



Maritime Usage Licensing,
Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA),
2nd Floor, Menapia House,
Drinagh Business Park,
Wexford, Y35RF29.

09th June 2025
Our Ref: 651/CMS/20250709

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: MUL230026 - Request for Further Information

On behalf of the Wicklow County Council, and in response to your request for further information for the above application dated the 12th June 2025, please find below the responses to each of the items requested.

Request 1: Further to the response to the request for further information received on 4th June 2025, provide an updated dispersion model and assessment report to address the dispersion of the dredge material to account for all of the proposed dredging methods and also accounts dispersion in instances where multiple dredge methods may be undertaken simultaneously.

Response 1: Dredging methods will not be undertaken simultaneously. Therefore, as Water Injection Dredging (WID) has the highest potential dispersion characteristics from the harbour area, it was selected as the dredging option to be modelled and assessed as the worst-case scenario. The assessments undertaken, and provided in the application, have found WID to be acceptable environmentally. On this basis, as the dispersion characteristics of all other potential dredging methods (Trailing Suction Hopper Dredging, Mechanical Dredging and Ploughing) are lower, modelling of these dredging methods would add no added value to the application as the results/impacts would be less than that modelled for WID.

Should MARA determine that modelling is required for each and every dredging method applied for, such a request cannot be fulfilled within four weeks and more time is required for the council to procure these services and for the dispersion modelling to be undertaken and reported.

Furthermore, as per our correspondence on the 21st January 2025, a new disposal site is currently being assessed. Should these assessments return positive results, it is likely that WCC will want to update the application to include this new offshore placement site. Should this occur further modelling will be undertaken and submitted for this new disposal site.

Request 2: Please Provide an estimate of the maximum duration of each annual dredge campaign.

Response 2: The duration is heavily dependant on the scale of the works, sedimentation, time of year and type and scale of the plant employed. Stating a maximum duration is not possible as weather may severely hamper the works. However, minor campaigns each year may last three weeks, with larger campaigns two to three times this.



I hope the above provides sufficient clarity to the queries raised. As per item 1 above, an update on the inclusion of a revised offshore disposal site may be submitted. An update will be provided as soon as it is available.

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of Wicklow County Council

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