

<b>Maritime Usage Licence – Determination Case Worker Report</b>	
To	John Evans, Director of ARD and MUL units
From	Paula O’Toole, Licensing Caseworker
Reviewed by	Martina Monaghan, MUL Manager
Date	11/02/2026
<b>Maritime Usage Licence Application:</b>	
Applicant Name	Gas Networks Ireland
Applicant Address	Gasworks Road, Cork, Co. Cork, T12 RX96, Ireland
MUL Reference Number	MUL250010
Decision sought	Approval sought for issuance of a maritime usage licence to this Applicant.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Following consideration of supplementary material submitted by the applicant in accordance with Section 119(6)(b) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 as amended, <b>or</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> NO supplementary material submitted
<i>Minded to Determine Notice Issued</i>	05/02/2026
Period Specified to Applicant in <i>Minded to Determine Notice</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21 days <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<b>Supplementary Information (if applicable):</b>	
Supplementary material received from applicant (if applicable)	Date received: 09/02/2026  <i>Both queries raised by the applicant relate to the reasons given for the specific conditions, as they look to clarify the extent of the protection afforded to the marine habitats and species considered.</i> Specific Condition 24 Marine Mammals Specific Condition 27 In-combination effects
Supplementary material forwarded to ARD	09/02/2026
<b>Details of Supplementary Information and Recommendation from Assessment, Research &amp; Data (ARD) Team:</b>	
Reason and associated Condition	Applicant comment: GNI asks for clarification regarding the use of an MMO. This relates to clarifying if an MMO is



	<p>required for all activities or just those that produce a noise in the marine environment.</p> <p>ARD recommendation: MARA can confirm that an MMO is only required for geophysical and geotechnical survey activities where acoustic sources are deployed and MMO oversight is standard practise in line with national guidance. Other environmental survey activities that do not involve an acoustic noise source do not require an MMO to be on board during these activities.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change required to the condition</p>
Reason and associated Condition	<p>Applicant comment: GNI asks for clarification regarding what activities fall under geotechnical activities in relation to this condition.</p> <p>ARD recommendation: MARA can confirm that GNI’s interpretation that the condition relates to intrusive geotechnical activities is correct. Ecological grab sampling and intertidal environmental survey work are not included as part of the works considered under this condition.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change required to the condition</p>

<b>Determination of Licence Application:</b>	
Caseworker Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> PART GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE

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

**Date**    **11/02/2026**

<b>Annex 1 – List of Accompanying Documents:</b>	
Supplementary Information, if applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ARD Recommendation, if applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FINAL Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>