

## 1. Maritime Usage Licence – “Minded To” Determination Case Worker Report

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| To                                                                       | Laura Brien, CEO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| From                                                                     | Paula O’Toole, Licensing Caseworker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Reviewed by                                                              | Jacinta Ponzi, Head of MUL Unit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Date                                                                     | 03/10/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Maritime Usage Licence Application:</b>                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Applicant Name                                                           | Woodrow Sustainable Solutions Limited                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Applicant Address                                                        | Upper Offices, Ballisodare Centre, Station Road Ballisodare Co Sligo, Ballisodare, Sligo, F91 PE04, Ireland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Application Received                                                     | 25/04/2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| MUL Reference Number                                                     | MUL240001                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Decision sought                                                          | Approval sought for issuance of notice to the Applicant in accordance with Section 119(6)(b) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, to inform that:<br><br>The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) is minded to GRANT a Maritime Usage Licence in respect of their application and the reasons why MARA is so minded.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Description of works                                                     | Survey works including deployment of static Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) devices, boat-based line transects, intertidal and subtidal surveys.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Schedule 7 activity                                                      | 3 Marine environmental survey (site investigation)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Additional section 7 activity (if applicable)                            | Choose an item.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Documents submitted with application                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Form<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maritime Usage Map<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment (SISAA) Report<br><input type="checkbox"/> Natura Impact Statement (NIS) Report<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assessment of Impact of Maritime Usage Report (AIMU)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species Report<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| Section 117(3) notice issued:<br>Request for Additional Information -RAI | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES<br><b>1<sup>st</sup> RAI</b> 09/07/2024 Document(s) submitted: GIS files<br>Date submitted: 19/07/2024<br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> RAI</b> 06/02/2025 Document(s) submitted: Great Blasket Island Intertidal Survey (Trá Bán)<br>Date submitted: 04/03/2025<br><input type="checkbox"/> Not required                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Assessment, Research & Data (ARD) Assessment:                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Screening for EIA: Section 117(5)(a)                                                                                                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening for EIA: NOT REQUIRED<br><input type="checkbox"/> Screening for EIA: REQUIRED<br><br>Date of Report: 02/12/2024<br>Signed by: Jean Clarke                                                     |
| Screening for Appropriate Assessment:<br><br>Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011) | <input type="checkbox"/> Screened IN<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screened OUT<br><br>Date of AA Screening Report & Determination: 08/09/2025<br>Signed by: Ciar O'Toole & John Evans                                             |
| If <b>SCREENED IN</b> : Was NIS/updated NIS requested in accordance with Section 117(6)(a)?                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: <b>New</b> NIS requested<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES: <b>Updated</b> NIS requested<br>Date Requested: DD MM YYYY<br>Date Received: DD MM YYYY<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO: Not Required |
| AA Screening Report and Determination published on MARA website:                                                                                        | Date: 08/09/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Public Consultation – relevant where SCREENED IN – <i>Not applicable</i>                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Date of public consultation: Section 117(6)(b)                                                                                                          | Date starts: DD MM YYYY<br>Date ends: DD MM YYYY                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Local Newspaper Name                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Local Newspaper Publication Date                                                                                                                        | DD MM YYYY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| National Newspaper Name                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| National Newspaper Publication Date                                                                                                                     | DD MM YYYY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Date public consultation published on MARA website                                                                                                      | DD MM YYYY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Submissions from public received?                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received XX<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>Referral to Notified Consultees, as directed by Assessment, Research &amp; Data (ARD) Team:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bord Iascaigh Mhara<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioners of Irish Lights<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Environment, Climate & Communications<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Housing, Local Government & Heritage<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Transport - Marine Survey Office<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Protection Agency<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geological Survey of Ireland<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety Authority<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inland Fisheries Ireland<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Institute<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Monuments Service<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Parks and Wildlife Service<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Local Authority<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Harbour Authority<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: |                                                                                                        |
| Observations from notified consultees received?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> NO                              |
| <b>Appropriate Assessment Determination (relevant where SCREENED IN) – not applicable</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                        |
| AA Report & Determination                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Date of final report:                                                                                  |
| Determination Approved by Director of ARD Unit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                                                                           |
| <b>ARD MUL Assessment Report:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                        |
| Final ARD MUL Assessment Report<br><i>includes environmental &amp; engineering reports</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Date of final report: 30/09/2025<br>Signed by: Ciar O'Toole                                            |
| Public Submissions taken into account in Final ARD MUL Assessment Report:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> YES<br><input type="checkbox"/> NO<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| Notified Consultees Responses taken into account in Final ARD MUL Assessment Report:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES<br><input type="checkbox"/> NO<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>Upon completion of the Appropriate Assessment Determination the following specific conditions and reasons for conditions are DETERMINED by ARD: (mitigation measures)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                        |

