

Offshore Wind – Phase 2 Consultation Submission – XXXXXXXX

- Greater emphasis should be put on floating wind turbines as several companies hoping to build fixed turbines in Ireland are using this technology in other European jurisdictions yet they claim it is not feasible in Ireland. This should be explored in depth before the granting of any proposed fixed platform turbines.
- A minimum distance of 20 miles from the coastline should be enacted for any turbine. A number of proposed plans are within the region of 6-10 miles which given the size of modern turbines (similar height to Poolbeg Chimneys) would have an extremely negative impact on our coastal panoramas which could hurt the domestic tourism sector.
- A provision should be made whereas all energy derived from turbines has to be sold to the Irish State with a capped level of profit. This is to ensure that bidding wars aren't started with other nations whereas private companies profit at the expense of Irish citizens paying increased energy costs.