

MAC Report	
Application for a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) under Section 79 of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, as amended (the Act)	
Application Details	
MAC Applicant:	Uisce Éireann
MAC Reference No:	MAC250007
Location:	Owenacurra Estuary, Midleton, Co. Cork.
Date Application received:	20 February 2026
Proposed Maritime Usage:	Uisce Éireann has applied for a MAC under Section 79 of the Act for the installation of a pipe crossing underneath the Owenacurra Estuary in Midleton, County Cork. The proposed works include the construction, use, operation and maintenance of a pipe crossing including all associated pre-construction site investigations works.
Recommendation:	To approve the Part Granting of the MAC sought with conditions attached.

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1. Overview

On 20 February 2026, MARA received a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application under Section 79 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, as amended (the Act) from Uisce Éireann for the installation of a pipe crossing underneath the Owenacurra Estuary in Midleton, County Cork. The proposed works include the construction, use, operation and maintenance of a pipe crossing including all associated pre-construction site investigations works.

2. Background

The project includes construction of new infrastructure to upgrade and provide increased treatment capacity at the existing Midleton Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). The proposed works include the construction of a new treated effluent outfall pipeline to deliver flows from the WWTP to connect with the existing sewer network in Bailick Road, Midleton. Uisce Éireann proposed that the new treated effluent outfall pipeline will cross the maritime area.

3. Proposed Maritime Usage

The MAC area sought by the Applicant is illustrated in *Figure 1*.