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| <b>N/A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Upon completion of the <i>ARD MUL Assessment Report</i> the following conditions and reasons for conditions are RECOMMENDED by ARD:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>1. Recommended Term of licence to be 2 years from date of commencement.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure the orderly administration of licensed maritime usages in the maritime area.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>17. The Permitted Maritime Usage shall be carried out in accordance with the plans and particulars submitted in support of the application for this Licence.</p> <p>Reason: To clarify the scope of this licence and ensure protection of the marine environment.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>18. Prior to the commencement of the Permitted Maritime Usage the Holder shall consult with the Underwater Archaeology Unit of the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage, National Monuments Service, located at G37, Custom House, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1, D01 W6X0, and comply with all applicable requirements set forth by the Unit.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure protection of maritime heritage.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>19. The Holder shall, a minimum 14 days prior to the commencement of the Permitted Maritime Usage, arrange for the publication of a Marine Notice with the Marine Safety Policy Division, Department of Transport. This Marine Notice shall include details of the Licence Holder, and the Licence Number as granted by MARA.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure safe navigation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>20. The Holder shall not damage or interfere with any third party's property while carrying out the Permitted Maritime Usage.</p> <p>Reason: To minimise impact on other users of the marine environment.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>21. The Holder shall ensure that all vessels engaged in this Permitted Maritime Usage conform to Irish Certification standards for vessels, as required by the Marine Survey Office.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure protection of the marine environment.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>22. The Holder shall demonstrate all reasonable practical measures are taken to ensure that all vessels used in the Permitted Maritime Usage are free of invasive marine species on their hulls and in their ballast water and that all vehicles and equipment used in the Permitted Maritime Usage are free of invasive marine species.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure protection of the marine environment.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>23. <b>Accidental Events</b><br/>The Holder shall ensure that there is an oil pollution emergency plan on-board any survey vessels. This plan should specify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Information on the location and detail of spill response resources on-board;</li> <li>(ii) Information on crew training in relation to oil pollution response;</li> <li>(iii) How crew will interface with other site investigation operators, where applicable.</li> </ul> <p>Reason: To provide appropriate controls on the Permitted Maritime Usage to ensure protection of the marine environment.</p> |
| <p>24. On completion of the activity, the Holder shall provide the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) at <a href="https://ukhodataupload.admiralty.co.uk/">https://ukhodataupload.admiralty.co.uk/</a> or <a href="mailto:sdr@UKHO.gov.uk">sdr@UKHO.gov.uk</a> and the INFOMAR</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

program at support@geodata.gov.ie with the final bathymetric data from this Permitted Maritime Usage so that the appropriate charts can be updated.

Reason: To ensure the safety of navigation at sea and the protection of the marine environment through availability of monitoring data.

| Minded to Determination of Licence Application:                                                                                        |                                                                                                                     |
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| Case Worker Recommendation                                                                                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRANT<br><input type="checkbox"/> PART GRANT<br><input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE |
| Period Specified to Applicant for submission of supplementary material in relation to the reasons for conditions:<br>Section 119(6)(b) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21 days<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other:                                      |

**Signed by (Caseworker)** Paula O'Toole

**Date** 03/10/2025

| Annex 1 – List of Accompanying Documents: |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Screening for AA Report & Determination   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| ARD MUL Assessment Report                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed Licence                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed Minded to Notice                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |