

Date 5 April 2024

RE: Request for observations. Our ref: LIC230001

Dear Sir/Madam,

MARA has received an application from NISA for a Maritime usage licence under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 for site surveys off the coasts of North Dublin, Meath and Louth for a period of 7 years.

The site surveys are part of an ongoing survey schedule to determine the environmental conditions, seafloor and subsurface geological characteristics within the Licence Area for a proposed wind farm located approximately 12km from shore. The overall area which is the subject of this application is approximately 125km².

Details of the application and associated documentation are available for viewing on MARA's website at: [LIC230001 - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#)

In accordance with Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, an Appropriate Assessment is required as part of this environmental assessment of the Maritime Usage Licence application.

Details of all documentation considered by MARA in its determination, can be accessed using the link above.

We are consulting with you to ensure proper administration of our cases and please forward your observations as soon as possible, but no later than **15/04/2024**. If you have no comment, please respond confirming same.

If no response is received from you by the above date it will be deemed that you have no observations to make on the proposed application.

Please include in your observations, details of any other plans or projects that you are aware of that may in conjunction with this application, have a cumulative effect on a European site.

All correspondence should be forwarded to licence@mara.gov.ie

Regards

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