

OREDP Mid- Term Review.

Electricity Policy Division,

Dept of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

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Re: OREDP Mid-Term Review

Dear Sir/Madam,

Attached please find the comments of Limerick City and County Council.

Yours sincerely,



Karen Burke.

Senior Executive Planner.

Q. 1. Do you have any suggestions or additional measures to support and enhance the governance structures of the OREDP?

A. OREDP - Governance.

I wish to draw your attention to the Shannon Integrated Framework Plan (SIFP) which was drawn up a number of years ago, It is a collaborative plan–led approach towards managing and developing the estuary area and includes Clare County Council, Limerick City and County Council and Kerry County Council. Other agencies that are involved include Shannon Foynes Port Company, National Parks and Wildlife Service and the IDA. This plan has been incorporated into the development plans of Clare and Limerick and its incorporation into the Kerry County Development Plan is pending. This means that the SIFP has the status of a legal planning strategy document and a such has cannot be ignored in terms of regulating activities in the functional areas of local authorities in the estuary. Its lack of mention in your document is a glaring omission.

Q.4. Do you think sufficient progress has been made on the development of the Atlantic Marine Energy Test Site in County Mayo?

A. AMETS.

There is a risk that that concentration on the Mayo site will blind future investors to the possibilities of the use of tidal technology along the West Coast as a whole. The potential of the estuary for tidal energy has not been mentioned.

In this regard I would refer you to the Shannon Integrated Framework Plan 2013-2020, specifically Volume 1 (Figure 5.1.A, following page 43.) Please also look at p.44, pp 96-100. Both the map and the text in these parts of the SIFP outline areas with potential for tidal energy.

Key Stakeholders

The list of "key stakeholders" should include:-

- Limerick City & County Council
- Shannon Foynes Port Company
- Clare County Council
- Kerry County Council
- University of Limerick
- Limerick Clare Energy Agency
- Shannon Integrated Framework Plan - Steering Group / Secretariat.

With such shortcomings evident it is appropriate to ask that the mid-term review should be carried out again in order to be more inclusive in terms of key stakeholders so their comments could be incorporated into future documents.