

MAC Report	
Application for a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) under Section 79 of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, as amended (the Act)	
Application Details	
MAC Applicant:	Limerick City & County Council
MAC Reference No:	MAC20240001
Location:	Adare, Co Limerick
Date Application received:	21 February 2025
Proposed Maritime Usage:	Limerick City & County Council has applied for a MAC under Section 79 of the MAP Act. The proposed works relate to a flood relief scheme including riverbank defences, sluice upgrades, road raising, railway raising, floating dock and vegetation clearance in the river channel.
Recommendation:	To approve the Granting of the MAC sought with conditions attached.

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1. Overview

On 21 February 2025, MARA received a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application under Section 79 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, as amended (the Act) from Limerick City & County Council (the Applicant) for proposed works relating to a flood relief scheme including riverbank defences, sluice upgrades, road raising, railway raising, floating dock and vegetation clearance in the river channel on the River Maigue, at the village of Adare, County Limerick.

2. Background

The proposed flood relief scheme is located on the River Maigue in Adare, Co. Limerick. The project will be delivered by Limerick City and County Council in conjunction with the Office of Public Works. The Applicant states that *“the Adare Flood Relief Scheme is a critical infrastructure project aimed at mitigating flood risks in the village of Adare”*. The proposed flood defence works will ensure that local flood defences remain effective, sustainable and resilient to climate change into the future.

The floating dock element of the application is associated with the Adare Public Realm Plan (Volume 2 of the Adare Local Area Plan 2024 – 2030). The Applicant states that *“the floating dock intends to provide access to the River Maigue to the public for suitable recreational activities. Part of the public realm enhancement at Turf Quay, access to the quay will be improved with additional parking also proposed. The quay wall at Turf Quay will be removed reverting the quay to its historical height”*.

The proposed Adare Flood Relief Scheme includes works both in the maritime area and on terrestrial land above the High Water Mark. The MAC is sought in relation to parts of the scheme proposed to be located in the maritime area along the River Maigue.

3. Proposed Maritime Usage

The proposed works which are the subject of this application comprise the following:

- Upgrade of existing sluices along the River Maigue at the village of Adare;
- Proposal for a floating dock on piles immediately downstream of Turf Quay (Adare/Pope's Quay);
- A short section of sheet pile wall along the River Maigue bank at Adare Manor;
- Embankment raising adjacent to St. Nicholas's Church;
- Road raising at the N21, and;
- Coppicing of willows and vegetation on the riverside of the Turf Quay wall.

The proposed project will require temporary works within the maritime area in the River Maigue. The sluice upgrade works will require temporary cofferdams, and the proposed floating dock will require piling operations to anchor the dock.

The Applicant has not provided a specific duration for the proposed maritime usage. The Applicant cites the use of BS 4449: 2005 for the design of high yield reinforcement and IS EN 206: 2013 for concrete design with respect to the design of sheet piles for the construction of sluices. The Applicant states that *“sluices will be designed for a design life of 50+ years with regular maintenance and repairs as required”*.

Furthermore, the Applicant cites BS 6349 - 3:2013 and the Yacht Harbour Associations - Code of Practice for Marinas in relation to the design of the floating dock. The floating dock will have an estimated design life of between 10 years and in excess of 50 years. The Applicant states that the *“average life expectancy of a floating dock/pontoon is dependant on a number of factors including material of dock, maintenance and water conditions”*.

The MAC area sought by the Applicant in the original application to MARA was 4,520.4m². The MAC area sought was revised as follows:

- Request for Additional Information dated 29 October 2025. Response received on 03 December 2025.

The Applicant divided the MAC area sought into multiple smaller areas to accommodate works at various locations throughout the maritime area. These smaller areas were labelled A – H by the Applicant. Some of these areas have been highlighted as *Temporary Working Areas* by the Applicant.

Exclusion of privately owned Freehold Land, which the original MAC area traversed.

Minor changes made to the mapping by the Applicant in accordance with MARA GIS Guidance.

The MAC area sought by the Applicant under this response is illustrated in Figure 1.

- Request for Additional Information dated 19 December 2025. Response received on 02 January 2026.

The Applicant confirmed that *the terrestrial boundary for each of the MAC Areas A to H is proposed to be the High Water Mark*.

The proposed MAC area following this Request for Additional Information is 3,794.39m². This is illustrated in the Proposed MAC Maps (Figure 2 – Figure 4) in Section 7.

The following project timelines have been estimated by Limerick & City County Council:

<i>Planning/Development Consent</i>	<i>22 February 2024 to 02 March 2027</i>
<i>Detailed Design</i>	<i>03 March 2027 to 27 July 2027</i>
<i>Contract Documents Preparation & Procurement</i>	<i>14 July 2027 to 16 November 2027</i>
<i>Tender Stage</i>	<i>21 September 2027 to 16 November 2027</i>
<i>Construction Stage</i>	<i>January 2028 to 16 January 2030</i>
<i>Operation / Rehabilitation / Decommissioning</i>	<i>Post Q4 2027</i>