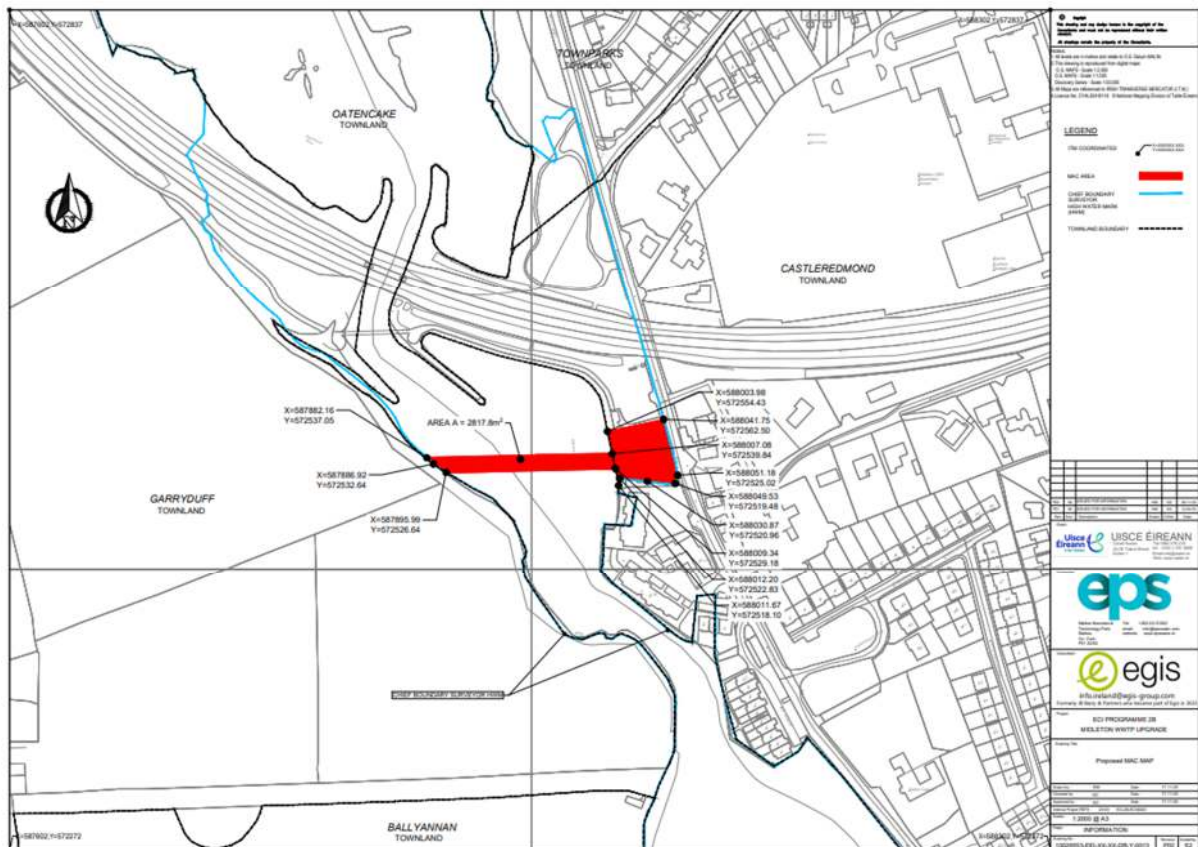


Figure 1 – Applicant map of proposed layout of MAC area at Midleton, County Cork.

The works are proposed to include construction of a 710mm OD HDPE SDR11 (577mm ID) treated effluent outfall pipeline approximately 185m long within the maritime area. A launch and reception pit are proposed on either side of the river to facilitate a horizontal directional drilling (HDD) crossing under the riverbed (Owenacurra Estuary). These pits will be converted into permanent works manhole/chambers. The chamber on the east bank of the crossing is within the maritime area. There will be a temporary contractor's compound on both sides of the proposed crossing. The proposed compound on the west bank is not located in the maritime area and therefore does not form part of the Subject MAC application. The proposed compound on the east bank will be in the Ballyannan Wood Walk Car Park, which is within the maritime area. The pipe will be installed by HDD. The Applicant has stated that the pipe will be installed at a minimum depth of 6 m below the riverbed. The pipe will become operational once the treated effluent flows from the upgraded WWTP are transferred to the new pipeline. The Applicant has stated the pipe will operate as a pressurised gravity pipe. No intrusive maintenance will be required on the pipe. Periodic CCTV camera pipe surveys are proposed to be carried out (estimated once every 2 years) to check the integrity of the pipe. Enabling works in the form of pre-construction site investigation is proposed to be carried out in the maritime area, to verify detailed design. The investigation works will comprise 1 No. borehole (cable percussive borehole with follow on rotary core) near the proposed pipeline route. A bathymetry survey will also be carried out to confirm the riverbed profile. The project also includes the removal of a blank flange on an existing diffuser at the discharge location of the existing treated effluent outfall at Rathcoursey (North Channel Great Island) this part of the works will be completed under existing lease FS004170 and therefore does not form part of the subject MAC application.

The Applicants have sought a "permanent" term/duration. The applicant has stated that:

"The proposed design life of the infrastructure is 50 years. The design shall be in accordance with the DCA - Europe Technical Guidelines for Horizontal Directional Drilling. The polyethylene (PE) pipe material shall comply with BS EN 12201-1 and BS EN 12201-2, PD 8010-2 Pipeline systems - Part 2: Subsea pipelines - Code of Practice; DNV-RP-F109 On-bottom stability of submarine pipelines. The polyethylene pipe shall be PE100."

The applicant has indicated the following estimated timeframes:

"Planning Application - submit to Cork County Council Q3, 2026

Construction - commence Q1, 2028.

Commissioning & commence Operation - Q4, 2030."

4. Site Visit

Senior Marine Advisor, Barry Mc Donald inspected the site on 15 April 2026. *Photographs 1* shows the mud flats of the estuary along the route of the proposed crossing and *Photograph 2* shows the location of the proposed compound and pit on the eastern bank of the estuary.



Photograph 1 – Pipe route looking west from car park [BMcD 15/04/2025]



Photograph 2 – Looking northeast in car park [BMcD 15/04/2025]

No existing infrastructure or occupation, which would conflict with the proposed maritime usage, was noted within the proposed MAC area during the site visit.

5. Review of Legislation & Associated Consents

5.1 Applicable Provisions of the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2021 as amended (the Act)

Under the Act, MARA has responsibility for granting MACs.

Schedule 3 and Schedule 4 of the Act specifies maritime usages for which a MAC is not required, including where the proposed maritime usage falls under the remit of another enactment, is navigation or fishing, is a licensable activity under Schedule 7 or where the activity is to be undertaken on private land. The proposed maritime usage is not considered to fall under those listed under Schedule 3 or 4 of the Act.

