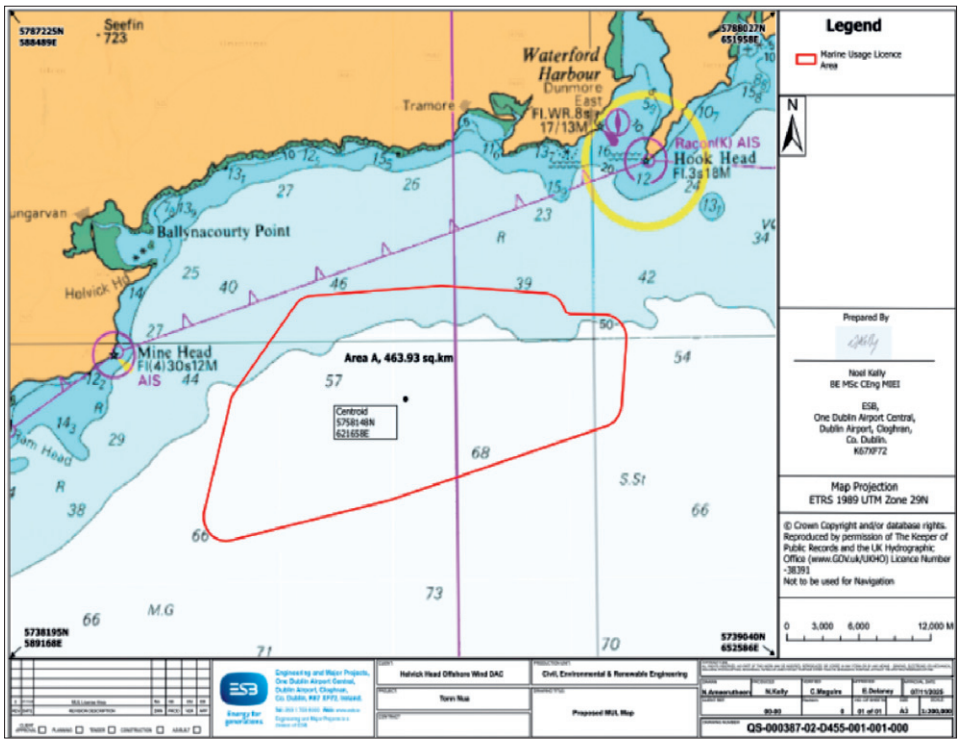
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011

Invitation for public submissions on an application for a maritime usage licence and an appropriate assessment

Helvick Head Offshore Wind Designated Activity Company submitted an application to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority ("MARA") for a maritime usage licence under section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to undertake marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation, falling under Schedule 7(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (the MAP Act). The proposed maritime usage (the site investigation activities) is required to characterise the physical, biological, and environmental conditions of Maritime Area A - Tonn Nua, of the South-Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (SC-DMAP)1. The data collected will underpin project design, environmental assessment and consenting, for any future offshore wind development within Maritime Area A - Tonn Nua. The licence application is for a period of 5 years.



A related Natura Impact Statement has been submitted with the above licence application. The licence application and the Natura Impact Statement are available for inspection on MARA's website https://www.maritimeregulator.ie/application/mul250019 and at the following address by appointment– Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

Members of the public who wish to make a submission in writing to MARA on the licence application and the Natura Impact Statement may do so quoting ref MUL250019 to the following e-mail address – licence@mara.gov.ie or by post to the following address - Licence Unit, Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

The closing date and time for a written submission to be received by MARA is 17.30 on **30/03/2026.**

MARA will then, as soon as practicable, carry out the appropriate assessment determination in accordance with Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011. After the determination, MARA will either grant, part grant or refuse the licence application.

Dated this 24th day of February 2026.