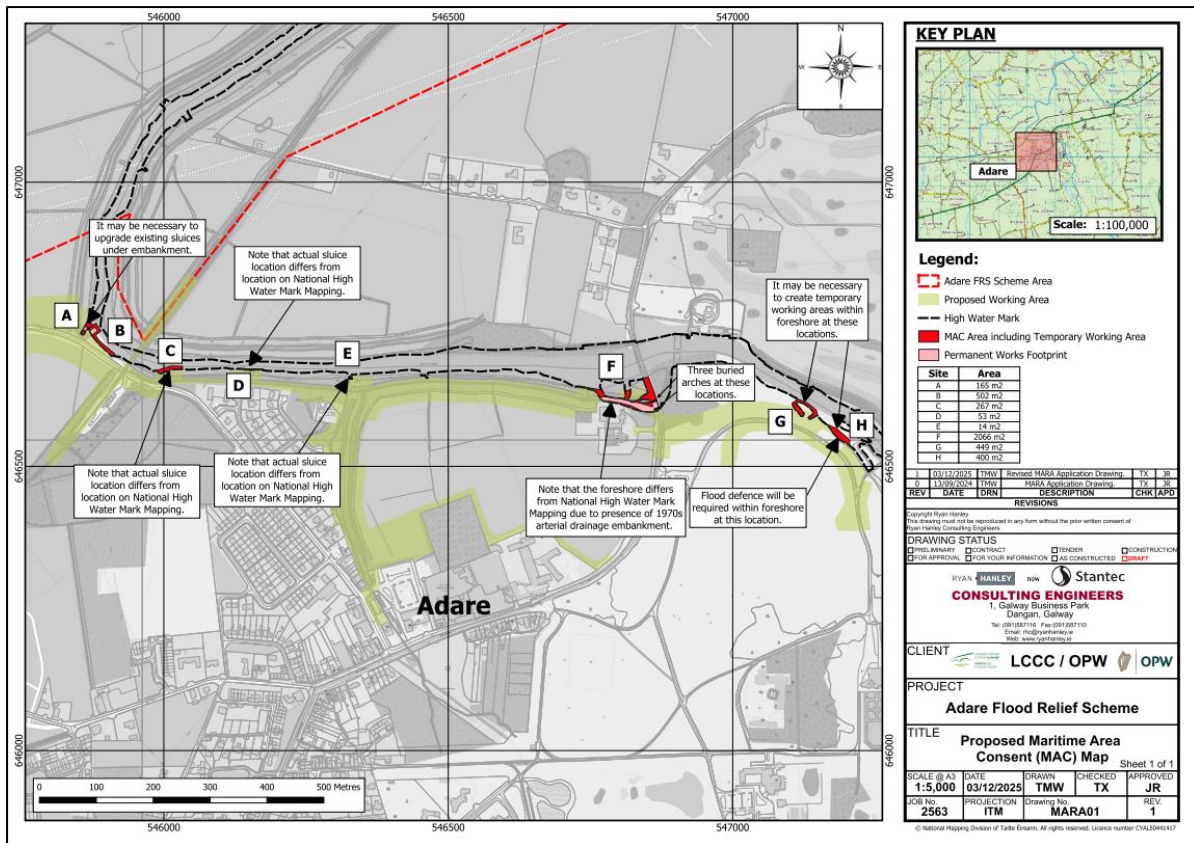


Figure 1 – Applicant map of proposed layout of MAC area at Adare, Co. Limerick

4. Site Visit

Joseph McCarthy, Chartered Engineer and Director at McCarthy Browne visited the site on behalf of MARA on 30 October 2025. The existing neighbouring land usage is primarily rural with some adjacent residential and public realm usages.

With reference to Figure 1, areas B – F were publicly accessible. Area B is accessed from an existing quay wall and areas C – F are accessible from a public walkway atop of an established flood embankment. Access to Area A was restricted by an embankment slope and existing headwall. Areas G and H are accessed through private lands.

No existing infrastructure or occupation, which would conflict with the proposed maritime usage, was noted within the proposed MAC area.



Photograph 1 – Area A of proposed MAC area; Northwest of Turf Quay looking north [JMC 30 October 2025]



Photograph 2 – Area B of proposed MAC area; Turf Quay looking northwest [JMC 30 October 2025]



Photograph 3 – Area B of proposed MAC area; looking north [JMC 30 October 2025]



Photograph 4 – Area C of proposed MAC area; looking east [JMC 30 October 2025]



Photograph 5 – Area E of proposed MAC area; looking east [JMC 30 October 2025]



Photograph 6 – Area G of proposed MAC area; looking north at bridge [JMC 30 October 2025]



Photograph 7 – Area G of proposed MAC area; looking north [JMC 30 October 2025]



Photograph 8 – Area I of proposed MAC area; looking east [JMC 30 October 2025]



Photograph 9 – Area I of proposed MAC area; looking west [JMC 30 October 2025]



Photograph 10 – Area I of proposed MAC area; Tributary stream to River Maigue [JMC 30 October 2025]

5. Review of Legislation & Associated Consents

5.1 Applicable Provisions of the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2021 as amended (the Act)

Under the Act, MARA has responsibility for granting MACs.

