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15/01/2026

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

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

Dear Ms. Kenny,

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.

MUL240010 – EirGrid PLC

The GIS files re submitted (06.01.2026) have area '**Area A**' drawn, which correspond to the Map Title: "**Proposed MUL Map**", Rev: P06 which depicts the area of site investigation works to inform the engineering design and environmental assessments of a proposed electrical cable circuit crossing Dublin Bay from Blackrock Park to Shellybanks.

1. Revise the GIS data for **Area A** to ensure that the MARA Technical Guidance is adhered to:
 - a. GIS Shapefile:
 - i. The GIS shapefile represents only the footprint of the maritime area that the maritime usage licence will occupy.
 1. For MULs, including marine environmental surveys, it is only necessary to map the area of proposed maritime usage and

therefore if the proposed area does not abut the land it is not necessary to map to the High Water Mark.

- ii. 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 and not **traverse into terrestrial land**. See Image 1 example.
 1. Tailte Eireann 'High Water Mark - National Water Marks - Ungeneralised – 2024' dataset from the Surveying Open Data Portal (<https://arcg.is/1P1yDS>).

2. GIS Observations:

There is evidence that the resubmitted GIS data (06/01/2026) has been edited in places. However, at a number of locations, the slight shift to the right within the GIS dataset remains. This shift has caused the proposed MUL boundary dataset to traverse onto terrestrial land. See Images examples 2 and 3 below.

3. Please ensure that the GIS data files are updated accordingly and resubmitted to MARA.
 - a. Adhere to the **MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Note for MAC/MUL Applications**: https://www.maritimeregulator.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/MARA_Technical_Mapping_Guidance_for_MAC_MUL_Applications.pdf

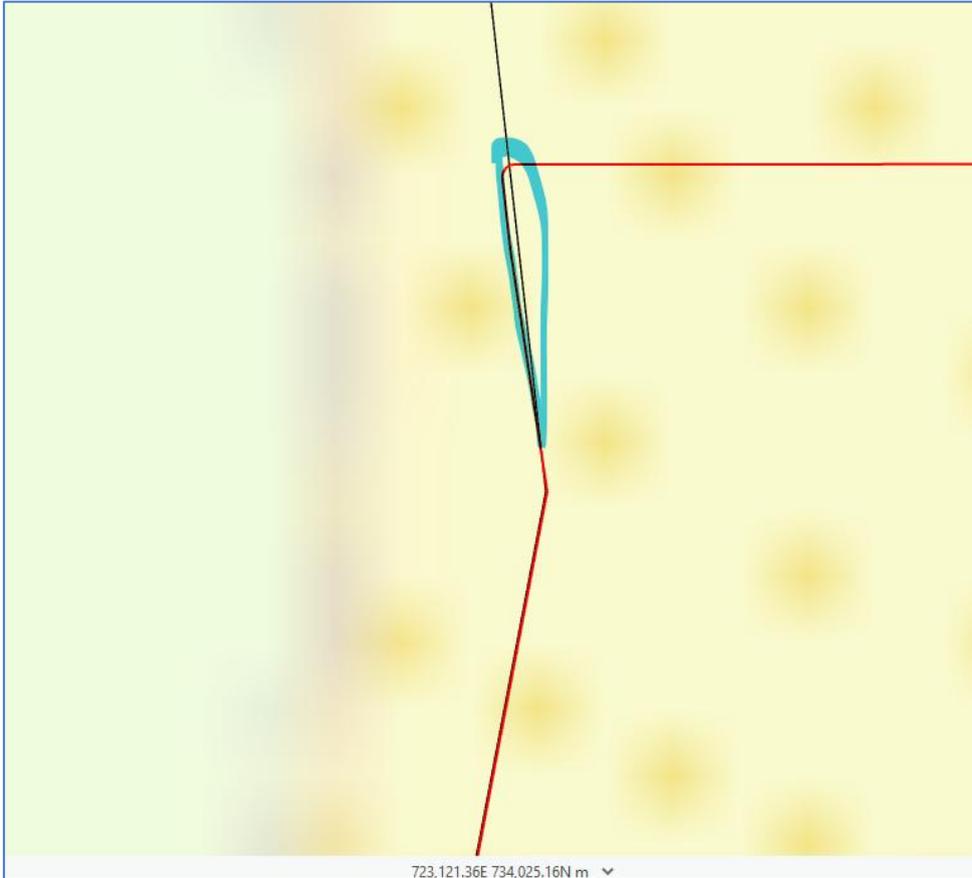


Image 1: Resubmitted GIS data – 06.01.2026

Source: Tailte Eireann MapGenie Premium ITM basemap with Eastings/Northings

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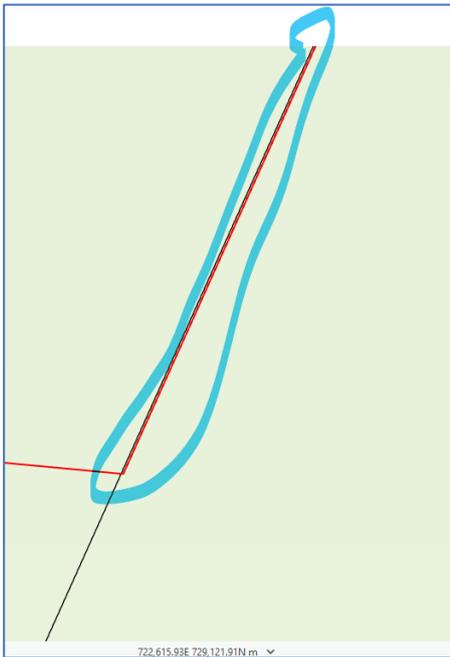


