

Section 117(5)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2001

Consideration of schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to determine whether it is necessary to carry out a screening for environmental impact assessment for a proposed maritime usage the subject of a licence application

Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:	MUL240008
Name of Applicant:	Mares Connect
Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:	Site investigation works for an electricity interconnector between Ireland and Britain
Type of maritime usage activity in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2021):	3. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigations or in support of an application under Part Xxi of the Act of 2000.

Part A - Consideration of schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001

Question 1: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in schedule 5 part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001?

If Yes, EIA screening is required.

If No, proceed to question 2.

Answer: No

Question 2: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in schedule 5 part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001?

If Yes, proceed to question 3.

If No, EIA screening is not required.

Answer: No

Question 3: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in schedule 5 part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and does it meet/exceed the referenced thresholds?

If Yes, EIA screening is required.

If No, EIA screening is not required.

Answer: No

Part B Consideration of Schedule 7 to the Planning & Development Regulations 2001

Characteristics, location and the types & characteristics of the potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage comprising a project:

N/A

I conclude that after having regard to schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 in the context of the above referenced proposed maritime usage, it is not necessary to carry out a screening for environmental impact assessment in respect of the proposed maritime usage.



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