

Maritime Usage Licence – “Minded To” Determine Case Worker Report	
To	John Evans, MULPA Director
From and reviewed by	Joanne Staunton, Licensing Caseworker
Date	16/03/2026
Maritime Usage Licence Application:	
Applicant Name	Uisce Éireann
Applicant Address	Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Mountjoy, Dublin
Application Received	01/09/2025
MUL Reference Number	MUL250013
Decision sought	<p>Approval sought for issuance of notice to the Applicant in accordance with Section 119(6)(b) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, to inform that:</p> <p>The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) is minded to GRANT a Maritime Usage Licence in respect of their application and the reasons why MARA is so minded.</p>
Description of works	To undertake marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation in accordance with Schedule 7(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (the MAP Act). The information gleaned from the proposed maritime usage will inform and support the Greater Dublin Drainage project in its aim to upgrade and provide additional wastewater infrastructure for the Greater Dublin Area.
Term of Licence	5 Years from the MUL Commencement Date
Schedule 7 activity	7(3) Marine environmental survey (site investigation)
Documents submitted with application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maritime Usage Map & GIS Shape files <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Maps & Drawings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Assessment Screening Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species Report <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance with Objectives of National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF) <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance with Objectives of Water Framework Directive (WFD) <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance with Objectives of Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natura Impact Statement (NIS) Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: AIMU report, UWN Modelling (Subsea Noise Technical Report), Project Description

Section 117(3) notice issued: Request for Additional Information -RAI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Not required	
1st RAI	Issued: 24/10/2025	Received: 17/11/2025
<p>Document(s) submitted: Clarification on the overall purpose of the surveys for the purpose of site investigation and whether the other Schedule 7 usages listed in Section 2.2 of the Application Form are ancillary to site investigations or are for a purpose other than site Investigations: Clarification on if a derogation licence is required.</p>		

Screening Assessment:	
Screening for EIA: Section 117(5)(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening for EIA: NOT REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> Screening for EIA: REQUIRED Date of Report: No date on report Signed by Suzanne Wylde on 11/11/2025 Approved by John Evans on 19/11/2025
Screening for Appropriate Assessment: Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screened IN <input type="checkbox"/> Screened OUT Date of AA Screening Report & Determination: 12/11/2025 Signed by Suzanne Wylde on 12/11/2025 Approved by John Evans on 19/11/2025
If SCREENED IN: Was NIS/updated NIS requested in accordance with Section 117(6)(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: New NIS requested <input type="checkbox"/> YES: Updated NIS requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Required. NIS submitted with Application.
AA Screening Report and Determination published on MARA website:	Date: 21/11/2025 Comment: The reports were issued to Comms on 20/11/2025 for uploading however the upload date through word press differs due to the new website transition.
Public Consultation – relevant where SCREENED IN	
Date of public consultation: Section 117(6)(b)	Date starts: 23/01/2026 Date ends: 23/02/2026
Local Newspaper Name	The Herald Newspaper
Local Newspaper Publication Date	23/01/2026
National Newspaper Name	The Irish Independent Newspaper
National Newspaper Publication Date	23/01/2026
Date public consultation published on MARA website	23/01/2026
Submissions from public received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 1 <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Referral to Public Bodies:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Parks and Wildlife Service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Institute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bord Iascaigh Mhara <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sea Fisheries Protection Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inland Fisheries Ireland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Protection Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner for Irish Lights <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Transport - Marine Survey Office <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Monuments Service and Dept. of Housing, Local Government & Heritage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geological Survey of Ireland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Climate, Energy & the Environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Local Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Port Company <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Date of Referral to Public Bodies	14/10/2025
Observations from Public Bodies received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 7 (BIM submitted twice) <input type="checkbox"/> NO
MUL Assessment Report/Proposed Licence:	
Final MUL Assessment Report <i>includes AA Report & Determination</i>	Date of final report: 16/03/2026 Signed by Tom Manning on 16/03/2026 Approved by John Evans on 16/03/2026
Public Submissions taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Public Bodies Responses taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Conditions Scrummed (for this application) or amended conditions in this Licence:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Legal advice requested for this application:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal advice was requested, in response to a public submission, on the 26/02/2026. Legal response received on 05/03/2026 <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Mitigation Measure reference in the MUL Assessment Report have been included in the Licence:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is a Derogation Licence from the National Parks and Wildlife Service required:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO • Applicant stated a licence was not required.
Licence Map inserted into Proposed Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Minded to Determination of Licence Application:	
Case Worker Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> PART GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE
Period Specified to Applicant for submission of supplementary material in relation to the reasons for conditions: Section 119(6)(b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21 days <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Signed by (Caseworker) **Joanne Staunton**

Date **16/03/2026**

Annex 1 – List of Accompanying Documents:	
Screening for AA Report & Determination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Final MUL Assessment Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed Minded to Notice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>