

Uisce Éireann

By email only to [REDACTED]

Date: 28/08/2025

Request for Additional Information: Section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Re: Uisce Éireann - Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: MUL240026

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to the above referenced maritime usage licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) on 01/11/2024

MARA considers that it requires additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application.

1. The application form states: “*The proposed studies are supporting the design and consenting of essential wastewater infrastructure...*”. Confirm that this application is being made under Schedule 7 (3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, as amended.
2. Figure 1 on page 5 of the AIMU states that the locations for both the bottom mounted and vessel mounted ADCPs are provisional. Please provide the reason(s) why these locations are provisional.
3. Table 1 of the AIMU states that bathymetry will take place “*Within Wicklow and Courtown Harbours*”. However, Table 1 of the SISAA states the bathymetry will take place “*Within the MUL area*”. Clarify the locations of the bathymetry surveys and provide updated maps, if necessary.
4. Table 1 of the AIMU states that the tidal gauges are to be located “*Within the MUL area*”. However, Table 1 of the SISAA states that they are to be located “*Within Wicklow and Courtown Harbours*”. Clarify the number and locations of the tidal gauges and submit a map showing these locations.

address:

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5. Provide an assessment of any potential impacts from the installation, operation and removal of the tidal gauges.
6. Provide details of the proposed LiDAR and GPS rover surveys (to include locations, maps, duration and frequency) mentioned in the application form.
7. Provide an assessment of any potential impacts from the proposed LiDAR and GPS rover surveys.
8. With reference to the strict protection of species listed under Annex IV of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), confirm if you are required to apply for a derogation under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended. If yes, provide details of the application submitted, including the NPWS Derogation Number.

The requested information should be submitted to MARA within **4 weeks** of the date of this notice, i.e by **25/09/2025**, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

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

Yours faithfully,

Joanne Staunton
Maritime Usage Licensing Team
MARA