



Maritime Usage Licence – “Minded To” Determine Case Worker Report

To	John Evans, MULPA Director
From	Paula O’Toole, Licensing Caseworker
Reviewed by	Joanne Staunton, Licensing Caseworker
Date	16/03/2026

Maritime Usage Licence Application:

Applicant Name	EirGrid PLC
Applicant Address	The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland
Application Received	07/11/2024
MUL Reference Number	MUL240010
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	Site investigation works to inform the engineering design and environmental assessments of a proposed electrical cable circuit crossing Dublin Bay from Blackrock Park to Shellybanks.
Term of Licence	2 Years from the MUL Commencement Date
Schedule 7 activity	7(3) Marine environmental survey (site investigation)
Additional section 7 activity (if applicable)	7(5) Installation of non-permanent platform, pontoon or slipway
Additional section 7 activity (if applicable)	7(6) Deposit of any substance or object on or under the seabed
Additional section 7 activity (if applicable)	7(7) Removal of any substance or object from the seabed
Additional section 7 activity (if applicable)	7(11) Deposit, construction or removal of mooring
Additional section 7 activity (if applicable)	7(12) Removal or disturbance of beach material
Comment:	Schedule 7(5)(6)(7)(11)(12) have been excluded from the Application and will proceed only with Schedule 7(3).
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, Subsea Noise Technical Report,		
Section 117(3) notice issued: Request for Additional Information -RAI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Not required		
1st RAI	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Issued: 16/10/2025</td> <td>Received on 3 different dates: 17/10/2025 and 05 & 06/11/2025</td> </tr> </table>	Issued: 16/10/2025	Received on 3 different dates: 17/10/2025 and 05 & 06/11/2025
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Document(s) submitted: Cover Letter, Response to Item 1, Letter of consent (Dublin Port), Drawings and GIS files and updated AIMU, Annex IV RA, SISAA and UWN.			
2nd RAI	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Issued: 08/12/2025</td> <td>Received: 19/12/2025</td> </tr> </table>	Issued: 08/12/2025	Received: 19/12/2025
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GIS files, updated Maps, Clarification on provision of letters from the other private folio owners and letter of consent (ESB).			
3rd RAI	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Issued: 06/01/2026</td> <td>Received: 07/01/2026</td> </tr> </table>	Issued: 06/01/2026	Received: 07/01/2026
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GIS files and revised Maps			
4th RAI	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Issued: 15/01/2026</td> <td>Received: 15/01/2026</td> </tr> </table>	Issued: 15/01/2026	Received: 15/01/2026
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GIS files			

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: ND Signed by Alison McCarthy on 20/10/2025 Approved by John Evans on 23/10/2025 Received by MUL Team 24/10/2025
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: 23/10/2025 Signed by Alison McCarthy on 23/10/2025 Approved by John Evans on 23/10/2025 Received by MUL 24/10/2025
If SCREENED IN: Was NIS/updated NIS requested in accordance with Section 117(6)(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: New NIS requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Updated NIS requested Date Requested: 24/10/2025 Date Received: 21/11/2025 <input type="checkbox"/> NO: Not Required
AA Screening Report and Determination published on MARA website:	Date: EIA 24/10/2025 Date: SAA 24/10/2025 Comment: Reports required updating and revised versions were uploaded on 14/11/2025 (EIA) and 19/01/2026 (SAA)
Public Consultation – relevant where SCREENED IN	
Date of public consultation: Section 117(6)(b)	Date starts: 22/01/2026 Date ends: 22/02/2026
Local Newspaper Name	Dublin Gazette English and Irish Version
Local Newspaper Publication Date	22/01/2026
National Newspaper Name	Irish Times
National Newspaper Publication Date	22/01/2026
Date public consultation published on MARA website	22/01/2026
Submissions from public received?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: <input checked="" 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	08/10/2025
Observations from Public Bodies received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 6 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
MUL Assessment Report/Proposed Licence:	
Final MUL Assessment Report <i>includes AA Report & Determination</i>	Date of final report: 13/03/2026 Signed by Maria O’Connell and Dr. Ciar O’Tootle on 13/03/2026 Approved by John Evans on 16/03/2026
Public Submissions taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Comments: No submissions received.
Public Bodies Responses taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Conditions Scrummed or amended in the Licence:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 30 was scrummed and agreed on 04/03/2026 Condition 24, reference to Intertidal removed intentionally Condition 28, “geotechnical borehole activities” intentional changed as only this activity is relevant Condition 29, original (iii) removed as not required here Condition 32, new text for this condition, scrummed and agreed on 04/03/2026

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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 states a licence is not required.
Legal advice requested for this application:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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 (Reviewer)

Date

16/03/2026

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