

Compliance with the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)

The NMPF sets out Overarching Marine Planning Policies (OMPPs) that will apply to all marine activities or development. These include policies in relation to, *inter alia*, co-existence with biodiversity, coastal and island communities, and infrastructure.

The proposed project is considered to have limited potential impact on the overarching marine planning policies of the NMPF. Nonetheless, a review of these policies relative to the proposed project has been carried out and is documented in table 1 which indicates how the proposed project will follow the NMPF. The conclusion of which is that the proposed project is fully compliant with the overall objectives and policies of the NMPF. No element of the proposed project is considered contrary to these policies.

Table 1. Assessment of compliance with the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)

Environmental-Ocean Health	
Biodiversity & Protected Marine Sites	
Biodiversity	<p>The project is supported by the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment (SISAA) • Natura Impact Statement • Annex IV Risk Assessment • Supporting Information for Screening for EIA (SISEIA) <p>The conclusion of the SISAA, NIS, Annex IV Risk Assessment and SISEIA is that, with mitigation, no impact on any habitat or species will occur. Furthermore, the scale and scope of the project is considered too small to lead to any adverse effects on either the local or wider marine environment.</p>
Protected Marine Sites	<p>The SISAA identified the potential for impacts on a number of European sites without mitigation. The project NIS, Annex IV risk assessment and SISEIA proposed mitigation to eliminate impacts on European sites. It is considered that provided the proposed mitigation is implemented no impacts on biodiversity and protected marine sites will occur.</p>
Non-indigenous Species	<p>The SISAA and SISEIA did not identify any potential for the introduction of non-indigenous species.</p>
Water Quality	<p>The SISAA and SISEIA did not identify potential for impacts on water quality.</p>
Sea-floor and Water Column Integrity	<p>The scale and scope of the project does not have the potential to impact Sea-floor and Water Column Integrity as documented in the SISEIA.</p>
Marine Litter	<p>The scale and scope of the project does not have the potential to intentionally or accidentally contribute to the impacts on marine litter policy as documented in the SISEIA.</p>
Underwater Noise	<p>The SISIA and Annex IV risk assessment identified the potential for the introduction of underwater noise with potential for adverse effects on migratory Annex II fish species, otters and Common dolphin (<i>Delphinus delphis</i>) in the absence of mitigation. Mitigation was proposed to eliminate this potential for impact. Provided the mitigation proposed is adhered to, no potential for impact related to underwater noise is considered possible.</p>

Air quality	Not relevant: The project does not have the potential to impact air quality.
Climate Change	Not relevant: The project does not have the potential to impact climate change.
Economic – Thriving Maritime Economy	
Co-existence	No potential for significant impact. The proposed works are temporary in nature (16 weeks). While temporary disturbance to other users, navigating through the area of the MUL, may occur no other significant effects have been identified.
Infrastructure	No potential for impact on the infrastructure policy. No permanent infrastructure is proposed.
Social – Engagement with the sea	
Access	No significant access issues have been identified.
Employment	Not applicable. It is considered the Employment Policy 1 is not relevant to the proposed project.
Heritage assets	A review of the Historic Environment Viewer and National monument service wreck viewer (Accessed December 2025) indicated no heritage assets were present within the MUL area. However, an archaeological survey, to confirm this finding, is proposed in advance of the commencement of any works.
Rural Coast and Island Communities	This policy is not considered relevant to the proposed project.
Seascape and Landscape	No impact possible.
Social Benefits	The proposed project will provide social benefits in the medium to long term by facilitating the provision of improved wastewater discharges.
Transboundary	No transboundary effects are possible.