Schedule 3 and Schedule 4 of the Act specifies maritime usages for which a MAC is not required, including where the proposed maritime usage falls under the remit of another enactment, is navigation or fishing, is a licensable activity under Schedule 7 or where the activity is to be undertaken on private

land. The proposed maritime usage is not considered to fall under those listed under Schedule 3 or 4 of the Act.

The Applicant has stated that the proposed maritime usage and the subject of this application requires development permission. In accordance with Section 75(1) of the Act, a MAC is required before an application for development permission can be lodged with the relevant consent authority.

Accordingly, the subject of this application is considered to fall under Section 75(1) of the Act.

5.2 Existing Consents & Authorisations

A search of the MARA's GIS database was undertaken on 28 October 2025 and 29 January 2026 for spatial overlap between the proposed MAC areas and existing foreshore authorisations and MARA licences and consents.

The proposed MAC area does not overlap with any existing MACs or Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) or applications for the same.

The application does not overlap with any existing foreshore authorisations.

The Marine Institute's Ireland's Marine Atlas database¹ was searched on 28 October 2025 and 29 January 2026 for spatial overlap between the proposed MAC areas and any DAFM foreshore authorisations for aquaculture sites. No existing foreshore authorisations for aquaculture were identified as overlapping the proposed MAC application area.

In summary, no existing MACs, Maritime Usage Licences, foreshore authorisations, including those for aquaculture, or applications for the same were identified as overlapping the proposed MAC application areas.

5.3 Development Permission

Limerick City & County Council have stated that the proposed works require development permission. The Applicant indicated that they intend to apply for development permission should they be successful in obtaining a MAC for the proposed project. No application for development permission has been made in advance of seeking a MAC from MARA.

Owing to the nature and scale of the proposed works, it is considered reasonable that the MAC Holder (if successful in obtaining a MAC) should submit a valid application for development consent to the relevant planning authority within 18 months of issuance of a MAC.

5.4 Ownership

A search was undertaken of the Land Registry on 28 October 2025 and 29 January 2026 for any document granting or affecting rights to land in order to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest with the MAC area being applied for as outlined in the proposed MAC Map.

No conflicts of interest affecting the proposed MAC area were identified.

6. Assessment

6.1 Schedule 5

The MAC application was submitted on 06 December 2024 with the appropriate fee paid on 21 February 2025 and reviewed for completeness on 04 March 2025. The application was deemed complete by MARA on 04 March 2025.

Requests for additional information were issued on 29 October 2025, 19 December 2025 and 19 January 2026 under section 79(3) of the Act and associated responses received relating to matters for general and technical assessment on 03 December 2025, 02 January 2026 and 05 February 2026.

Schedule 5 of the Act sets out the criteria to which MARA must have regard when assessing a MAC application. This report sets out the assessment undertaken pursuant to Section 5 of the Act. The assessment is summarised in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Synopsis of the assessment of the application with regard to the requirements of Schedule 5

Schedule 5 Requirements		Synopsis	Assessment
1.	The nature, scope and duration of the occupation of the maritime area concerned for the purposes of the proposed maritime usage.	<p>Details of the proposed maritime usage, including the nature and scope are described in Sections 3 & 4 above.</p> <p>The Applicant has not sought a particular duration for the MAC. The proposed development includes various structures including a floating dock, sheet pile walls and sluices in the maritime area. The design lifetime of the floating dock is cited between 10 and 50+ years, while the sheet piles and sluices are cited to have a design life of 50+ years. It is considered that a design life for these structures of circa 50 years, with proper maintenance and repair, could be achievable and is reasonable. Accordingly, a MAC term of 55 years based on the potential design life of the structures (and allowing for planning, construction and rehabilitation/decommissioning phases) is recommended.</p> <p>The proposed maritime usage is considered satisfactory, having regard to the nature, scope and duration.</p>	Satisfactory
2.	Whether the proposed maritime usage is in the public interest.	<p>The Applicant has stated that the proposed project aligns with the following policies;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Climate Action Plan (CAP 2023)</i>; - <i>Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act, 2021</i>; - <i>European Union Flood Directive (Directive 2007/60/EC)</i>; - <i>Directive 2014/89/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014</i>; - <i>Article 6 of the Directive 2014/89/EU</i>; and - <i>Article 9: Public Participation of the Directive 2014/89/EU</i>. 	Satisfactory

		<p>In the request for additional information response dated 05 February 2026, the Applicant stated there is a public use element to the proposed project as <i>“The main objective of the Adare FRS is to provide flood relief to the village of Adare which will benefit the local community and businesses. The Adare FRS also includes public use elements within and outside of the foreshore. The Adare FRS will reinstate the river walkway atop the existing River Maigue embankment on the upgraded embankment.”</i> and <i>“The walkway is a key public realm asset for Adare and will remain to be so post construction of the Adare FRS. Adare FRS proposes to introduce a gangway and floating dock immediately downstream of Turf Quay (also known as Pope’s Quay and Adare Quay). The floating dock intends to provide access to the River Maigue to the public for suitable recreational activities. part of the public realm enhancement at Turf Quay, access to the quay will be improved with additional parking also proposed. The quay wall at Turf Quay will be removed reverting the quay to its historical height. Overall, the Adare FRS proposes to significantly enhance the public realm value of Turf Quay.”</i> and <i>“The project will improve access at Turf Quay”.</i></p> <p>It is considered that access restrictions are likely to occur during the construction phase of the proposed works which may affect the public use of the existing river walkway atop the flood embankment, Turf Quay area and adjacent infrastructure. It is considered appropriate that the Local Authority provides sufficient advance notification of any planned temporary restrictions or closures. It is recommended that a condition is included in the MAC requiring the holder to undertaken public engagement in advance of undertaking the permitted maritime usage. Refer to Section 9 for further details</p> <p>Having regard to the above it considered that the propose maritime usage is within the public interest.</p>																													
3.	The location and spatial extent of the occupation of the maritime area concerned for the purposes of the proposed maritime usage.	<p>The total area proposed occupied by the MAC is 3,794.39m², comprising MAC Areas A – H as tabulated below and as illustrated in Figure 2, Figure 3 and Figure 4 (Proposed MAC Maps) in Section 7. Details of the location, relevant consents, ownership and development permissions are provided in Sections 2 to 5 above. Based on the searches and site visit undertaken, nothing was identified that would preclude the granting of a MAC in the proposed area.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="619 1659 1054 2018"> <thead> <tr> <th>Map Identifier</th> <th>Area – m²</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Area A_1</td> <td>36.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area A_2</td> <td>37.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area A_3</td> <td>90.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area B_1</td> <td>101.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area B_2</td> <td>400.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area C</td> <td>266.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area D</td> <td>53.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area E</td> <td>14.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area F_1</td> <td>11.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area F_2</td> <td>961.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area F_3</td> <td>193.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area F_4</td> <td>128.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area F_5</td> <td>650.24</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Map Identifier	Area – m ²	Area A_1	36.19	Area A_2	37.60	Area A_3	90.74	Area B_1	101.91	Area B_2	400.51	Area C	266.85	Area D	53.18	Area E	14.07	Area F_1	11.04	Area F_2	961.44	Area F_3	193.56	Area F_4	128.67	Area F_5	650.24	Satisfactory
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		Accordingly, the proposed maritime usage is considered satisfactory, having regard to the location(s) and spatial extent of the occupation.							
4.	Guidelines issued under Section 7 which are relevant to the proposed maritime usage.	No such guidelines have been published to date.	Not applicable						
5.	Whether the Applicant is a fit and proper person (within the meaning of Schedule 2) to be granted a MAC, both at the time the application is made and at the time that the MAC application concerned is determined by the MARA.	In accordance with <i>S.I. No. 467/2025 - Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (Fit and Proper Person) Order 2025</i> , Limerick City & County Council has been declared as a fit and proper person to be granted and to hold any MAC in accordance with Section 90(1)(b) of the Act.	Satisfactory						
6.	Whether the Applicant is tax compliant, both at the time the application is made and at the time that the MAC application concerned is determined by the MARA.	The Applicant submitted Tax Registration Number and Tax Clearance Access Number (TCAN) which was used to view the Applicant's tax clearance certificate. Based on the review of the tax clearance certificate, the Applicant is considered tax compliant.	Satisfactory						
7.	In the case of any maritime usage relating to offshore renewable energy (within the meaning of section 100), the consistency of the MAC application concerned with the development plans of the transmission system operator (within the meaning of section 100).	Not applicable	Not Applicable						

8.	The National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF).	<p>Based on a review of the application, MARA has had regard to the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF) and it is considered that the proposed project aligns with the overall objectives of the NMPF, including the tourism, economic and social objectives set out therein.</p> <p>It is considered that the proposed project aligns with the following economic, social and key sectoral policy objectives of the NMPF: -</p> <p>Infrastructure Policy 1 - <i>Appropriate land-based infrastructure which facilitates marine activity (and vice versa) should be supported. Proposals for appropriate infrastructure that facilitates the diversification or regeneration of marine industries should be supported.</i></p> <p>Co-existence Policy 1 - <i>Proposals should demonstrate that they have considered how to optimise the use of space, including through consideration of opportunities for co-existence and co-operation with other activities, enhancing other activities where appropriate.</i></p> <p>Social Benefits Policy 1 - <i>Proposals that enhance or promote social benefits should be supported. Proposals unable to enhance or promote social benefits should demonstrate that they will, in order of preference:</i></p> <p>a) <i>minimise, or</i> b) <i>mitigate</i></p> <p><i>significant adverse impacts which result in the displacement of other existing or authorised (but yet to be implemented) activities that generate social benefits.</i></p> <p>Social Benefits Policy 2 - <i>Proposals that increase the understanding and enjoyment of the marine environment (including its natural, historic and social value), or that promote conservation management and increased education and skills, should be supported.</i></p> <p>Access Policy 1 - <i>Proposals, including in relation to tourism and recreation, should demonstrate that they will, in order of preference:</i></p> <p>a) <i>avoid,</i> c) <i>minimise or</i> c) <i>mitigate significant adverse impacts on public access.</i></p> <p>Tourism Policy 1 - <i>Where appropriate, proposals enabling, promoting or facilitating sustainable tourism and recreation activities, particularly where this creates diversification or additional utilisation of related facilities beyond typical usage patterns, should be supported.</i></p> <p>In the application, the Applicant states that the proposed project is consistent with the environmental objectives of the NMPF.</p> <p>The proposed works constitute development which require planning permission and environmental assessment of the proposed maritime usage, which is undertaken at development permission stage by the relevant planning authority. This above assessment does not prejudice any consideration and determination that the relevant Planning Authority may make in relation to the NMPF when considering the Planning Application for this development.</p>	Satisfactory
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		Based on the above, MARA is satisfied that the proposed works align with the above overall objectives and policy objectives of the NMPF.	
9.	The extent and nature of the preparatory work already undertaken by the Applicant towards ensuring the efficacious undertaking of the proposed maritime usage the subject of the MAC application concerned should the Applicant be granted a MAC in respect of such usage.	<p>The Applicant has undertaken the following site investigation and assessments as part of their preparatory work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ground Investigation Survey, 2. Bat Assessment, 3. Winter Bird Survey Report, 4. Terrestrial Ecology Survey Report, 5. Otter Survey Report, 6. Invasive Species Survey, and 7. Hydrological Analysis. <p>Having regard to the above, the extent of the preparatory works undertaken are considered acceptable for a project of this scale and nature.</p>	Satisfactory
10.	The extent and nature of stakeholder engagement undertaken by the Applicant in respect of the proposed maritime usage.	<p>The Applicant stated that <i>“The interested and affected parties and members of the public were notified and engaged of the development. The public participation procedure followed is outlined in the options report. The public participation procedure, material and responses are attached to this application for reference. See project website: https://adarefrs.ie/”</i> and <i>“Summary of Public and Stakeholders Engagement: 1. Opening Public Participation – March 2023, 2. Public Participation for Options Assessment- Nov/Dec 2023, and 3. Emerging Scheme Public Participation- May/ June 2024.”</i></p> <p>Having regard to the above, the extent and nature of the stakeholder engagement undertaken is therefore considered acceptable for a project of this scale and nature.</p>	Satisfactory
11.	Where a competitive process referred to in section 93 or 103 is used, the outcome of such process.	Not applicable	Not applicable
12.	Any additional criteria specified, for the purposes of this paragraph, in regulations made under section 80(2).	No such regulations have been made to date.	Not applicable

6.2 Rehabilitation Schedule

Under Section 96(1) of the Act, it is required that the holder of a MAC shall, before the expiration of the MAC, rehabilitate that part of the maritime area the subject of the MAC.

In accordance with Section 75(5) of the Act, as for MAC applications made to MARA on the basis of Section 75(1) of the Act, the Applicant is required to attach a Rehabilitation Schedule to their associated application for development permission.

6.3 Section 83 – Nature of Use

Section 83(1) of the Act requires MARA in the granting of a MAC to specify whether the specific part of the maritime area the subject of that MAC is for exclusive use or not. Section 83(1) provides MARA discretion and flexibility to specify the nature of the use (i.e. exclusive, non-exclusive or may/may not be exclusive).

The Applicant has sought that the MAC be granted on a may or may not be exclusive basis. Limerick City & County Council stated that *“The nature of the works will require any future works by any party other than Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) to engage with with LCCC and OPW prior to carrying out any works within the foreshore extent of this MAC application. LCCC may allow some works within the MAC area provided they do not impact the Adare Flood Relief Scheme.”*

Having regard to the nature and lifecycle of the proposed maritime usage the subject of this application, it is reasonably foreseeable that Limerick City & County Council may be required to exclude access to parts of the MAC area on a temporary basis. For example, during construction, maintenance, decommissioning and rehabilitation phases for health and safety reasons. Such temporary/short-term exclusions may be mandated by the planning authority or other authorities or legislation for specific purposes and durations. In this instance, it is considered that granting of exclusive use for the full term of the MAC is not merited, particularly having regard to co-existence and co-operation objectives of the NMPF. It is considered that exclusive use should only be permitted where use on an exclusive basis is required and provided for under another authorisation or enactment. Accordingly, it is recommended that the MAC is granted on a “may or may not be exclusive” basis contingent on circumstances that may arise after the granting of the MAC” in accordance with Section 83(1)(c) of the Act.

7. Proposed MAC Map (for Illustration purposes only)

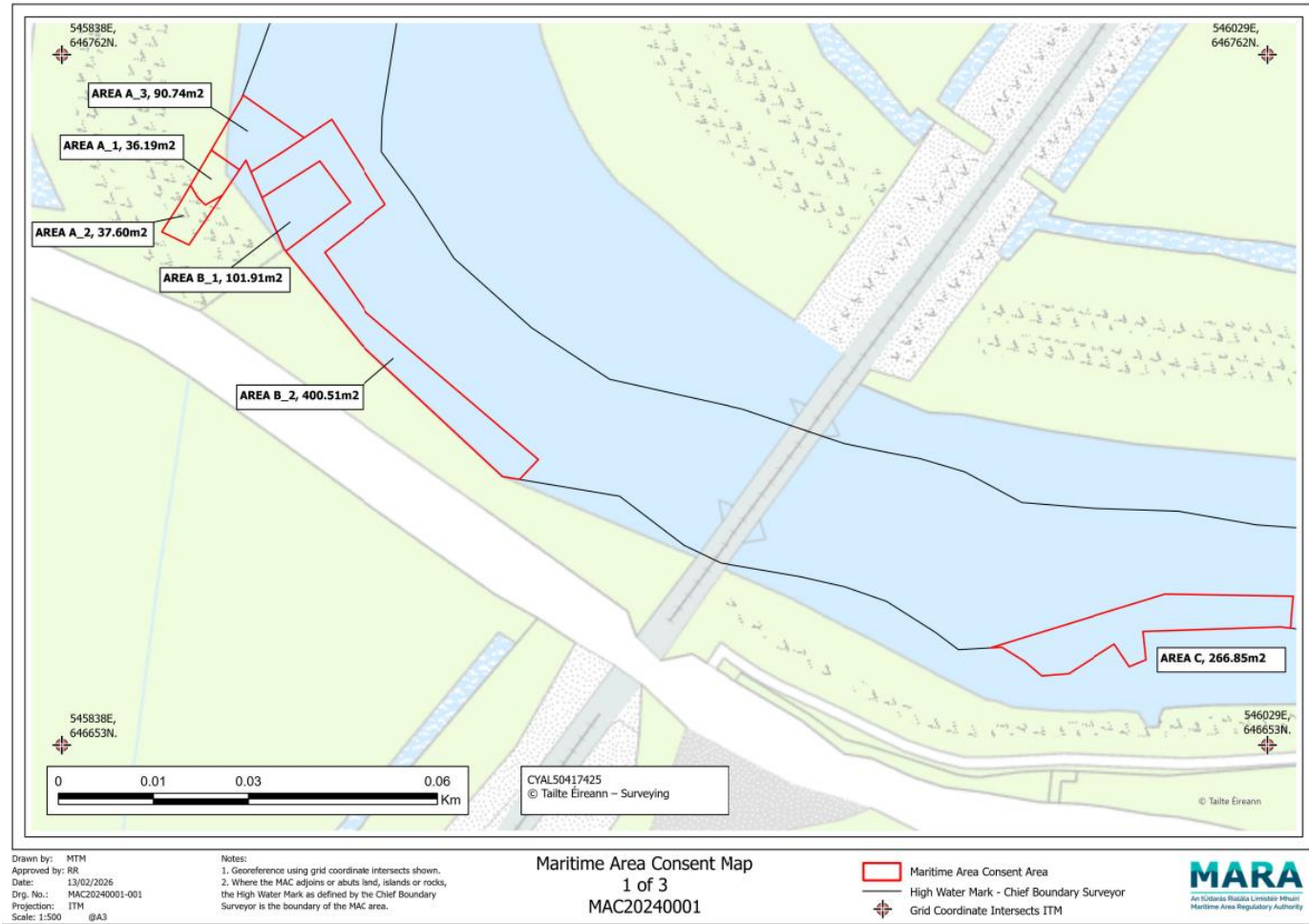
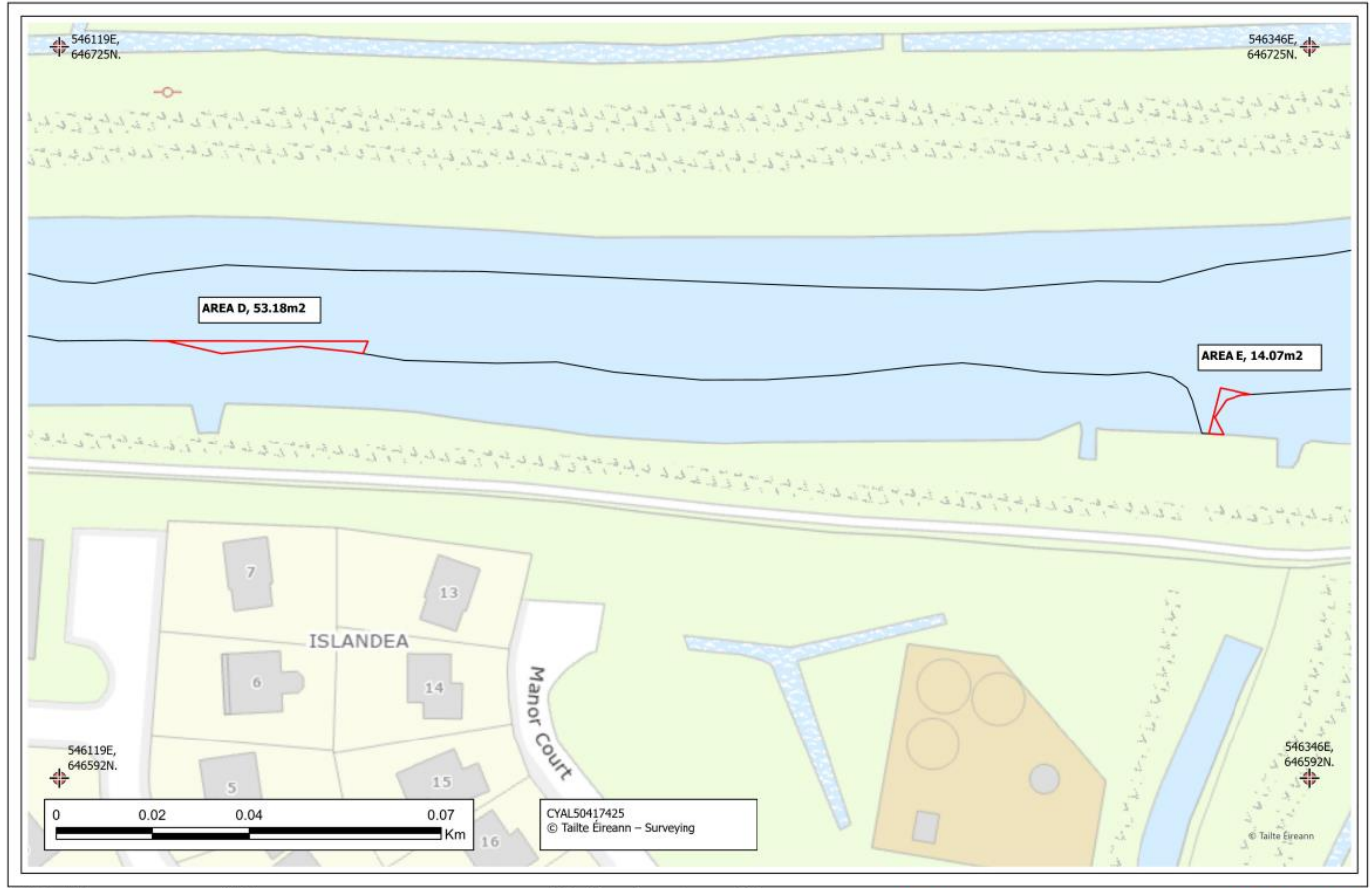


Figure 2 – Proposed MAC Map 1 of 3



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 Projection: ITM
 Scale: 1:600 @A3

Notes:
 1. Georeference using grid coordinate Intersects shown.
 2. Where the MAC adjoins or abuts land, islands or rocks, the High Water Mark as defined by the Chief Boundary Surveyor is the boundary of the MAC area.

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 Maritime Area Consent Area
 High Water Mark - Chief Boundary Surveyor
 Grid Coordinate Intersects ITM



Figure 3 – Proposed MAC Map 2 of 3

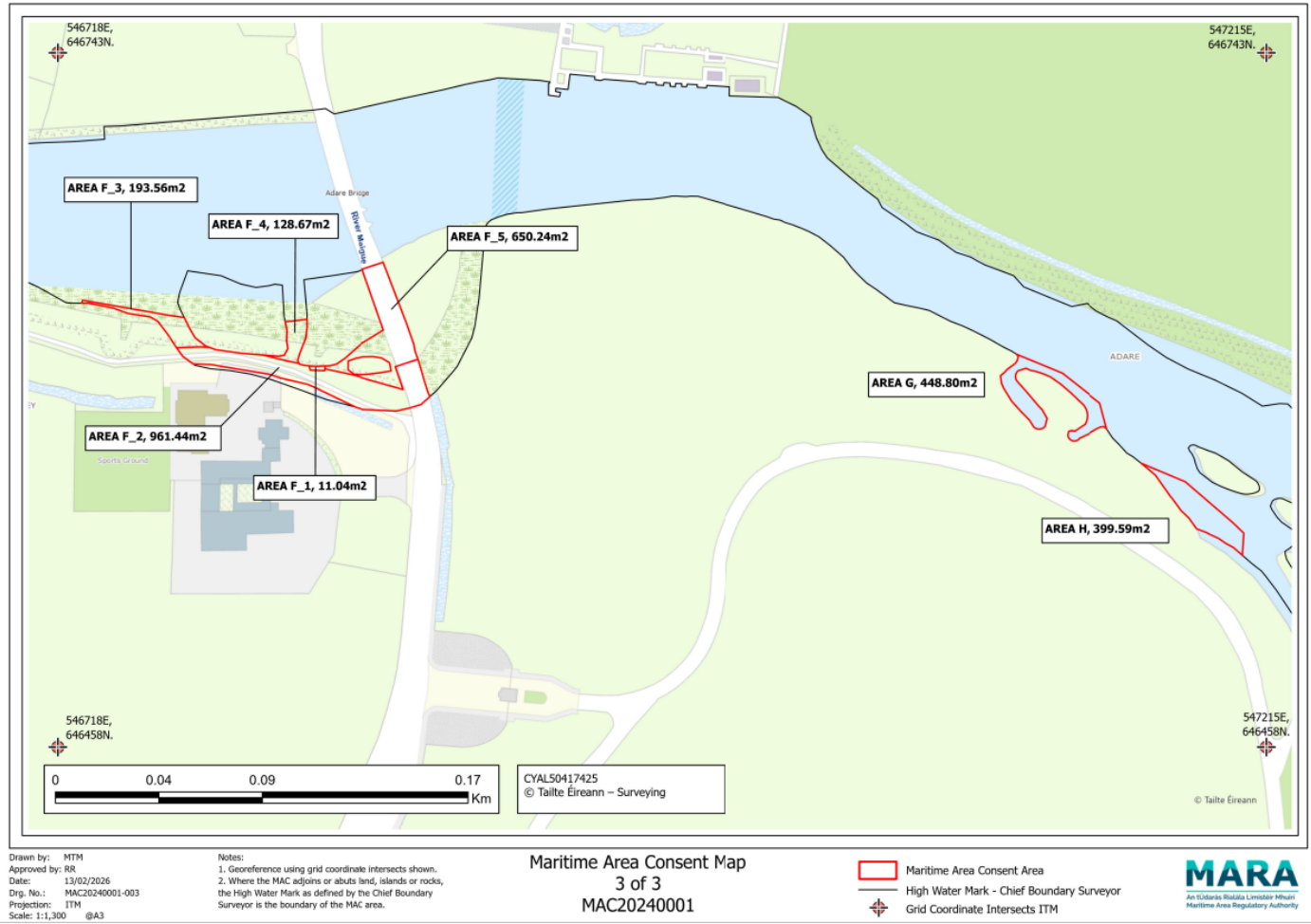


Figure 4 – Proposed MAC Map 3 of 3

8. Levy

An annual MAC levy has been calculated based on the project type and proposed MAC area in accordance with MARA's MAC levy framework, as set out below.

MAPA Levy Framework Part:	Nearshore
Category/Class:	Development – non commercial
Tier:	Tier 4
Applicable Rate:	Base Annual Charge of €214.09 plus an add on of €0.2007 per sq.m for area in excess of 100 sq.m
Length or Area:	3,794.39m ²
Calculation:	€214.09 + (€0.2007 * (3,794.39 - 100.00))
Levy due:	€955.55

The MAC levy has been calculated as €955.55 per annum. All levies are indexed to the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), applied on an annual basis.

9. Discussion

Based on the assessments undertaken contained herein, it is considered that the proposed MAC application complies with all the necessary requirements of Schedule 5 of the Act, where relevant and appropriate, subject to the following recommended terms and conditions:

a. Terms

MAC Term:	55 Years
Consent Area:	That part of the maritime area marked red on the MAC Map.
MAC Map Title:	Maritime Area Consent Map 1 of 3 – MAC20240001; Drawing Number; MAC20240001-001; Date; 13/02/2026 Maritime Area Consent Map 2 of 3 – MAC20240001; Drawing Number; MAC20240001-002; Date; 13/02/2026 Maritime Area Consent Map 3 of 3 – MAC20240001; Drawing Number; MAC20240001-003; Date; 13/02/2026

Permitted Maritime Usage:	The construction, use, operation and maintenance of a flood relief scheme and floating dock including all associated decommissioning, demolition, rehabilitation, and any other works required on foot of any development permission relating to the infrastructure.
Nature of Usage:	May or May Not be Exclusive
Date by which application for Development Permission must be submitted:	18 months from date of grant of MAC.
The minimum number of days in which the MAC Holder shall provide the Grantor advance notice in writing of the Holder's intention to commence the Permitted Maritime Usage.	14 Days

b. Conditions and Reasons for Conditions

Section 82 of the Act specifies that MARA may attach to a MAC one or more conditions which fall within the types of conditions specified in Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Act. All conditions contained in Schedule 6; Part 2 are deemed to be attached to a MAC.

