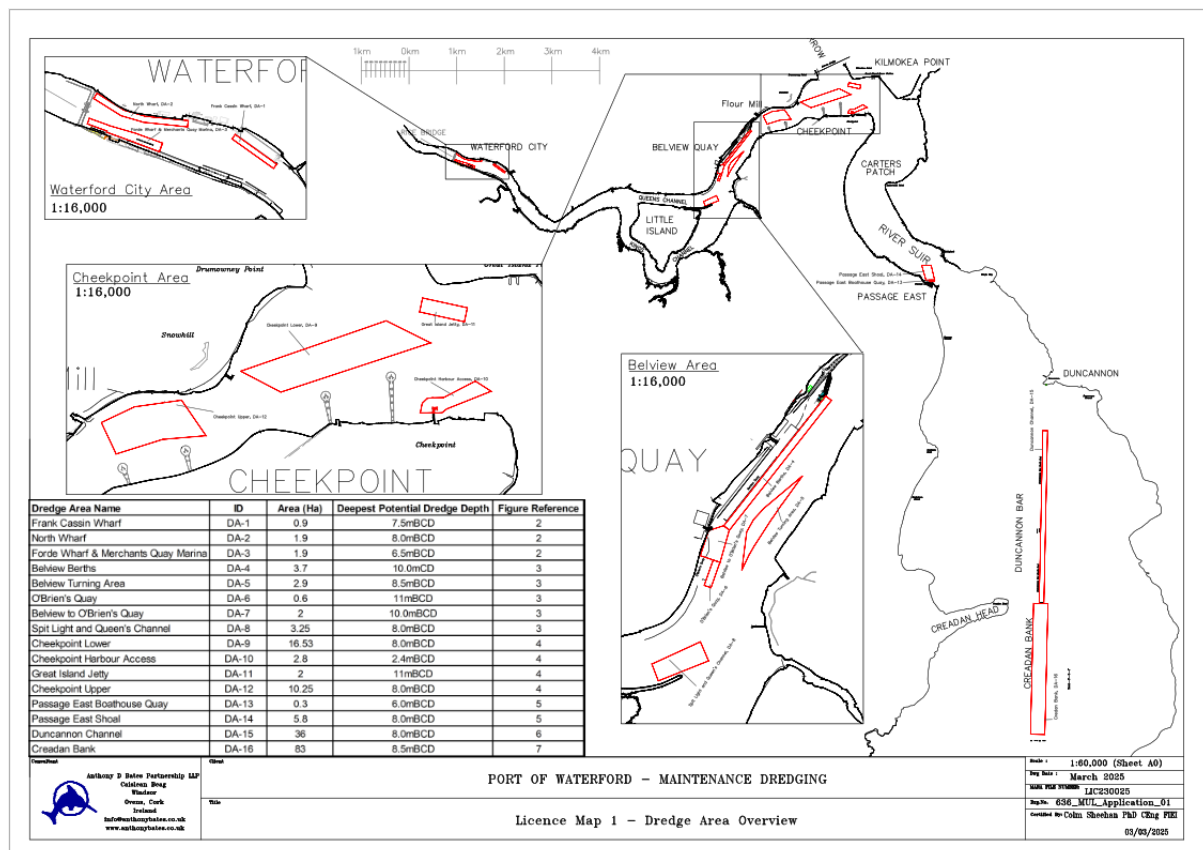


PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Port of Waterford Company submitted an application to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (“MARA”) for a maritime usage licence under section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 for dredging to be undertaken in 16 areas within the Middle Suir Estuary, Lower Suir Estuary, Barrow-Suir-Nore Estuary and Waterford Harbour. These areas range from the upper end of the harbour in Waterford City right out to the seaward end of the harbour off Duncannon, Co. Wexford. The licence application is for a period of 7 years.



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 [LIC230025](https://www.mara.ie/LIC230025) -

[MARA - Maritime Area Regulatory Authority](#) 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: LIC230025 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 24/01/2026

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 16 day of December 2025

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority