

Ref: South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan for Offshore Renewable Energy (SC-DMAP): Public Consultation

14th June 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

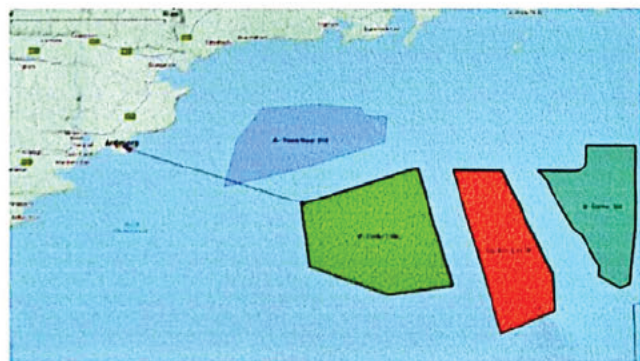
I am writing on behalf of Ardmore 365, a local committee established to promote the enhancement of our village and environs, regarding the Public Consultation on Ireland's first Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP) for Offshore Renewable Energy off the South Coast.

Ardmore has a population of circa [460] and is proud to be a Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) that has recently been awarded grant funding from SEAI to install solar panels on the GAA clubhouse.

Ardmore 365 understands that in order for Ireland to meet its climate targets, there is a greater need for renewable energy at scale, in particular offshore wind, however this offshore wind must be in the right places on the South Coast.

I would also like to acknowledge that the Simply Blue Group was established in Ardmore in 2011 and has since been a leading force in the development of the blue economy in the Irish and British Isles, as well as internationally.

As a community we believe the current DMAP has identified the most appropriate sites for these types of projects. In particular, we are supportive of Area B – Lí Ban and believe it will have a positive impact on local coastal communities through the requirement for developers to deliver a Community Benefit Scheme.



The village of Ardmore is located 35km's from the nearest edge of the Lí Ban DMAP.

Yours faithfully

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Chairman of Ardmore 365