

ORIEL WIND AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

Part of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the project will study the potential for both positive and negative impacts in the local community. These studies will include:

- **Economic impact of the proposed Oriel Wind Farm**
- **Impact of activities during the construction, operational and decommissioning phases**
- **Visual impact of the project from the coast**

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

As part of the development of the wind farm, we have held a number of community and consultation events since we launched the project in 2005. We want to ensure that local stakeholders can share their views and raise questions while the project is still in the design stage.

In addition to exhibitions, our Community Liaison Officer is engaging with groups and individuals in advance of the planning application.

We continue to provide information through newsletters, media updates and on our project website, www.orielwindfarm.ie.

The website is also hosting a virtual exhibition, meaning that people who are unable to attend a public event, can access the same information on a computer or mobile device.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT SCHEME

The Oriel Wind Farm project will contribute to a substantial community fund, which will distribute grants to groups in the region.

We would welcome community input into how the scheme could work. We will keep the local community informed in relation to the operation of this new scheme.

When we have more details on how the fund will operate, we will advertise extensively in local media and through the local authorities.

FISHING INDUSTRY

We have engaged extensively with the fishing community over the last three years. We are committed to working with them to understand any potential short or long-term impacts of noise and vibrations on shellfish stocks.

Oriel has put in place a long-term fund which will help support local fishing businesses and research. This demonstrates our commitment to beneficial co-existence.

FISHERIES FUND AWARDS

Oriel has to date provided €200,000 to local fishing businesses to help support initiatives that will help the long-term sustainability of shellfish stocks in the area.

This has included €70,000 for a lobster v-notching scheme in the north Louth area. This scheme provides a payment for releasing female egg-carrying lobsters which will aid in the long-term sustainability of the fishery.