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Re: Request for Additional Information: Section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Dear Paula,

I acknowledge receipt of your request for additional information in accordance with section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act.

The requested GIS information accompanies this letter: *MUL250024 Shapfile.zip*

With respect to the separation distances to the breeding locations of Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) the Port notes the locations referenced are purpose-built nesting pontoons. The Port deploys these pontoons for the duration of the Common Tern breeding season with the aim of providing a protected breeding site for the colony and its offspring. The pontoons provide the ideal nesting substrate and are designed to exclude predators, particularly otter and grey heron which have taken many young birds in previous years. The pontoons are moved 50 m eastward annually to allow for improved habituation of the terns to their environment. The species is mobile and utilises the foraging grounds of Cork Harbour.

The Site Investigation works subject to MUL250024 are predicted to generate approximately 60-65 dBA at 10m and 48 dBA at 100m (BS5228 -1 2009) intermittently and for a period of short duration. Works may occur at any time of year subject to weather/plant & equipment availability. The Port, having reviewed the requirements and consulted with a Senior Ecologist, and considering the possible sensitivities and standard construction practice, proposes to maintain a separation distance of 100m during the breeding season while the pontoons are deployed. Where required, boreholes will be relocated to provide the required separation distance and, if necessary, the SI works closest to the Tern colony will be completed once the pontoons have been relocated eastwards.



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