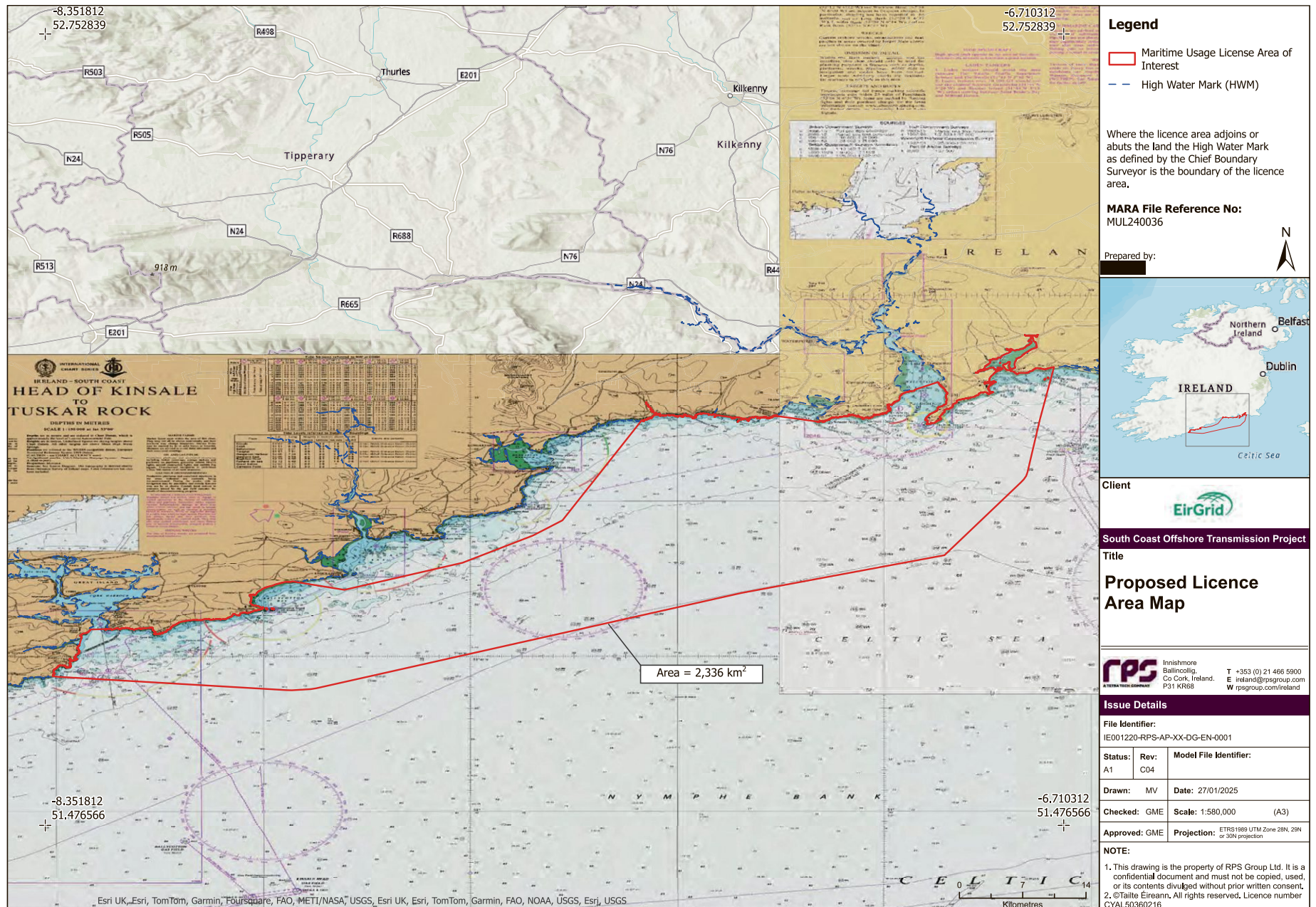


PUBLIC NOTICE

**The Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and the European Communities
(Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011**

**Invitation for public submissions on an application for a maritime
usage licence and an appropriate assessment**



EirGrid submitted an application on 11/11/2024 to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (“MARA”) for a maritime usage licence under section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to undertake marine site investigation works to inform the engineering design and environmental assessments for two offshore substations in the Tonn Nua Area A (as identified in the South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan), potential offshore transmission cable corridors, approaches to seven potential landfall zones, and seven landfall zones. The licence application is for a period of five years.

A related Natura Impact Statement has been submitted with the above licence application. The licence application and the Natura Impact Statement are available for inspection on MARA’s website [MUL240036 - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](https://www.mara.gov.ie/MUL240036) and at the following address by appointment– Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

Members of the public who wish to make a submission in writing to MARA on the licence application and the Natura Impact Statement may do so quoting ref: MUL240036 to the following e-mail address – licence@mara.gov.ie or by post to the following address - Licence Unit, Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

The closing date and time for a written submission to be received by MARA is 17.30 on 23rd June 2025.

MARA will then, as soon as practicable, carry out the appropriate assessment determination in accordance with Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011. After the determination, MARA will either grant, part grant or refuse the licence application.

Dated this 20th day of May 2025

[Signed: Des Cox, Representative of EirGrid plc]