Image 2: Resubmitted GIS data – 06.01.2026

Source: Tailte Eireann MapGenie Premium ITM basemap with Eastings/Northings

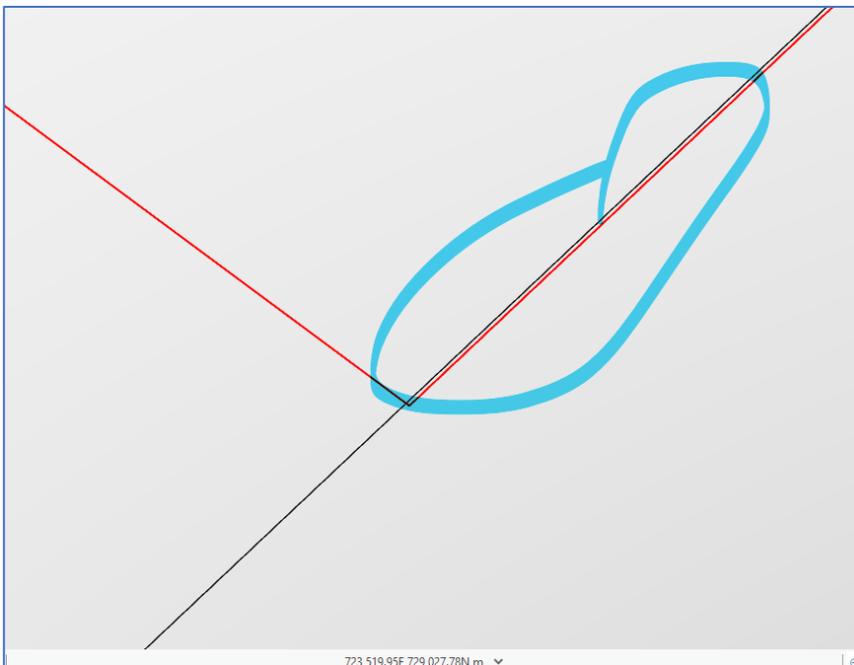


Image 3: Resubmitted GIS data – 22.12.2025

Source: Tailte Eireann MapGenie Premium ITM basemap with Eastings/Northings



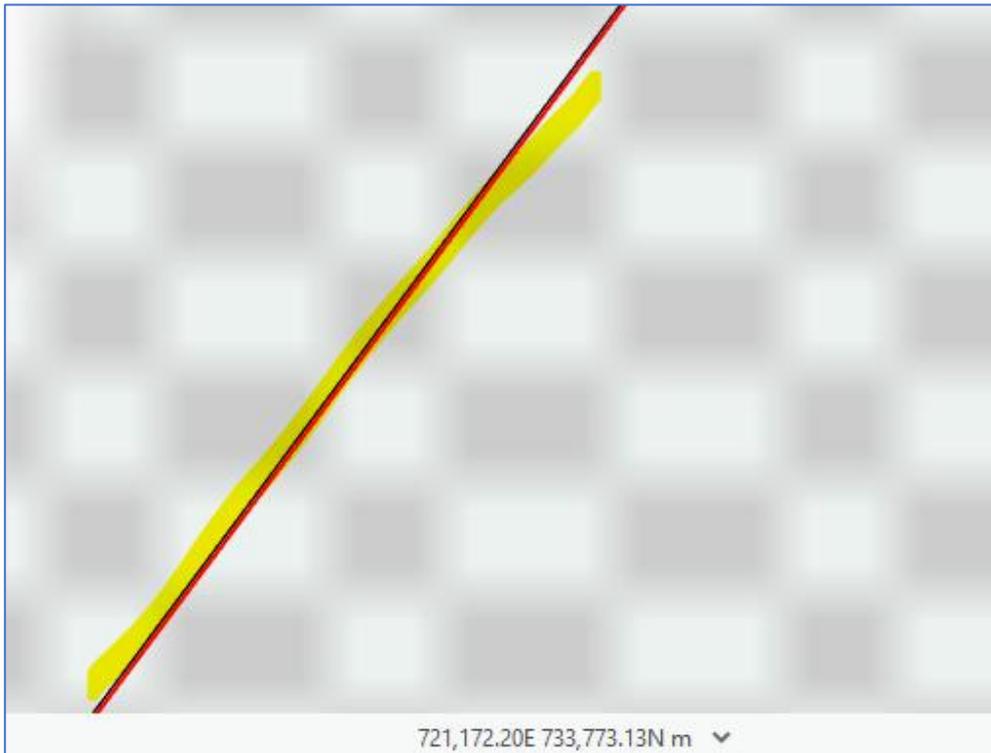
Image 2: Resubmitted GIS data – 22.12.2025

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

The requested information should be submitted to MARA within **1 week** of the date of this notice, i.e by **22/01/2026**, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

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

Yours faithfully,

Paula O'Toole
Maritime Usage Licensing Team
MARA