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Good afternoon,

The Department welcomes the opportunity to provide input to this application. It seems this activity does not fall within the remit of the EIA (Agriculture) Regulations under DAFM and therefore, once relevant environmental and planning regulations are met, DAFM has no comment at this stage of the consultation process.

Regards,
Environmental Co-ordination Unit

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Request for observations. MUL ref: LIC230007

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Good Afternoon All,

Please find observations attached in relation to LIC230007.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Administrative Officer, Climate Action Unit, Sea Fisheries Administration Division

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Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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02 May 2025

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RE: Introductory letter - Dublin City Council.

Surveys for the purposes of site investigation, to inform the design of proposed Point Bridge and Tom Clarke Widening Project in Dublin.

A Chara,

The Marine Divisions of the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine welcome the opportunity to provide comments on the Licence Application LIC230007 Reference no LIC230007 Title of Application LIC230007 – Dublin City Council.

It is essential that the sea-fishing and aquaculture sectors are fully recognised and given a high priority as a long-standing, pre-existing, and traditional activity in the marine environment as the proposed activity is being evaluated. Fishers and aquaculture site holders are primary food producers dependent upon certain marine areas which are particularly important for food production. This primary production is critical to supplying the downstream indigenous seafood processing and export industries and in sustaining the livelihoods of coastal communities. The importance of these primary and secondary food production activities is reflected in the Government's [Food Vision 2030](#) policy.

In order to inform the DAFM comments, the observations of both the Marine Institute (MI) and Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) on the application were requested.

The MI and BIM have reported that no direct impacts are expected to fishing activities, fish stocks, spawning or juvenile areas or aquaculture operations from these proposed site investigations.

The Marine Engineering Division of DAFM has no objections to the application as set out in the documents provided, however, as with all marine applications, appropriate monitoring and measures and best practice must be followed during the to ensure that the proposed survey works do not cause any direct or cumulative negative impacts on environmental sites, aquaculture and fishery harbour operations.

DAFM recognises the applicant's claim that the NMPF (National Marine Planning Framework) is not directly applicable for the proposed activity, however would remind Dublin City Council that the evaluation of any potential indirect impacts on commercial sea fishing activities also needs to be given consideration within the context of the requirements set out under the Maritime Area Planning Act and the NMPF. DAFM would seek confirmation, that where there are any indirect impacts on traditional fishing grounds identified, consultation with local stakeholders will be undertaken prior to and

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throughout the works and a Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) will be appointed to liaise with all the relevant sea going and foreshore users in advance of any marine survey operations.

DAFM notes the applicant will communicate any disruption to marine operators, recreational users, and the public in advance of all ground works.

Where relevant, all relevant fishing organisations should receive any applicable Marine Notice/s, and be made aware of any proposed site survey and investigation works, at the earliest opportunity to ensure the optimum coordination of activities and to limit potential disturbances to fishing activities to the greatest extent possible.

Yours sincerely,

Marine Divisions
An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara
Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine

From: [REDACTED] (Transport) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday 29 April 2025 10:28
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Cc: Transport MSO <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Request for Observations - Maritime usage licence Ref: LIC230007

Good day Paula,

After careful consideration, the Marine Survey Office has no objection to the site investigations proposed in the application referenced in the subject line from a navigational safety perspective. However, the following shall be noted;

1. The Licensee shall ensure all appropriate measures are taken for the duration of any on-site activity to ensure the safety of navigation is maintained. Any hazard to safe navigation shall be easily identifiable to all maritime users operating within or in the proximity of the license area.
2. The Licensee shall, through consultation and agreement with the Department of Transport, Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights, arrange for the publication of a Marine Notice through the Maritime Safety Policy Division. The MUL reference number must accompany any request for publication of a Marine Notice. Where a Marine Notice is published and subsequent changes to dates or area of schedule of works, the licensee must inform MSPD of relevant changes in a prompt and timely manner.
3. The promulgation and frequency of Navtex and radio broadcast warnings shall be agreed in advance with the Irish Coast Guard for the duration of the license period.
4. The marking and lighting of any moored instruments shall be carried out in consultation with the Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights. Lighting and marking shall be compliant with International Association of Aids to Navigation (IALA) requirements. Information regarding the position of any markings which create a hazard to navigation shall be promulgated to the mariner through the publication of a marine notice and all means appropriate.
5. In advance, and throughout the consent period the applicant shall be obliged to inform United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), of any activities or establishment of structures that may impact the safety of navigation, in addition to the provision of bathymetry data in order that appropriate navigation charts can be updated. Email: sdr@UKHO.gov.uk and the INFOMAR program at support@geodata.gov.ie . Information provided must include geographic coordinates (WGS84), duration of works – start and finish, positions and characteristics of lights / buoys.
6. It is noted that there is provision made for the operation of unmanned survey vessels or / and autonomous vessels. **The Licensee must engage directly with the MSO as such vessels are undergoing trial assessment within the Irish Jurisdiction and approval is not guaranteed.**
7. **All vessels engaged in the site investigations must conform to Irish Certification standards and, the vessels shall be manned by suitably qualified personnel, additionally where equipment is carried an Irish Load line survey may be required. The applicant should contact the Marine Survey Office Dublin for clarification in relation to the above matters.**