The Applicant has stated that the proposed maritime usage and the subject of this application requires development permission. In accordance with Section 75(1) of the Act, a MAC is required before an application for development permission can be lodged with the relevant consent authority.

Accordingly, the subject of this application is considered to fall under Sections 75(1).

5.2 Existing Consents & Authorisations

A search of the MARA's GIS database was undertaken on 17 April 2026 for spatial overlap between the proposed MAC areas and existing foreshore authorisations and MARA Maritime Usage Licences (MULs) and MACs.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM) Aquamis Database was searched on 17 April 2026 for spatial overlap between the proposed MAC areas and any DAFM foreshore authorisations for aquaculture sites.

The proposed MAC area does not overlap with any existing MULs or applications for the same. The application overlaps with a MAC and two foreshore authorisations as detailed in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Overlapping maritime authorisations and foreshore authorisations				
File Reference Number	Applicant/ Holder	Consent Type	Maritime Usage	Status
MAC250009	Cork County Council	MAC	Flood Relief Scheme	Expires 18/02/2126
FS004182	Cork County Council	Lease	Amenity area & bird sanctuary	Expires 31/05/2027
FS004163	Cork County Council	Lease	Construction of a causeway/bridge	Expires 13/04/2081

Cork County Council is the holder of the 3 overlapping authorisations .

MAC250009 was granted on a non-exclusive basis and co-existence with the proposed maritime usage the subject of this application is considered possible. No conflict is therefore considered to exist, however it is recommended that a condition is included in any MAC which may issue requiring the holder to consult with the holder of MAC250009 in advance of undertaking the permitted maritime usage.

The applicant stated in their application that:

“Cork County Council maintain the Ballyannan Wood Walk Car Park, located on Bailick Road. The Car Park is used by the public when accessing the Ballyannan Wood Walk. Also, Cork County Council Flood Projects, have submitted an application to MARA (MAC250009) for proposed flood defence works in this Car Park as part of the Middleton Flood Relief Scheme.”

and

“Cork County Council are aware that Uisce Éireann are advancing the waste water treatment upgrade project for the Middleton agglomeration. It is understood that Cork County Council are supportive of both the waste water treatment upgrade project and the Flood Relief Scheme

project. Planning applications for both the waste water treatment plant upgrade and the Flood Relief Scheme to be submitted to the consenting authority.”

It is recommended that a condition is included in any MAC which may issue requiring the holder to consult with the holder of foreshore leases FS004182 and FS004163 in advance of undertaking the proposed maritime usage. Further consideration in relation to the Foreshore Lease is provided in Sections 6 & 9 below.

Accordingly, having regard to the above, it is considered that the spatial overlaps identified above do not prevent the granting of a MAC, subject to attaching of the above referenced conditions to any MAC that may be granted.

5.3 Development Permission

Owing to the nature and scale of the proposed works, it is considered reasonable that the MAC Holder (if successful in obtaining a MAC) should submit a valid application for development consent to the relevant planning authority within 18 months of issuance of a MAC.

The Applicant in their development permission application to the relevant planning authority is required to include a Rehabilitation Schedule detailing how the Applicant proposes to rehabilitate the maritime area in accordance with Part 4, Chapter 8 of the Act.

5.4 Ownership

A search was undertaken of the Land Registry on 17 April 2026 for any document granting or affecting rights to land in order to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest with the MAC area being applied for as outlined in the proposed MAC Map.

No conflicts of interest affecting the proposed MAC area were identified.

6. Assessment

6.1 Schedule 5

The MAC application was submitted on 22 December 2025 with the appropriate fee paid on 20 February 2026 and reviewed for completeness on 20 February 2026. An incomplete application notification was issued on 24 February 2026; with supplementary documentation/information received on 13 March 2026. The application was deemed complete by MARA on 23 March 2026.

A request for additional information was issued on 14 April 2026 under section 79(3) of the Act and associated response received relating to matters for technical assessment on 29 April 2026.

