

**From:** Stephen Riordan (Transport)  
**Sent:** Monday 25 August 2025 15:47  
**To:** MARA Licence  
**Cc:** Transport MSO  
**Subject:** RE: MUL240042 - Request for Observations from Public Bodies

Good day Joanne,

After careful consideration the Marine Survey Office has no objection to the Survey Works proposed in the application referenced in the subject line from a navigational safety perspective.

Kindly note updated wording of point 9.

However, the following shall be noted;

1. As the proposed survey works shall at times occupy a busy operational navigation channel in Cork Harbour, the applicant shall substantially engage with the Port of Cork authorities to agree a schedule of work for occupancy of the navigational Channel.
2. The applicant shall ensure all appropriate measures are taken for the duration of any on-site activity. Any hazard to safe navigation shall be easily identifiable to all mariners operating within or in the vicinity of the license area.
3. All vessels engaged in the site investigations must conform to Irish Certification standards and, the vessels shall be manned by suitably qualified personnel, additionally where equipment is carried an Irish Load line survey may be required. The applicant should contact the Marine Survey Office Dublin for clarification in relation to the above matters.
4. The applicant shall, through consultation and agreement with the Department of Transport, Marine Survey Office arrange for the publication of a Marine Notice through the Maritime Safety Policy Division. Where a Marine Notice is published and subsequent changes to dates, area of or schedule of works, the licensee must inform MSPD of any relevant changes.
5. The Licensee shall engage directly with Stakeholders at the planned location that shall but not be limited to the Port of Cork, Irvine Oil Refinery, local fishers and recreational organisations.
6. The Licensee shall arrange for a local notice to mariners to be published through the Port of Cork.
7. The promulgation and frequency of Navtex and radio broadcast warnings shall be agreed with the Port of Cork and /or IRCG for the duration of the license period as deemed required.
8. The marking and lighting of any moored instruments shall be carried out in consultation with the Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights. Lighting and marking shall be compliant with International Association of Aids to Navigation (IALA) requirements. Information regarding the position of any markings that create a hazard to navigation shall be promulgated to the mariner via publication of a marine notice and all available means appropriate.
9. **A notification must be sent to the UK Hydrographic Office (email: [sdr@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:sdr@ukho.gov.uk)) of commencement of the licensed activities or establishment of structures that may impact the safety of navigation, at least 14 days before commencement of the works. The information supplied must include the start date and end date, a description of the works, positions of the work area and structures (referred to WGS84 datum), and details of any marking arrangements. Copies of any bathymetric survey data should be provided to**

[sdr@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:sdr@ukho.gov.uk) and the INFOMAR program at [support@geodata.gov.ie](mailto:support@geodata.gov.ie) Copies of all local notice to mariners must be provided to the UKHO within 5 days.

Regards,  
Steve

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**From:** MARA Licence <licence@mara.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday 22 August 2025 13:26  
**To:** MARA Licence <licence@mara.gov.ie>  
**Subject:** MUL240042 - Request for Observations from Public Bodies

Dear all,

Please see attached letter in respect of Maritime Usage Licence application reference MUL240042.  
Please note that the final date for receipt of observations is 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2025.

Kind regards,

Joanne Staunton  
Licence Authorisation Team  
MARA  
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