



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

To	John Evans, MUL Director
From	Paula O’Toole , Licensing Caseworker
Reviewed by	Martina Monaghan, Manager MUL Unit
Date	14/04/2026

### Maritime Usage Licence Application:

Applicant Name	Helvick Head Offshore Wind Designated Activity Company
Applicant Address	27 Fitzwilliam St. Lower, Dublin 2, Dublin, D02 KT92, Ireland
Application Received	07/11/2025
MUL Reference Number	MUL250019
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	<i>The proposed site investigation (SI) works are activities required to characterise the physical, biological, and environmental conditions of Maritime Area A - Tonn Nua. The data collected will underpin project design, environmental assessment, and consenting, for any future offshore wind development within Maritime Area A – Tonn Nua</i>
Term of Licence	5 Years from the MUL Commencement Date
Schedule 7 activity	7(3) Marine environmental survey (site investigation)
Additional section 7 activity (if applicable)	Choose an item.
Documents submitted with application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Form</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maritime Usage Map &amp; GIS Shape files</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other Maps &amp; Drawings</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Assessment Screening Report</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species Report</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compliance with Objectives of National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compliance with Objectives of Water Framework Directive (WFD)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compliance with Objectives of Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natura Impact Statement (NIS) Report</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other: Designated Marine Area Plan Compliance, UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act, National Climate</li> </ul>



	Objective Compliance Details, National Biodiversity Action Plan Compliance Details, National or European strategic or policy objectives Compliance Details	
Section 117(3) notice issued: Request for Additional Information -RAI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Not required	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> RAI</b>	Issued: 19/12/2025	Received: 22/01/2026
<b>Document(s) submitted:</b> Full document – Schedule of works		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> RAI</b>	Issued: 30/01/2026	Received: 06/02/2026
<b>Document(s) submitted:</b> Information on Fish and Shellfish Surveys		

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: 08/01/2026 Signed by Alison McCarthy on 10/12/2025 Approved by John Evans on 08/01/2026 <i>received by MUL Unit 12/01/2026</i>
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: 06/02/2026 Signed by Alison McCarthy on 06/02/2026 Approved by John Evans on 08/02/2026 <i>Received by MUL Unit 09/02/2026</i>
<b>If <i>SCREENED IN</i></b> : Was NIS/updated NIS requested in accordance with Section 117(6)(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: <b>New</b> NIS requested <input type="checkbox"/> YES: <b>Updated</b> NIS requested Date Requested: DD MM YYYY Date Received: DD MM YYYY  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO: Not Required
AA Screening Report and Determination published on MARA website:	Date: 09/02/2026
Public Consultation – relevant where SCREENED IN	
Date of public consultation: Section 117(6)(b)	Date starts: 24/02/2026 Date ends: 30/03/2026
Local Newspaper Name	Dungarvan Leader & Waterford News & Star
Local Newspaper Publication Date	24/02/2026
National Newspaper Name	Examiner/Evening Echo
National Newspaper Publication Date	25/02/2026
Date public consultation published on MARA website	24/02/2026
Submissions from public received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 3 <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	03/12/2025
Observations from Public Bodies received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 7 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
MUL Assessment Report and Proposed Licence:	
Final MUL Assessment Report <i>includes AA Report &amp; Determination</i>	Date of final report: 14/04/2026 Signed by Dr. Alison McCarthy on 14/04/2026 Approved by John Evans on 17/04/2026
Public Submissions taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Public Bodies Responses taken into account in Final MUL Assessment Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Conditions Scrumped (for this application) or amended conditions in this Licence:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO, however an extra condition (34) regarding data, samples and information was added which had previously been scrumped in respect of the MAC
Legal advice requested for this application:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES - <i>How to address the 3 public Submissions</i>

	Requested 01/04/2026 Responded 10/04/2026 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Mitigation Measure reference in the MUL Assessment Report have been included in the proposed Licence:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
The proposed license accurately reflects all other conditions and reasons found in the Master 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 <i>the Applicant states a licence is not required.</i>
MARA Licence Map is inserted into Proposed Licence:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

<b>Minded to Determination of Licence Application:</b>	
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)**                      **Paula O'Toole**

**Date**    **14/04/2026**

<b>Annex 1 – List of Accompanying Documents:</b>	
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"/>