



International and Offshore Energy Division  
South Coast DMAP Submission  
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

**Re: Draft South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan**

**Your Ref: n/a**

**Our Ref: 24/16**

10 June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Geological Survey Ireland is the national earth science agency and is a division of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. We provide independent geological information and gather various data for that purpose. Please see our [website](#) for data availability. We recommend using these various data sets, when conducting the EIAR, SEA, planning and scoping processes. Use of our data or maps should be attributed correctly to 'Geological Survey Ireland'.

The publicly available data referenced/presented here, should in no way be construed as Geological Survey Ireland support for or objection to the proposed development or plan. The data is made freely available to all and can be used as independent scientific data in assessments, plans or policies. It should be noted that in many cases this data is a baseline or starting point for further site-specific assessments.

With reference to your email received on the 08 May 2024, concerning the Draft South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan, Geological Survey Ireland have the following comments to make.

**We are pleased to see use of our Marine, Coastal, Geoheritage, Bedrock, Groundwater Vulnerability, Aquifer, Karst, Quaternary Mines and Quarries maps and datasets within the SEA.**

**Geological Survey Ireland's Marine and Coastal Unit have attended several of the meetings with the DECC ORE Group and are available for further input and technical support if required.**

I hope that these comments are of assistance, and if we can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to the Geological Survey Ireland Planning Team at [GSIPlanning@gsi.ie](mailto:GSIPlanning@gsi.ie).

Yours sincerely,

**Geoheritage and Planning Programme**