

MUL260005. Wexford County Council is requesting to undertake to undertake environmental surveys and ground investigation works within the River Slaney adjacent to the Irish National Heritage Park, Ferrycarrig, Wexford.

Proposed activity:

To undertake environmental surveys and ground investigation works within the River Slaney adjacent to the Irish National Heritage Park, Ferrycarrig, Wexford. The proposed works are located to the west of the N11 and Ferrycarrig Bridge, and are required to inform the design, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) of works associated with the proposed Irish National Heritage Park (INHP) Viking Village “Vykingar” Project which will be subject to a separate maritime area consent application.

The likely duration of the various activities is summarized in the application below:

ADCPs: 1 full tidal cycle (approx. 30 days)

Sediment Samples: 1 day

Geotechnical Investigations: Each borehole may take approximately 3 no. days to complete (5 boreholes proposed in maritime area).

BIM Comments:

23.03.2026

The Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment report highlights that the water quality impact as follows:

The risk of pollution to the aquatic environment from such sources outlined above, particularly into the Slaney Estuary, arising from the proposed works is minimal. Owing to the nature, scale and location of the environmental surveys, it is not considered to provide for any significant effects on the natural environment.

BIM acknowledges the proposed works will have minimal impact on aquaculture sites downstream from the proposed activity. <https://dafm-maps.marine.ie/aquaculture-viewer/>

However, timely notification to aquaculture producers and fishers on the ground, particularly during the timing around proposed sediment and borehole works should be taken through direct contact using the Irish Fleet Register [Sea-Fishing Boat Licence Applications, Forms and Conditions](#). This will allow aquaculture producers to make informed food safety decisions around timing of shellfish harvesting during the scheduled proposed activities.