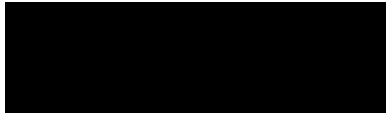


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By email only



15/05/2025

Reference: MUL230029

Request for additional information in accordance with section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 in respect of licence application reference number MUL230029

Dear Sirs,

I refer to the above licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) on 14/05/2024. MARA considers that it requires the additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application.

- 1) Confirm that this Maritime Usage Licence application is being made under Schedule 7(1) (i.e. the dredging) and Schedule 7(6) (i.e. deposit of the dredge material at the dump site) of the Maritime Area Planning Act (2021, as amended).
- 2) Maps and GIS Data
 - a. Further to the GIS data submitted to MARA on 1st October 2024 in response to a request for further information, please submit a revised version of the drawing entitled “*Licence Map*” (Drg. No.: CM1265-MA-DWG-05001).
 - b. Revise the drawing entitled “*Admiralty Chart Dumpsite*” (Drg No.: CM1265-MA-DWG-05003) to ensure the proposed area for deposit of the dredge material is labelled as Area C with unit of measurement displayed and outlined in red. Please submit the corresponding GIS data to reflect 'Area C' dumpsite.

Please ensure all documentation, diagrams, cartographic maps and GIS data are updated, and resubmitted to MARA, in accordance with [MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications in the Maritime Area under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021](#). Only areas that relate to the Maritime Usage Licence application should be included inside the red line boundaries.

- 3) The licence application states that dredging will be undertaken using a backhoe dredger. However, the *Sediment Plume Dispersion Assessment* submitted with the licence application is based on the use of a trailing suction hopper dredger.

- a. Clarify the type(s) of mechanical dredging equipment to be used for the proposed maritime usage.
 - b. Revise the *Sediment Plume Dispersion Assessment* to reflect the type of dredging equipment to be used in the proposed maritime usage.
 - c. Where it is proposed to use a backhoe dredger, confirm if the backhoe will be mounted on a boat or located onshore to undertake the dredging.
- 4) Revise the *Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report* to include an assessment of the potential impacts of all of the proposed methodologies for dredging and deposit of dredge material on the relevant European sites.
- 5) Table 2-3 Quantity of Dredge Material of the *Assessment of Impact of the Maritime Usage (AIMU)* submitted as part of the licence application shows the amounts of dredge material proposed for the whole project, i.e. includes areas above the highwater mark and outside the remit of this licence application.
- a. Revise Table 2-3 to present the quantities of material proposed to be dredged for the purposes of this licence application.
 - b. Clarify if the volume of uncontaminated dredge material of 90,000m³ presented in Table 2-3 is the proposed volume of dredge material to be deposited at the designated dump site off Roches Point.

Please refer to MARA [Technical Guidance](#) and/or [MARA Technical Mapping Guidance](#) when resubmitting the data requested.

The requested information should be submitted to MARA within 4 weeks of the date of this notice, i.e. by **12/06/2025**, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

Please direct any queries to licence@mara.gov.ie.

Yours faithfully,

Licensing Team
MARA