



Section 117(5)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

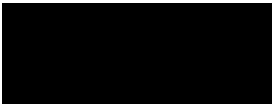
Screening of Maritime Usage Licence application, in accordance with Section 117(5)(a), to determine whether Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, having regard to Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:	MUL230026
Date Application Received:	16 th April 2024
Name of Applicant:	Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow Town, A67 FW96
Type of Proposed Maritime Usage with reference to Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021:	1.) <i>Dredging (including dredging involving the use of a device to remove any material, whether or not suspended in water, from one part of the seabed to another part of the seabed) other than—</i> (a) <i>dredging carried out to create a new harbour, berth or waterway, or to deepen existing facilities in order to allow access for larger ships, or</i> (b) <i>dredging ancillary to development authorised under the Act of 2000, whether or not it involves the removal of any material from the sea or seabed.</i> 6. <i>The deposit of any substance or object, either in the sea or on or under the seabed, from –</i> (a) <i>a vehicle, vessel (including a craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not self-propelled), boat, aircraft or marine structure (other than a pipeline),</i> (b) <i>a container floating in the sea, or</i> (c) <i>a structure on land constructed or adapted wholly or mainly for the purpose of depositing solids in the sea.</i>
Brief Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:	Maintenance dredging and deposit of dredge material at a marine dump site off Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

Part A - Consideration of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended

Question 1: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended?	
☐ Yes	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.
☒ No	proceed to Question 2.
Question 2: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended <u>and</u> does it meet/exceed the referenced thresholds?	
☐ Yes	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.
☐ No	Usage is listed in Schedule 5 Part 2 <u>but</u> is sub-threshold. Proceed to Part B.
☒ No	Usage is <u>not</u> listed in Schedule 5 Part 2. No requirement to proceed to Part B. Proceed to EIA Consideration Conclusion.

EIA Consideration Conclusion

It is concluded that, having had regard to Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, in the context of the above referenced maritime usage licence application, that the proposed maritime usage does not fall within any of the project categories listed in Schedule 5 and therefore does not require an EIA or further EIA Screening consideration under Schedule 7.	
Signature of Recommending Marine Advisor:  Suzanne Wylde Senior Marine Advisor	Date: 23 rd June 2025
Signature of Decision Maker:  John Evans Director	Date: : 23 rd June 2025

Part B Consideration of Schedule 7 to the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Characteristics, location and the types & characteristics of the potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage comprising a project:

Not applicable