

LIC230013 - Port of Waterford : Request for observations

Proposed activity:

The geotechnical investigation required is to support the design of a proposed 250m Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) capable quay extension in the River Suir at the Port of Waterford, Belview, Co. Kilkenny. The site investigation will consist of 10 boreholes and 10 coreholes, associated sampling and testing. The equipment for excavating boreholes will be a cable percussive drilling rig.

BIM Comments:

While the EIAR is mainly concerned with the local impact to the site on species of fish many which are not available to commercial fishing, the EIAR does highlight some potential impairment of the water quality generally. Therefore, care should be taken to consider minimising the impact of water quality on commercial fish species and aquaculture sites further downstream from both the construction works which will entail piling and exaction plus land reclamation (in addition to the existing river maintenance dredge campaigns), but also pollutants currently lying dormant in the sediment at the site from entering the surrounding and downstream water bodies, and also from the operational phase arising from the additional activity at the site.

Therefore, the usual channels of communication, such as Marine Notices, the Producer Organisations, the relevant harbour port offices and local authority offices, and local media where possible covering the impacted area.