

**Minded to Determine Notice -
Section 119(6)(b) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021**

To: Seatec, Verversrui 15, Antwerpen, Belgium
Re: **Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 - Application for a Maritime Usage Licence**
Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) Reference: MUL230036

Date: 26/06/2026

By Email only: mmorenoda@gmail.com

Dear Applicant,

Section 119(6)(b) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (the Act) provides that where the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) is minded to refuse a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL), MARA shall give a notice to the applicant with the reasons why it is so minded.

Section 119(6)(b) further provides that the applicant may provide supplementary material in relation to the reasons for further consideration before MARA makes a final determination on the application for the MUL.

Pursuant to Section 119(6)(b) of the Act, MARA hereby gives notice to Seatec that MARA is minded to refuse the above licence for the following reasons:

- 1) The proposed maritime usage does not support Heritage Assets Policy 1 of the National Marine Planning Framework.
- 2) The potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage on Descriptors 1, 3 and 11 of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive could not be adequately assessed.

- 3) MARA was unable to carry out screening for appropriate assessment in respect of the proposed maritime usage in accordance with its legal obligations under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, as the applicant has not provided all the information MARA reasonably considers necessary to determine the application.

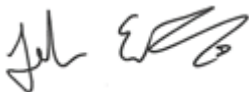
You may provide supplementary material in relation to these reasons only, which MARA will consider before making a final determination on the licence application.

Any supplementary material must be furnished to MARA at licence@mara.gov.ie by the 17/07/2026 at the latest. MARA will not accept any supplementary material after this date.

Where you do not wish to provide such supplementary material to MARA, please confirm same to licence@mara.gov.ie at your earliest convenience. This confirmation will enable MARA to advance to final determination.

For the avoidance of doubt, no decision to refuse the licence shall be considered to have been made until MARA makes a final determination on the licence application.

Yours faithfully,



John Evans

Director of Maritime Usage Licensing