

Offshore Wind Farm virtual public exhibition launched

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- Plans and photomontages of up to 900MW, 61 turbine wind farm available on website
- Local residents invited to view wind farm proposal online due to Covid-19 restrictions
- Digital information platform providing updated information on onshore and offshore developments

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In order to provide residents of Dublin and Wicklow with the opportunity to find out about the proposed Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm, an online virtual public exhibition platform has been launched on the project website www.dublinarray.com

Dublin Array offshore wind farm, a joint venture between RWE Renewables Ireland and Saorgus Energy, with RWE leading the development, is located on the Kish and Bray Banks, approximately 10km from the coastline of Dublin and counties Wicklow and Dublin. These are naturally occurring sandbanks which the east coast commercial shipping routes avoid due to the shallowness of the water thereby presenting a location for potential development. Proximity to Dublin, which is the major electricity demand centre, means that the project can be a significant source of renewable electricity for the city and the surrounding region.

Peter Lefroy, Dublin Array Project Director, said: "I am delighted to be able to share the most up-to-date project information, including photomontages, of the proposed site but disappointed that unfortunately, due to Covid-19 public health restrictions, the public exhibition has had to move from a planned face-to-face information and informal consultation event to an online platform. This information platform provides comprehensive details about the proposed offshore wind farm, on-going activities, potential community and business benefits and the timeline moving forward.

"We have not yet submitted a planning application for Dublin Array. We hope the information on the portal provides a platform for us to have a meaningful exchange of information with local communities and understand any issues or concerns people have. The provision of the information platform and a range of contact details the public can use to informally engage with us, is because their views matter to us.

"In addition, we are using a specialised communications tool called Give My View to engage on social media with community members. While browsing Facebook and Instagram over the next few weeks residents may come across a Give My View advertisement inviting them to respond to some questions about green energy and the proposed Dublin Array Wind Farm. Your views matter to us so I would urge community members to respond."

Available to view on the project website www.dublinarray.com is the turbine layout plan, photomontages

outlining the potential view from a variety of popular coastal locations, as well as other project-related information as well general offshore wind related videos. The exhibition will be available on the project website www.dublinarray.com from Wednesday 7 October 2020.

Dublin Array Wind Farm team members will be on hand at the end of the telephone during office hours and via email to answer questions and to listen to the public's comments.

- Email: dublinarray@rwe.com
- Telephone: 01 902 0317 during office hours (9.00am-5.00pm Mon-Fri)
- A comprehensive set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is also available on the website www.dublinarray.com

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RWE Renewables

RWE Renewables, the newest subsidiary of the RWE Group, is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies. With around 3,500 employees, the company has onshore and offshore wind farms, photovoltaic plants and battery storage facilities with a combined capacity of approximately 9 gigawatts. RWE Renewables is driving the expansion of renewable energy in more than 15 countries on four continents. By the end of 2022, RWE Renewables targets to invest €5 billion net in renewable energy and to grow its renewables portfolio to 13 gigawatts of net capacity. Beyond this, the company plans to further grow in wind and solar power. The focus is on the Americas, the core markets in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.