Schedule 5 of the Act sets out the criteria to which MARA must have regard when assessing a MAC application. This report sets out the assessment undertaken pursuant to Section 5 of the Act. The assessment is summarised in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Synopsis of the assessment of the application with regard to the requirements of Schedule 5			
Schedule 5 Requirements		Synopsis	Assessment
1.	The nature, scope and duration of the occupation of the maritime area concerned for the purposes of the proposed maritime usage.	Details of the proposed maritime usage, including the nature scope and duration are described in Section 3 & 4 above. The Applicant has requested permanent term/duration. The Applicant states that the design life of the infrastructure is 50 years. MARA considers that a design life for the structure of circa 50 years, with proper maintenance and repair, should be achievable. Accordingly, a MAC term of 55 years (allowing for planning, construction and rehabilitation/decommissioning phases) is recommended. The Applicant has sought a MAC for exclusive use for the proposed maritime usage. Based on the assessment set out in Section 6.3 of the nature of use of the maritime usage sought by the Applicant, it is considered that exclusive use is not merited in the case of the subject maritime usage. The proposed maritime usage is considered partially satisfactory having regard to the nature sought. Accordingly, it is recommended to part grant a MAC on a “may or may not be exclusive” basis, as outlined in Section 6.3 and Section 9 below. The proposed maritime usage is considered partially satisfactory having regard to the duration sought. Accordingly, it is recommended to part grant a MAC for a shorter MAC term than that sought, as outlined above. The proposed maritime usage is considered satisfactory, having regard to the scope sought.	Partially Satisfied

2.	Whether the proposed maritime usage is in the public interest.	In the application, the Applicant states: <i>“There is no requirement for public use of the infrastructure proposed (i.e., the below river and below ground pipeline). The Ballyannan Wood Walk Car Park is frequented by the public. The new treated effluent pipeline will include a permanent manhole/chamber within the Ballyannan Wood Walk Car Park. This chamber will be constructed below ground and will have a manhole cover 1200 mm x 750 mm at ground level to provide access to the chamber if necessary. There will be no impact to the public use of the Car Park once the works are completed (i.e., in the permanent situation).</i> <i>There will be a temporary impact. During the proposed construction works the Ballyannan Wood Walk Car Park will need to be temporarily fenced off and will not be available for public use. It is envisaged that this could be for a period of up to 3 months. The car park will be fully reinstated to match the existing surfacing (bitmac), kerbing, parking spaces and green / planted areas once works are complete. Uisce Éireann will seek permission to carry out the reinstatement works of the car park under a Road Opening Licence (ROL) from Cork County Council. The ROL will detail all road works for agreement and approval.</i> <i>Provision of adequate waste water treatment capacity for a Population Equivalent (PE) of 20,400 will facilitate the sustainable economic development of Midleton up to the year 2054. The need for the upgrade to Midleton Waste Water Treatment Plant is to provide and ensure compliance with directives and legislation in relation to discharges from wastewater collection systems and treatment plants to protect the water quality in the North Channel Great Island.</i> <i>The Cork Development Plan 2022-2028 includes for policy objectives and references proposed wastewater improvements to support future development in the County as outlined below. Midleton is included within the "County Metropolitan Cork Strategic Planning Area". Midleton is listed in the Cork County Development Plan has one of the main towns with Strategic Infrastructure Deficit, noting that planned development in the catchment may require.”</i> <i>The Applicant also states “Directive 2000/60/EC (Water Framework Directive): The Project is designed to assist in facilitating the achievement of water body objectives under the Water Framework Directive with respect to wastewater treatment and effluent discharges in Midleton.”</i> Having regard to the above, the proposed maritime usage is considered satisfactory, having regard to the public interest.	Satisfactory
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3.	The location and spatial extent of the occupation of the maritime area concerned for the purposes of the proposed maritime usage.	Details of the location, relevant consents, ownership and development permissions are provided in Sections 2 to 5 above. Based on the searches and site visit undertaken, nothing was identified that would preclude the granting of a MAC in the proposed area. The total area proposed to be occupied as applied for by the Applicant by the MAC is 2,817m² comprising a single MAC Area A for the proposed permanent works and the temporary works. It is recommended that the overall MAC area is subdivided into two areas – areas A and B. Area A will include the permanent pipeline infrastructure, and Area B will include a mix of permanent infrastructure (pipeline) and temporary works (launch pit for tunnelling operations). The total recommended MAC area is 2,817m² comprising:- • Area A – 1336m² • Area B – 1481m² as illustrated in Figure 2 (Proposed MAC Map) in Section 7. A review was undertaken of existing foreshore authorisations overlapping with the proposed MAC area. Several overlapping foreshore leases and a MAC held by Cork County Council were identified in the proposed MAC area as listed in Section 5.2 above. Accordingly, it is recommended that a condition is included in any MAC which may issue requiring the holder to engage with Cork County Council in advance of undertaking the proposed maritime usage in order to ensure that any potential conflicts with existing consents are adequately managed. Accordingly, the proposed maritime usage is considered satisfactory, having regard to the location and spatial extent of the occupation.	Satisfactory
4.	Guidelines issued under Section 7 which are relevant to the proposed maritime usage.	No such guidelines have been published to date.	Not applicable
5.	Whether the Applicant is a fit and proper person (within the meaning of Schedule 2) to be granted a MAC, both at the time the application is made and at the time that the MAC application concerned is determined by the MARA.	In accordance with <i>S.I. No. 94/2026 - Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (Fit and Proper Person) Order 2025</i> Uisce Éireann has been declared as a fit and proper person to be granted and to hold any MAC in accordance with Section 90(1)(b) of the Act.	Satisfactory

