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By email only [REDACTED]

16/10/2025

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

**Re: EirGrid plc
Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: MUL240010**

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to the above referenced maritime usage licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).

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

1. Section 2.2 of the Application Form lists six different Schedule 7 maritime usages in relation to the application, one of which is Schedule 7(3) '*marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000*'. Section 2.3 of the Application Form states that the proposed maritime usage is for marine site investigation works.

Clarify whether the overall purpose of the application is marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation, i.e. Schedule 7(3), and whether the other Schedule 7 usages listed in Section 2.2 of the Application Form are ancillary to site investigations or are for another purpose other than site investigations.

2. In relation to the Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment (SISAA) Report submitted:
 - a. clarify where the access to the intertidal survey areas will be from,

- b. Page 11 mentions electrical resistivity and photogrammetry surveys. Provide further information on where these surveys will be carried out, what is entailed by these surveys and any associated equipment that will be utilised.
3. Section 3.4 of the Application Form states that the proposed MUL area overlaps with a privately owned part of the maritime area - folio DN44335F. In accordance with Section 5.4.7 of the recently updated MARA [Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Usage Licence](#) please provide a letter confirming that you have obtained all necessary consents from the relevant owner(s). Please state if you are aware of any actual or claimed legal rights or interests held by third parties in the proposed MUL area. If yes, please indicate on a drawing/map the area concerned and provide a letter confirming that you have obtained all necessary consents from the relevant owner(s) of such legal rights or interests. Please note that all maps, drawings and GIS shape files must comply with MARA's technical mapping guidance.
4. The [GIS files](#) submitted have area '**Area A**' drawn, which corresponds to the Map Title: "**Proposed Licence Area Map**". Revise the map for **Area A** to ensure that the MARA Technical Guidance is adhered to, as follows:
 - a. MUL Map:
 - i. The MUL area represents only the footprint of the maritime area that the maritime usage licence will occupy.
 - b. GIS Shapefile:
 - i. The GIS shapefile represents only the footprint of the maritime area that the maritime usage licence will occupy. Where the MUL area abuts the land, the boundary of the MUL area should coincide with and follow exactly the High Water Mark as defined by the Chief Boundary Surveyor, excluding all islands denoted and not traversing into terrestrial land.

Tailte Eireann 'High Water Mark - National Water Marks - Ungeneralised – 2024' dataset from the Surveying Open Data Portal (<https://arcg.is/1P1yDS>).
- c. Ensure all cartographic maps and GIS data files are updated accordingly and resubmitted to MARA. Adhere to the [MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Note for MAC/MUL Applications](#).

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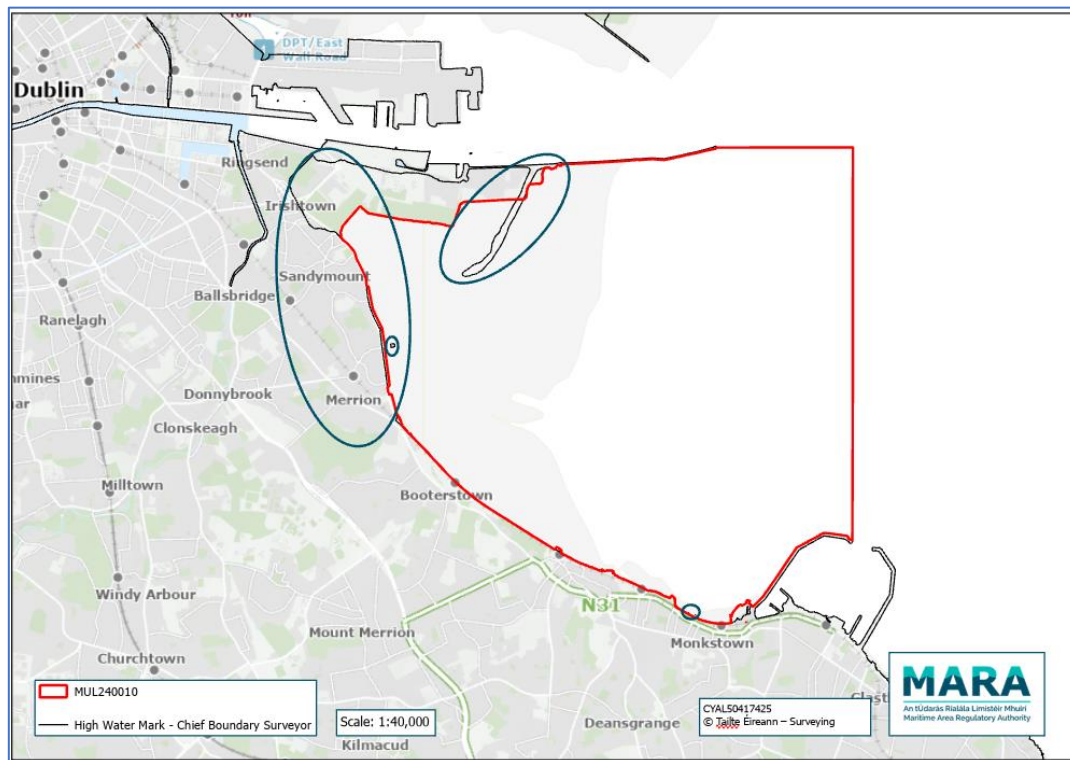
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Please refer to MARA's [Guidance and Technical Mapping note](#) when providing the information requested.

A response to the first question should be submitted as soon as possible, with the remaining requested information to be submitted to MARA within **3 weeks** of the date of this notice, i.e by **06/11/2025**, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

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

Yours faithfully,

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