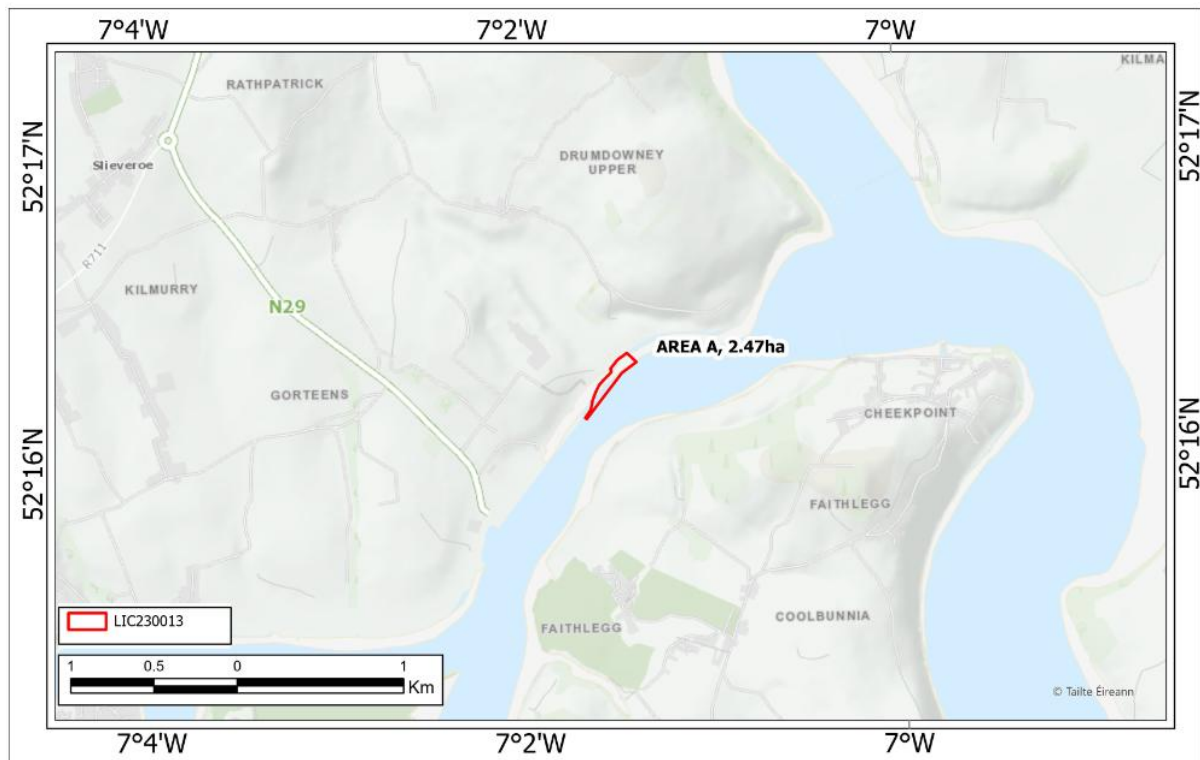


PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011

Invitation for public submissions on an application for a maritime usage licence and an appropriate assessment

The Port of Waterford Company has applied to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority ("MARA") for a maritime usage licence under section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to undertake geotechnical site investigations 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. The site investigation works will commence as soon as practicable and are scheduled to take 3 weeks in total. The Maritime Usage Licence period is 9 weeks.



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PROPOSED MARITIME USAGE LICENCE
LIC230013**

MARA
An tUdarás Rialála Limistéir Mharaí
Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

A related Natura impact statement has been submitted with the above licence application. The licence application and the Natura impact statement are available for inspection on MARA's website [LIC230013 - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#) and at the following address by appointment – Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

Members of the public who wish to make a submission in writing to MARA on the licence application and the Natura impact statement may do so quoting ref: **LIC230013** to the following e-mail address licence@mara.gov.ie or by post to the following address - Licence Unit, Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

The closing date and time for a written submission to be received by MARA is 17.30 on **24th January 2026**.

MARA will then, as soon as practicable, carry out the appropriate assessment determination in accordance with regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011. After the determination, MARA will either grant, part grant or refuse the licence application.

Dated this 16th day December of 2025.

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority