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Your Ref: MUL230026

Request for Observations MUL230026– Wicklow County Council, to undertake maintenance dredging within Wicklow Port

Dear Licence Authorisation Team,

I refer to your correspondence dated 16th January 2026 requesting comments from the Agency on the Maritime Usage Licence application for the above referenced activities. The Agency makes the following observations.

Wicklow County Council submitted a Dumping at Sea permit application to the Agency on 19th April 2024 for the loading and dumping of dredged material arising from the maintenance dredging within Wicklow Harbour. It is proposed to dump a maximum tonnage of 810,000 tonnes (wet weight) of dredged material over the lifetime of permit (to 31st December 2034) at a proposed new dumping site, located approximately 8.5 km north of Wicklow Harbour.

The application documents were received from the applicant between the 19th of April 2024 and the 15th of January 2026. These documents can be viewed on the EPA website under Reg. No. S0037-01 at this link: <https://leap.epa.ie/licence-profile/S0037/versions/e27f243d-4dfe-ee11-a31c-0050568a66b2> . This application is under assessment by the Agency in accordance with the requirements of the Dumping at Sea Act 1996, as amended.

Wicklow County Council does not hold any active Dumping at Sea permits.

The Agency would further advise that in considering and deciding on the maritime usage application that the proposed activity should not result in a contravention of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC, Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, Birds Directive 2009/147/EC, Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC, Bathing Water Directive 73/160/EEC or Environmental Liabilities Directive 2004/35/EC.

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Kind regards,
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Sent: Friday 16 January 2026 09:47
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Dear Colleagues,

Please see the attached request for public body observations in respect of MUL230026 Wicklow County Council.

Kind regards,

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