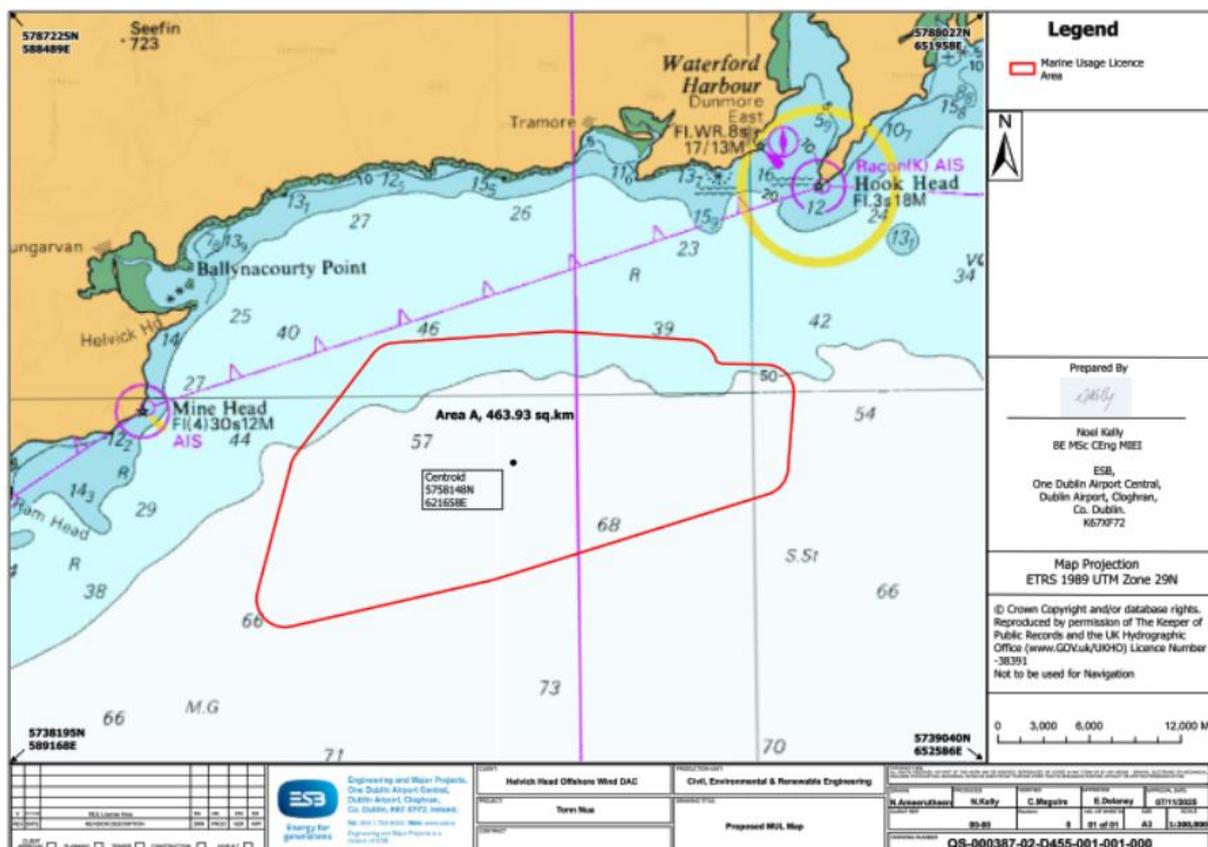


## PUBLIC NOTICE

### 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 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](mailto: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 2025

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority