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**Subject:** RE Request for Observations for MUL240011 Application response to Mara  
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## **Without Prejudice**

Dear Ms Staunton,

I refer to your below e-mail, dated 2nd December 2025, in relation an application submitted by Bremore Ireland Port Designated Activity Company (BIPDAC) for a Maritime Usage Licence to carry out environmental surveys for site investigations to inform the location and design of a proposed port infrastructure. The site investigations will take place north of Balbriggan, spanning the border of County Meath and Dublin, Gormanston Bay Beach and Knocknagin Bay Beach.

I wish to advise at the outset that any determination in relation to a planning consent is solely a matter for the planning authorities and/or ABP, as appropriate. Therefore, the following observations are made on a non-prejudicial basis, and are not intended to be used to rely on for a prospective planning application, nor are these observations to be relied on in the event of any commercial transaction pertaining to such lands and they are not to be relied on in the event of any contract exchange pertaining to same.

As a matter of practice, the Department of Defence does not provide observations or advice in the scoping process, except where the relevant parties have been directed by a planning authority to seek the Department's views.

Having consulted with the Military authorities, the Department of Defence wishes to make the following observations:

- The Irish Defence Forces reserves the right to activate military danger area EI D1 at any time. Warning of activation is carried out by NOTAM through AirNav Ireland. Access to the area within EI D1 boundary on land and water will be restricted.

Nothing in the above observations shall be taken as a binding response by the Minister for Defence in the event that a planning application is made. The Minister reserves the right to comment on an actual planning application as and when it is submitted in accordance with the provisions of the planning regulatory code.

We would appreciate if you could keep us informed on any progress relating to this proposed development.

Kind Regards

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**An Roinn Cosanta**

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