6.	Whether the Applicant is tax compliant, both at the time the application is made and at the time that the MAC application concerned is determined by the MARA.	The Applicant submitted Tax Registration Number and Tax Clearance Access Number (TCAN) which was used to view the Applicant's tax clearance certificate. Based on the review of the tax clearance certificate, the Applicant is considered tax compliant.	Satisfactory
7.	In the case of any maritime usage relating to offshore renewable energy (within the meaning of section 100), the consistency of the MAC application concerned with the development plans of the transmission system operator (within the meaning of section 100).	Not applicable	Not Applicable
8.	The National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF).	Based on a review of the application, MARA has had regard to the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF) and it is considered that the proposed project aligns with the overall objectives of the NMPF, including the economic and social objectives set out therein. It is considered that the proposed project aligns with the following economic, social and key sectoral policy objectives of the NMPF: - • Co-existence Policy 1 - <i>Proposals should demonstrate that they have considered how to optimise the use of space, including through consideration of opportunities for co-existence and co-operation with other activities, enhancing other activities where appropriate.</i> • Infrastructure Policy 1 - <i>Appropriate land-based infrastructure which facilitates marine activity (and vice versa) should be supported. Proposals for appropriate infrastructure that facilitates the diversification or regeneration of marine industries should be supported.</i> • Social Benefits Policy 1 - <i>Proposals that enhance or promote social benefits should be supported.</i> In the application, the Applicant states that the proposed project is consistent with the environmental objectives of the NMPF.	Satisfactory

