

**From:** Stephen Riordan (Transport)  
**Sent:** Thursday 13 November 2025 12:27  
**To:** MARA Licence  
**Subject:** RE: LIC230014MA - Request for Observations from Public Bodies

Good day,

After careful consideration, the Marine Survey Office has no objection to the site investigations proposed in the application referenced in the subject line from a navigational safety perspective. However, the following shall be noted;

1. The Licensee shall ensure all appropriate measures are taken for the duration of any on-site activity to ensure the safety of navigation is maintained. Any hazard to safe navigation shall be easily identifiable to all maritime users operating within or in the proximity of the license area.
2. The Licensee shall issue a local notice to mariners through SFPC and through consultation and agreement with the Department of Transport, Marine Survey Office, and Commissioners of Irish Lights, arrange for the publication of a Marine Notice through the Maritime Safety Policy Division. All applications for the issue of a Marine Notice shall be submitted supported by MAC reference. Where a Marine Notice is published and subsequent changes to dates of operations, location, area of schedule of works or vessels engaged in the operation, the licensee must inform MSPD of such changes in a prompt and timely manner, so that relevant safety of navigation information is provided in an updated Marine Notice.
3. The promulgation and frequency of Navtex and radio broadcast warnings shall be agreed in advance with Irish Coast Guard and local port authority for the duration of the license period.
4. The marking and lighting of any moored instruments shall be carried out in consultation with the Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights. Lighting and marking shall be compliant with International Association of Aids to Navigation (IALA) requirements. Information regarding the position of any markings which create a hazard to navigation shall be promulgated to the mariner through the publication of a marine notice and all means appropriate.
5. **All vessels engaged in the site investigations must conform to Irish Certification standards and, the vessels shall be manned by suitably qualified personnel, additionally where equipment is carried an Irish Load line survey may be required. The applicant should contact the Marine Survey Office Dublin for clarification in relation to the above matters. Small vessels deployed in**

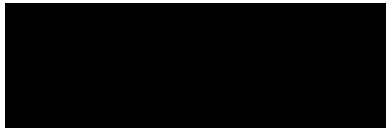
support of the proposed activity must be suitable and licenced accordingly. [MSO@transport.gov.ie](mailto:MSO@transport.gov.ie) shall provide clarification and guidance on status of vessel licencing.

6. In advance, and throughout the consent period the applicant shall be obliged to inform United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), of any activities or establishment of structures, buoyage and any potential hazard that may impact the safety of navigation. Bathymetry data obtained shall be shared with UKHO and Infomar in order that appropriate navigation charts can be updated. Email: [sdr@UKHO.gov.uk](mailto:sdr@UKHO.gov.uk) and the INFOMAR program at [support@geodata.gov.ie](mailto:support@geodata.gov.ie)

Regards,

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**From:** MARA Licence <licence@mara.gov.ie>  
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**Subject:** LIC230014MA - Request for Observations from Public Bodies

Date: 30/10/2025

**Reference: LIC230014MA - Request for Observations on an application for a Material Amendment to usage Licence LIC230014**

To whom it may concern,

Please see attached a letter from MARA requesting your observations on the above application for a material amendment to Licence LIC230014.

Grateful if you could review the new procedure for submitting observations to MARA stated in the letter before issuing a response.

Regards

Joanne Staunton  
Licence Authorisation Team  
MARA

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