The standard suite of MARA conditions reflecting the contractual and statutory relationship that will exist with a grant of consent are also recommended. Reasons for these conditions are set out in the enclosed Section 81(7)(b) Minded to Notice.

Following assessment of this MAC application, a number of additional specific conditions and the reasons for these conditions to be attached to the MAC, are recommended below. Discussion in relation to each recommended condition is also provided.

Condition 23 Public Engagement Plan

- In the event of a grant of planning permission, the Holder shall 6 weeks prior to the commencement of the development, submit to the Grantor, a public and stakeholder engagement plan. This engagement plan shall ensure it complies with all the relevant planning particulars, and any relevant Best Practice Guidance if available, and shall at a minimum address the following topics;
 - Stakeholder Identification;
 - Engagement principles;

- Scope of engagement;
- Engagement methods and tools;
- Engagement Schedule;
- Communication Plan;
- Monitoring and evaluation and adaption of engagement plan;
- Issue management, and;
- Documentation and record keeping.

The engagement plan shall be published, maintained, updated and adhered to, ensuring there is public and stakeholder engagement at the earliest stage possible, and continuing during all phases of the proposed maritime usage for the duration of the MAC term.

Reason: To enable the Grantor to request the Holder to communicate information that the Grantor deems relevant to the public.

It is considered that the application for a MAC complies with all the requirements of Part 4 of the Act, with particular regard to Schedule 5 criteria. Accordingly, it is recommended that the proposed MAC is granted with conditions.

10. Conclusion & Recommendation

Following a detailed assessment of all information on file, it is considered that the proposal complies with all the necessary requirements. Accordingly, it is recommended to issue a Section 81(7)(b) Minded to Notice, as enclosed, informing the Applicant(s) that MARA is minded to grant a Maritime Area Consent subject to the proposed conditions attached to the MAC. It is recommended to allow the Applicant(s) 21 days from the date of issue of the Minded to Notice to submit supplementary material in relation to the reasons for the conditions as per Section 81(7)(b)(ii).

Once a final determination is made by MARA, the Applicant(s) will be notified and MARA will publish a notice on its website as soon as practicable thereafter.

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