Regards,
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From: EIAPanning [REDACTED] >
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Your Ref: LIC230007
Request for Observations LIC230007 – Environmental survey and ground investigation works, Point Bridge and Tom Clarke Widening Project

Dear Licence Authorisation Team,

I refer to your letter dated 03rd April 2025 requesting comments from the Agency on the Maritime Usage Licence application for the above referenced activities. The Agency makes the following observations.

The Agency notes from the Maritime Usage Licence application form that no dumping at sea is proposed. A dumping at sea permit is required in the event of any deliberate disposal of a substance or material in the maritime area, as defined in Section 1 of the Dumping at Sea Act 1996 as amended, is proposed.

The nearest active dumping at sea permits from the proposed works relate to Dublin Port Company maintenance and capital dredging works and are the following:

- Dumping at Sea permit (permit reg. S0004-03) in relation to the loading of dredged material from Dublin Port arising from maintenance dredging and, the dumping of the material at an established dumping site immediately west of the Burford Bank in outer Dublin Bay. All active dumping sites are shown on the Agency's GIS maps at this link <https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/>. All documentation relating to this permit is available on the Agency's website at <https://epawebapp.epa.ie/terminalfour/DaS/DaS-view.jsp?regno=S0004-03>. The proposed works appear to be adjacent to but may overlap the loading area.
- Dumping at Sea permit (permit reg. S0024-02) in relation to the loading of dredged material from Dublin Harbour arising from capital dredging works under the MP2 Project and the dumping of the material at an established dumping site immediately west of the Burford Bank in outer Dublin Bay. All documentation relating to this permit is available on the Agency's website at <https://epawebapp.epa.ie/terminalfour/DaS/DaS-view.jsp?regno=S0024-02>
- Dumping at Sea permit (permit reg. S0033-01) in relation to the loading of dredged material arising from the Dublin Harbour Capital Dredging Project and the dumping of the material at an established dumping site immediately west of the Burford Bank in outer Dublin Bay. All documentation relating to this permit is available on the Agency's website at <https://epawebapp.epa.ie/terminalfour/DaS/DaS-view.jsp?regno=S0033-01>
- Dublin Port Company has also applied to the Agency on 10th October 2024 for a dumping at sea permit (Reg. S0038-01) in relation to the proposed loading and dumping of dredged material from capital dredging works under the 3FM Project.

The application and associated documentation can be accessed on our website at the following link <https://epawebapp.epa.ie/terminalfour/DaS/DaS-view.jsp?regno=S0038-01>

The Agency would further advise that in considering and deciding on the Maritime Usage Licence application that the proposed activity should not result in a contravention of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC, Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, Birds Directive 2009/147/EC, Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC, Bathing Water Directive 73/160/EEC or Environmental Liabilities Directive 2004/35/EC.

For all further queries and correspondence relating to maritime authorisations and planning matters, please contact [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,

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MARA,
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Wexford
09/04/2024

**LIC230007 Dublin City Council for a Maritime Usage Licence under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021
for site surveys in Dublin city centre.**

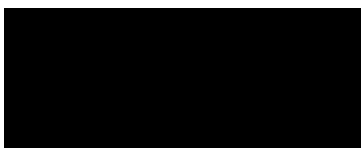
To whom it may concern,

Irish Lights has no objection to the granting of this licence from a safety of navigation perspective.
Should any requirement arise for marine aids to navigation, such aids will require a Statutory Consent from
Irish Lights via the Local Lighthouse Authority under the Merchant Shipping Act. The Local Lighthouse
Authority for this area is Dublin Port Company.

Any Appropriate Assessment activity conducted as part of this MUL licensing process should include the
impact of the deployment of surface marking buoys and associated moorings, which may be required as part
of the project.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the team.

Yours sincerely,



Navigation Services Manager