

PLANNING POLICY

THE ORIEL WINDFARM DEVELOPMENT COMPLIES WITH ALL RELEVANT STATUTORY PLANS, GUIDELINES, POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES AT A EUROPEAN (EU), NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL.

Oriel can make a major contribution to enable Ireland to meet its 7GW target for offshore wind energy by 2030.

The project is consistent with EU and national policy measures relating to climate change and renewable energy including:

- **European Directives and policy in relation to maritime spatial planning, energy and climate change**
- **The provisions of Project Ireland 2040 – the National Planning Framework (NPF)**
- **The Programme for Government 2030 renewable energy target of 80% renewable source electricity, including 7GW capacity in offshore wind by 2030**
- **The actions set out in Ireland's Climate Action Plan 2019 and the Interim Climate Actions 2021, notably Action 42 which is "to facilitate the development of offshore wind"**
- **The provisions of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027.**

NATIONAL MARINE PLANNING FRAMEWORK

The National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF) sets out marine planning policies applicable to all proposals in Ireland's maritime area. The NMPF is complementary to the NPF, as it sets out the Government's long-term planning objectives and priorities for the management of our seas over a 20-year time frame.



THE NMPF CONTAINS A RANGE OF PLANNING POLICIES RELATING TO OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY (ORE) PROJECTS. OUR PROJECT IS FULLY IN LINE WITH ALL OF THESE POLICES.

- **ORE Policy 1** - Government's target of at least 7GW of offshore renewable electricity by 2030.
- **ORE Policy 9** - A permission for ORE must be informed by inclusion of a visualisation assessment that supports conditions on any development in relation to design and layout.
- **ORE Policy 11** - Where appropriate, proposals that enable the provision of emerging renewable energy technologies and associated supply chains will be supported.
- **Infrastructure Policy 1** - Appropriate land-based infrastructure which facilitates marine activity (and vice versa) should be supported.
- **Employment Policy 1** - Proposals should demonstrate contribution to a net increase in marine related employment in Ireland, particularly where the proposals are:
 - In line with the skills available in Irish coastal communities adjacent to the maritime area,
 - Improve the sustainable use of natural resources,
 - Diversify skills to enable employment in emerging industries.
- **Transboundary Policy 1** - Proposals that have transboundary impacts beyond the maritime area, on either the terrestrial environment or neighbouring international jurisdictions, must show evidence of consultation with the relevant public authorities.
- **Safety at Sea Policy 1** - Proposals for installation, operation, and decommissioning of Offshore Wind Farms must demonstrate how they will minimise navigational risk between commercial vessels and allow for recreational vessels.