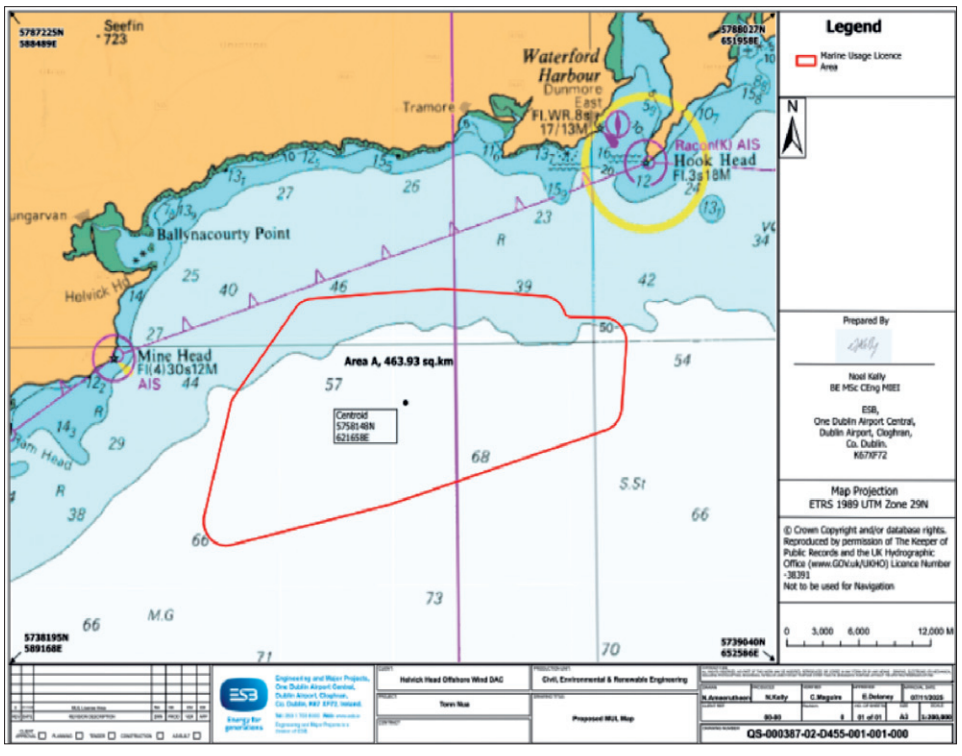
Signed: Emma Delaney, Representative of Helvick Head Offshore Wind Designated Activity Company.

FÓGRA POIBLÍ

An tAcht um Pleanáil Limistéar Mhuirí, 2021 agus Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Éin agus Gnáthóga Nádúrtha), 2011

Aighneachtaí á lorg ón bpobal maidir le hiarratas ar cheadúnas úsáide muirí agus measúnacht chuí

Tá iarratas curtha isteach ag Helvick Head Offshore Wind Designated Activity Company chuig an Údarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí ("MARA") ar cheadúnas úsáide muirí faoi alt 117 den Acht um Pleanáil Limistéar Mhuirí 2021 chun suirbhéanna a dhéanamh ar thimpeallachtaí mara chun críoch imscrúdaithe láithreáin, faoi Sceideal 7(3) den Acht um Pleanáil Limistéar Mhuirí, 2021 (an tAcht MAP). Teastaíonn an úsáid mhuirí atá beartaithe (na gníomhaíochtaí imscrúdaithe láithreán) chun dálaí fisiciúla, bitheolaíochta agus comhshaoil Limistéar Muirí A - Tonn Nua, i bPlean Limistéir Mhuirí Ainmnithe an Chósta Theas (SC-DMAP) 1 a thréithriú.



Beidh na sonraí a bhaileofar mar bhonn agus mar thaca faoi dhearadh tionscadail, measúnú comhshaoil agus toiliú le haghaidh aon fhorbartha gaoithe amach ón gcósta a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ann amach anseo laistigh de Limistéar Muirí A - Tonn Nua. Tá iarratas á dhéanamh ar cheadúnas go ceann tréimhse 5 bliana.

Tá Ráiteas Tionchair Natura curtha isteach in éineacht leis an iarratas ar cheadúnas dá dtagraítear thuas. Tá an t-iarratas ar cheadúnas agus an Ráiteas Tionchair Natura ar fáil lena n-iniúchadh ar shuíomh gréasáin MARA https://www.maritimeregulator.ie/application/mul250019 agus ag an seoladh seo a leanas ach coinne a dhéanamh – An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí, 2ú Urlár, Teach Menapia, Páirc Ghnó Dhraighní, Draighneach, Loch Garman, Y35 RF29.

Is féidir le daoine den phobal ar mian leo aighneacht i scríbhinn a dhéanamh chuig MARA faoin iarratas ar cheadúnas agus faoin Ráiteas Tionchair Natura dhéanamh amhlaidh, agus an tagairt MUL250019 á lua acu, ach an aighneacht a sheoladh chuig an seoladh ríomhphoist seo a leanas – licence@mara.gov.ie nó tríd an bpost chuig an seoladh seo a leanas - An tAonad Ceadúnas, An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí, 2ú Urlár, Teach Menapia, Páirc Ghnó Dhraighní, Draighneach, Loch Garman, Y35 RF29.

Is é 17:30 an **30/03/2026** an t-am agus an dáta deiridh a ghlacfaidh MARA le haighneachtaí i scríbhinn.

Ina dhiaidh sin, déanfaidh MARA an cinneadh faoin measúnacht chuí a luaithe is indéanta i gcomhréir le Rialachán 42 de Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Éin agus Gnáthóga Nádúrtha) 2011. Tar éis an cinneadh a dhéanamh, déanfaidh MARA an t-iarratas ar cheadúnas a dheonú, a dheonú i bpáirt nó diúltú dó.

Dar dáta an 24 Feabhra 2026

Síniú: Emma Delaney Ionadaí ar Helvick Head Offshore Wind Designated Activity Company