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14/05/2026

Request for Additional Information: Section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: MUL260036

Dear Applicant,

I refer to the above referenced maritime usage licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).

MARA considers that it requires additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application.

- The Appropriate Assessment Screening and Natura Impact Statement refers to ex-situ breeding locations of common tern (*Sterna Hirundo*) in proximity to the proposed site investigation area and a conservation project led by the Port of Cork Company in relation to the Cork Harbour SPA population of breeding common terns. Please provide additional information on this project and the detailed location of the purpose-built nesting pontoon and the separation distance proposed between the proposed site investigation and the breeding terns.
- Please provide additional information on the distance of the proposed site investigation area from Cork Harbour SPA and the expected above water noise emission levels at source measured in decibels.
- Please provide an estimation of the expected scale and duration of underwater noise emissions including the likely frequency range from the proposed site investigations measured in Hz and sound pressure level measured in dB re1µPa @1m.

address:

An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí / Maritime Area Regulatory Authority
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- The proposed mitigation measures refer to an ecological clerk of works on site for the duration of works to monitor potential disturbance to diving birds. Please provide additional detailed information on this proposed mitigation measure with regard to the potential impacts from above water noise and visual disturbance and underwater noise during the proposed site investigations.
- The Appropriate Assessment Screening and Natura Impact Statement report refers to 'the disposal of material taken from the seabed during the proposed site investigation'. However, the map (figure 1-4) provided on disposal locations is unclear in the report. Please resubmit Fig 1-4. Please provide additional information on the likely composition of drill arisings from geotechnical works and where and how it will be disposed.

Please refer to MARA's [Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Usage Licence \(MUL\)](#) when providing the information requested.

The requested information should be submitted to MARA within **3 weeks** of the date of this notice, i.e by **04/06/2026**, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

Please direct any queries to licence@mara.gov.ie.

Yours faithfully,

Leeanne Doyle
Maritime Usage Licensing Team
MARA