by the Departments Marine Advisor (environment));
3. A number of application documents submitted by EirGrid PLC which informed the Screening for Appropriate Assessment and are contained in the submission the Minister determined on.

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is responsible for making a decision on the application and the Minister may either grant, approve or consent to the application with or without covenants, conditions or agreements, where applicable, or refuse the application.

In this regard, in accordance with Regulation 42(13) of S.I. No. 477/2011, public submissions are invited for the purposes of conducting the Appropriate Assessment in this case. Any person may make a submission or observation to the Minister concerning the proposed project within 30 calendar days of the date of this notice.

The Minister shall have regard to any submissions or observations received during the public consultation and will make a determination as to whether or not the proposed plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site in accordance with Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011.

The Minister will carry out an Appropriate Assessment and, in doing so, shall have regard to the matters in Regulation 42(12).

A copy of the application, map of the proposed project, the determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the project, the Natura Impact Statement supplied by the applicant and the other information and documentation relevant to the application, are available for inspection for 30 calendar days, between 29th March 2022 and 27th April 2022, free of charge at:

- **Youghal Garda Station**, O'Briens Place, Youghal, Co. Cork. P36 DV79
The relevant documentation are available for inspection at the public counter of Youghal Garda Station (open 24 hours) or by appointment. Please make contact by telephone at 024 92200 to make an appointment.
- **Cork County Council Planning Office**, Ground Floor, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork.
The relevant documentation are available for inspection at the Planning Office of Cork County Council during its public opening hours from 09:00 – 16:00 daily (Mon - Fri).
- **Waterford County Council Planning Office**, 1st Floor, Menapia Building, The Mall, Waterford, X91PK15.
The relevant documentation are available for inspection at the Planning Office of Waterford County Council during its public opening hours from 09:00 – 16:00 daily (Mon - Fri).
- **Youghal Library**
Rivergate Shopping Mall, North Main Street, Youghal, Co. Cork, P36 FF99

The relevant documentation are available for inspection at Youghal Library during public opening hours - Tuesday to Saturday inclusive: 09:30 – 17:30.

The documentation, including The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) submitted by the applicant are available on the Department's website at the following link; <https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/7bfb1-eirgrid-celtic-interconnector-electricity-cable/> or they can be viewed on a dedicated website setup by EirGrid plc. www.celticinterconnectorforeshorelicence.ie

Members of the public who wish to make a submission or observation concerning the proposed plan or project may do so between 29th March and 27th April (quoting ref: FS006916) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or foreshore@housing.gov.ie. The closing date for submissions is close of business (17:30) on 27th April 2022.

Take notice that material upon which the Minister shall make the Appropriate Assessment determination will be published on the Department's website. In this regard the Department wishes to draw attention to its policy on defamatory material that may be contained in submissions it receives, which may be found at: <http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/public-participation-foreshore-consent-process>

Dated this 28th March 2022.