

Taoiseach Micheál Martin delivering a speech at the leaders summit of the Cop27 climate conference at the Sharm el-Sheikh International Convention Centre in Egypt yesterday.

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New land tax draft map for city available to view

CORK City Council is advising members of the public that they have until January 1 to check and make submissions on a draft map that shows lands in the city that will be subject to the new residential zoned land tax.

Committed to under the Government's Housing for All plan to 2030, the tax is aimed at increasing housing supply by making zoned, serviced residential development lands, including mixed-use lands, available for housing.

Greenfield and brownfield land which is identified and zoned for housing or mixeduse development will be subject to tax from 2024.

The draft map, showing lands in the city that will be subject to the new residential zoned land tax, is now available to view on Cork City Council's website and at its public offices.

Submissions could include a suggested correction to the draft map if a person feels that the land included on the map does not meet the criteria; a suggestion of other land that should be subject to the tax; or a request to change the zoning of land.

The final maps will be published by local authorities on December 1, 2023.

The new tax will be administered on a self-assessed basis.

Homeowners will not have to pay the residential zoned land tax if they own a residential property which appears on the local authorities' residential zoned land tax maps, but which is subject to the local property tax.

However, if a homeowner owns such a residential property, and the garden or land attached to it is greater than 0.4047 hectares, they will have to register for the residential zoned land tax with the Revenue Commissioners, but they will not be liable to pay the tax.

■ For more information or to make an online submission on the city council's draft map see www.consult.corkcity.ie/en

'We need to do more' to save planet

TAOISEACH Micheál Martin has announced that Ireland will be contributing €10m to protect the world's most vulnerable from climate loss and damage, warning that "we need to do more" to prevent "devastating consequences for the sustainability of our planet".

In his address at the Cop27 climate summit in Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt yesterday, Mr Martin urged world leaders to "not waste a second more" in driving the transformation necessary to reduce global emissions.

"Climate change is fuelling conflict, global instability, competition for resources, and abject human misery," said Mr Martin.

"If this generation doesn't step up urgently, future generations will not forgive us."

The Taoiseach said that the burden of climate change is "falling most heavily on those least responsible" as people in the poorest parts of the planet are being driven from regions that can no longer support and sustain them.

He announced that Ireland will contribute €10m to the Global Shield initiative for 2023, to protect the most vulnerable from climate loss and damage.

This is in addition to the International Climate Finance Roadmap, published to reaffirm Ireland's commitment to supporting the world's most vulnerable people, and a more than doubling of climate finance to at least €225m a year by 2025.

■ Ellen O'Regan

Mr Martin highlighted the steps that Ireland has taken to set legally binding emission reduction targets for 2030 and 2050 and to fix sectoral emissions ceilings limiting greenhouse gas emissions for each economic sector.

However, he said that leaders "need to do more", as collective commitments would still see temperatures increase by 2.5C by the end of the century, which he said would have "devastating consequences for the sustainability of our planet".

"It is realistic for our legacy to be a sustainable planet, a world alive with an abundance of plant and animal life, with cleaner water and healthier air, with liveable cities and sustainable rural communities.

"I will do everything in my power to bring it about," he said.

"This generation of leaders cannot say that we didn't know

"The science is clear. Every tonne of carbon warms the world. Every delay makes our task that bit bigger.

"Let us not waste a second

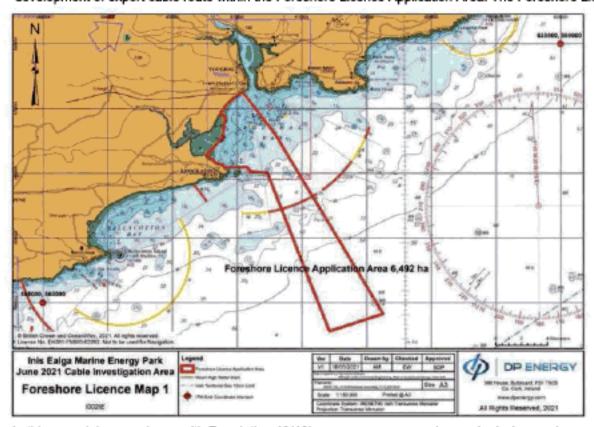
Cop27 marks the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

It is the latest annual climate summit where world leaders meet to agree on steps to limit global temperature rises.

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS ON APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 42(13) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, of an application for Foreshore Licence (reference number FS007404) submitted by Inis Ealga Marine Energy Park Ltd. in relation to an offshore wind farm and associated export cable route under development off the coast of county Cork.

This application is for site investigations to inform engineering and design related to a potential offshore wind farm, Inis Ealga Marine Energy Park. The objective of the site investigations is to gather sufficient geophysical, geotechnical, environmental, archaeological and ecological information to inform development of export cable route within the Foreshore Licence Application Area. The Foreshore Licence Application Area is shown on the map below.



The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is responsible for making a decision on the application and the Minister may either grant, approve or consent to the application with or without covenants, conditions or agreements, where applicable, or refuse the application.

The Minister has determined, in accordance with Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the proposed plan or project. A copy of the Screening for Appropriate Assessment is available on: https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/8bd37-inis-ealg a-marine-energy-park-iemep-site-investigations-off-county-cork/

The Minister will make a determination as to whether or not the proposed plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site in accordance with Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities

In this regard, in accordance with Regulation 42(13), any person may make a submission or observation to the Minister concerning the proposed project within 30 days of the date of this notice. The Minister shall have regard to any submissions or observations received during the public consultation.

A copy of the application, map of the proposed project, the determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the project, the Natura Impact Statement, and the other information and documentation relevant to the application, are available for inspection for 30 calendar days, between 10 November 2022 and 09 December 2022, free of charge at:

- Cork County Council, Municipal District Office, Youghal: Mall House, Youghal Lands, Youghal, Co. Cork. 9am-4.30pm Mon to Fri.
- · Cork County Council, Municipal District Office, Midleton: Youghal Rd., Park South, Midleton, Co. Cork. 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm Mon to Fri.
- Anglesea Street Garda Station, Ballintemple, Cork City. Open 24hrs.
- · Midleton Garda Station, Oliver Plunkett Place, Midleton, Co. Cork. Open 24hrs.
- Youghal Garda Station, O'Brien's Place, Youghal, Co. Cork. Open 10am–1pm daily.
 This documentation and information is also available on the Department's website, at:

https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/8bd37-inis-ealga-marine-energy-park-iemep-site-investigations-off-county-cork/

Members of the public who wish to make a submission or observation in writing concerning the proposed project may do so between 10 November 2022 and 09 December 2022 (quoting ref: FS007404) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or foreshoreORE@housing.gov.ie. The closing date for submissions is close of business (17.30) on 09 December 2022

Take notice that material to which the Minster shall have regard in making the Appropriate Assessment determination will be published on the Department's website. In this regard, the Department wishes to draw attention to its policy on defamatory material that may be contained in submissions it receives, which may be found at:

http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/public-participation-foreshore-consent-process

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