		The proposed works constitute development which require planning permission and environmental assessment of the proposed maritime usage, which is undertaken at development permission stage by the relevant planning authority. This above assessment does not prejudice any consideration and determination that the relevant Planning Authority may make in relation to the NMPF when considering the Planning Application for this development. Based on the above, MARA is satisfied that the proposed works align with the above overall objectives and policy objectives of the NMPF.	
9.	The extent and nature of the preparatory work already undertaken by the Applicant towards ensuring the efficacious undertaking of the proposed maritime usage the subject of the MAC application concerned should the Applicant be granted a MAC in respect of such usage.	The applicant has stated that following preparatory work has been undertaken: • <i>“Wintering bird surveys & breeding bird surveys were completed Jan 2024-April 2024, Dec 2024-June 2025 and are scheduled for Dec 2025-May 2026.</i> • <i>Otter Survey was completed 14 July 2025 with a second survey to be carried out Q4 2025/ Q1 2026.</i> • <i>An AA Screening/NIS & Environmental Impact Assessment Report is currently being progressed for this project and will be submitted to Cork County Council as part of the planning application.</i> • <i>Site Investigation works to assess ground conditions for the estuary crossing was carried out in the Ballyannan Woodland Walk Car Park/ Bailick Road boundary with Cork Co Co permission.</i> • <i>A borehole and slit trench were completed.”</i> Having regard to the above, the extent of the preparatory works undertaken are considered acceptable for a project of this scale and nature.	Satisfactory
10.	The extent and nature of stakeholder engagement undertaken by the Applicant in respect of the proposed maritime usage.	The Applicant stated <i>“Uisce Éireann land and wayleave representatives have met with the landowner on the west bank of the proposed estuary crossing. This land is outside of the maritime usage area. Cork County Council has been consulted and asked for input into the development. Cork Co Co are supportive of the proposed upgrade at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Cork Co Co have confirmed that they maintain the Ballyannan Wood Walk Car Park. Works (temporary and permanent) in the car park will need to be formalised in an agreement with Cork Co Co. NPWS were consulted as part of a preliminary ecological appraisal stud, including for the agreement of setting otter camera traps.”</i> The Applicant also stated <i>“The access for construction for the access chamber in Ballyannan Wood Walk Car Park will be pursued with Cork County Council in terms of obtaining a Road Opening Licence (ROL) (if this is the agreed process, UÉ have requested a template agreement from Cork Co Co for the Car Park temporary works and reinstatement that can be advanced as part of the project. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will be</i>	Satisfactory

		<i>consulted. TII will be consulted/informed of the proposed development. The following stakeholders shall be consulted Sea Fisheries, IFI, Port of Cork Company, Harbour Master, Commissioner for Irish Lights and the EPA."</i> Having regard to the above, the extent and nature of the stakeholder engagement undertaken is therefore considered acceptable for a project of this scale and nature.	
11.	Where a competitive process referred to in section 93 or 103 is used, the outcome of such process.	Not applicable	Not applicable
12.	Any additional criteria specified, for the purposes of this paragraph, in regulations made under section 80(2).	No such regulations have been made to date.	Not applicable

6.2 Rehabilitation Schedule

Under section 96(1) of the Act, it is required that the holder of a MAC shall, before the expiration of the MAC, rehabilitate that part of the maritime area the subject of the MAC.

In accordance with Section 75(5) of the Act, as for MAC applications made to MARA on the basis of Section 75(1) of the Act, the Applicant is required to attach a Rehabilitation Schedule to their associated application for development permission.

6.3 Section 83 – Nature of Use

Section 83(1) of the Act requires MARA in the granting of a MAC to specify whether the specific part of the maritime area the subject of that MAC is for exclusive use or not. Section 83(1) provides MARA discretion and flexibility to specify the nature of the use (i.e. exclusive, non-exclusive or may/may not be exclusive).

The Applicant has specified in their application that they require exclusive use for the proposed maritime usage. Having regard to the nature and lifecycle of the proposed maritime usage the subject of this application, it is reasonably foreseeable that Uisce Éireann may be required to exclude access to parts of the MAC area on a temporary basis. For example, during construction, maintenance, decommissioning and rehabilitation phases for health and safety reasons. Such temporary/ short-term exclusions may be mandated by the planning authority or other authorities or legislation for specific purposes and durations. In this instance, it is considered that granting of exclusive use for the full term

of the MAC is not merited, particularly having regard to co-existence and co-operation objectives of the NMPF. It is considered that exclusive use should only be permitted where use on an exclusive basis is required and provided for under another authorisation or enactment. Accordingly, it is recommended that the MAC is granted on a “may or may not be exclusive” basis contingent on circumstances that may arise after the granting of the MAC” in accordance with Section 83(1)(c) of the Act.

7. Proposed MAC Map (for Illustration purposes only)

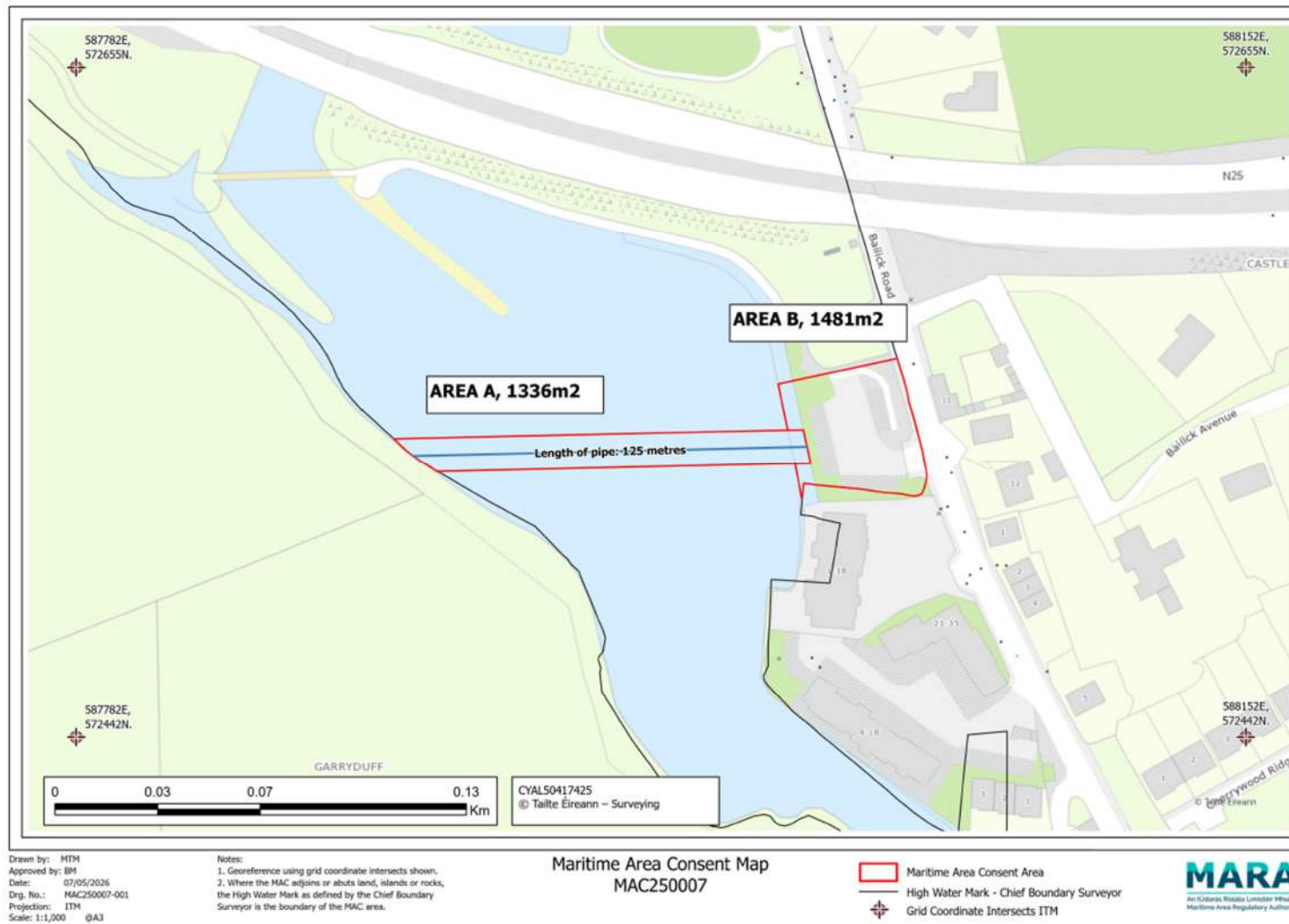


Figure 2 – Proposed MAC Map

8. Levy

An annual MAC levy has been calculated based on the project type and proposed MAC area in accordance with MARA's MAC levy framework, as set out below.

MAPA Levy Framework Part:	A: Nearshore
Category/Class:	Area A - Cables pipelines and ducting Area B – Development (non-commercial)
Tier	Tier 3
Applicable Rate:	Area A - Base Annual Charge of €321.14 up to 75 LMs + €4.28 per LM for the next 22,165 LMs. Area B - Base Annual Charge of €214.09 plus an add on of 0.40 per sq.m for areas in excess of 100 sq.m
Length/Area:	Area A – 125 LM Area B – 1481m ²
Calculation:	Area A - €321.14 + (€4.28 * (125.00 - 75.00)) = €535.14 Area B - €214.09 + (€0.40 * (1,481.00 - 100.00)) = €766.49
Levy due:	€535.14 (Area A) + €766.49 (Area B) = €1,301.63

The MAC levy has been calculated as €1,301.63 per annum. All levies are indexed to the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), applied on an annual basis.

9. Discussion

Based on the assessments undertaken contained herein, it is considered that the proposed MAC application complies with all the necessary requirements of Schedule 5 of the Act, where relevant and appropriate, with the exception of Schedule 5(1) and Schedule 5(3).

The Applicant requested a permanent duration/term for the occupation of the maritime area concerned for the purposes of the maritime usage. Having regard to the nature and lifecycle of the proposed maritime usage, it is considered that the granting of a permanent duration/term is not merited. Accordingly, it is recommended that the MAC is part granted for a term of 55 years.

The nature of the maritime usage sought by the Applicant is for exclusive use of the maritime usage. The granting of the MAC for exclusive use would preclude the use of that part of the maritime area for any other usage. As detailed in Section 6.3, while it is reasonably foreseeable that Uisce Éireann may be required or may seek to exclude access to the MAC area on a temporary basis, it is considered that granting of exclusive use for the full term of the MAC is not merited. Accordingly, it is recommended to part grant the MAC sought on a “may or may not be exclusive” basis and that any short term/ temporary exclusive use should only be permitted where use on an exclusive basis is required and provided for under another authorisation or enactment.

The above consideration has been made subject to the following recommended terms and conditions:

a. Terms

MAC Term:	55 years
Consent Area:	That part of the maritime area marked red on the MAC Map.
MAC Map Title:	Maritime Area Consent Map MAC250007
Permitted Maritime Usage:	The construction, use, operation and maintenance of wastewater infrastructure including all associated decommissioning, demolition, rehabilitation, and any other works required on foot of any development permission relating to the infrastructure.
Nature of Usage:	May/May Not be Exclusive
Date by which application for Development Permission must be submitted:	18 months from date of grant of MAC.
The minimum number of days in which the MAC Holder shall provide the Grantor advance notice in writing of the Holder's intention to commence the Permitted Maritime Usage.	14 Days

b. Conditions and Reasons for Conditions

Section 82 of the Act specifies that MARA may attach to a MAC one or more conditions which fall within the types of conditions specified in Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Act. All conditions contained in Schedule 6; Part 2 are deemed to be attached to a MAC.

The standard suite of MARA conditions reflecting the contractual and statutory relationship that will exist with a grant of consent are also recommended. Reasons for these conditions are set out in the enclosed Section 81(7)(b) Minded to Notice.

Following assessment of this MAC application, an additional specific condition and the reason for this conditions to be attached to the MAC, is recommended below.

23. **Public Engagement Plan**

23.1 *Prior to the date by which the application for Development Permission must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of condition 5.1, the Holder shall consult with the holder(s) of:*

- a) MAC reference MAC250009;*
- b) Foreshore Authorisation FS004182; and*
- c) Foreshore Authorisation FS004163.*

in order to ensure that any potential disruption to the permitted maritime usages consented under these authorisations are managed: Records of all engagements and consultations held and agreements reached, if any, shall be maintained by the Holder and made available to the Grantor if requested.

Reason: *To ensure the orderly undertaking of the proposed maritime usage..*

10. **Conclusion & Recommendation**

Following a detailed assessment of all information on file, it is considered that the proposal complies with all the necessary requirements, subject to the nature of use of the proposed MAC being granted on a “may or may not be exclusive” basis and subject to the part granting of a MAC term of 55 years. Accordingly, it is recommended to issue a Section 81(7)(b) Minded to Notice, as enclosed, informing the Applicant that MARA is minded to part grant a Maritime Area Consent subject to the proposed conditions attached to the MAC. It is recommended to allow the Applicant 21 days from the date of issue of the Minded to Notice to submit supplementary material in relation to the reasons for the conditions as per Section 81(7)(b)(ii).

Once a final determination is made by MARA, the Applicant(s) will be notified and MARA will publish a notice on its website as soon as practicable thereafter.

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