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		Date:	06/11/2026
Please see below AA Screening and Determination report from external consultant Aidan Long of Aquafact (APEM Group), prepared using MARA procedures and templates with my supervision. I have reviewed the report below.			

Maritime Usage Licence and Planning Advisory Directorate

Appropriate Assessment Screening and Determination Report

To:	MULPA Directorate, MARA	**Prepared by (on behalf of MARA):**	Dr Aidan Long Principal Consultant, Team Lead AQUAFACT (APEM Group)
Date:	05/11/2026	**Maritime Usage Licence Application No:**	MUL240047
Applicant:		RNLI Ireland, Airside, Swords, Dublin	
Type of maritime usage activity in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021:		3. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000.	
Location of proposed maritime usage:		Within Courtmacsherry Estuary, immediately northeast of the existing slipway at the RNLI Courtmacsherry lifeboat station, Cullenagh, Courtmacsherry, Co. Cork.	
Licence application received:		04/06/2026	

1. Background

RNLI Ireland (the applicant) has applied to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) for a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) to undertake 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 activities are required to inform the design of a new jetty and berth and to assess the disposal options for dredged material.

2. Description of maritime usage and local site characteristics

2.1 Brief description of the maritime usage

The proposed maritime usage comprises site investigation surveys within Courtmacsherry Harbour. These site investigation surveys include the use of a small jack-up barge which will undertake drilling of three boreholes to a depth of 25 m and a small vessel capable of undertaking 12 vibrocores to a depth of 4 m in shallow water depths. *In situ* sampling with further testing and reporting will be undertaken off site. Hand-dig inspection pits at each land based exploratory hole location will be undertaken to identify and avoid buried services to 1.2 m below ground level. The ground investigation contractor will use a Cable Avoidance Tool (CAT) and Genny scans to check for buried services prior to commencement of each land based exploratory hole. These inspection pits and scans are above the high water mark and are outside the remit of MARA and are not considered.

The duration of the proposed maritime usage is 10 days. Each of the three boreholes will take 24 to 48 hours per sample at the target depth of 25 m. Each of the 12 vibrocores will take 1 to 2 hours per sample at the target depth of 4 m. MARA is assessing this licence application on the basis that a three-year licence would issue if granted.

The proposed maritime usage is within Courtmacsherry Harbour, an extensive estuary which lies to the west of the Old Head of Kinsale on the south coast of Ireland, County Cork. The size of the maritime area subject to this application is 0.606 ha.

2.2 Brief description of the site characteristics

The proposed maritime usage is located within the Courtmacsherry Estuary mouth, County Cork. The estuary runs from east to west with extensive sand banks and shoals. The village of Courtmacsherry lies on the southern shore of the estuary adjacent to a relatively deep-water channel, an existing pier and the RNLI station lifeboat house and mooring. The proposed maritime usage location is within Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC and Courtmacsherry Bay SPA. The proposed maritime usage is within the Argideen Estuary transitional waterbody (IE_SW_090_0200), which was classified as Moderate status in the EPA 2019 to 2024 WFD status assessment.

The estuary occupies the drowned valley of the Argideen River, which has been progressively infilled with sediment over time, resulting in extensive intertidal mudflats. Most of the mudflats within Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC are unvegetated but with the inflow of three rivers to the site, areas of saltmarsh have developed.

The SAC also supports sand dune systems, sandy and shingle beaches, reedbeds of common reed (*Phragmites australis*), scrub, dry grassland, and areas of both wet and dry semi-natural broadleaved woodland.

Courtmacsherry Bay SPA is classified as being of ornithological importance to waders and wildfowl that feed on the mud and sandflats and is an important site for wintering birds. An overwintering bird survey was undertaken by the applicant twice each month between September 2021 and March 2022, which recorded most SCI species in the area surrounding the proposed maritime usage area.

The proposed maritime usage is within the benthic community complex 'Sand with *Nephtys cirrosa* community complex', a benthic community type found within Estuaries [1130] and Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140], and part of the Wetlands and Waterbirds [A999] Special Conservation Interest (SCI) of the SPA.

3. Identification of relevant European sites

The MUL application is subject to screening for appropriate assessment in accordance with Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, to determine if it alone, or in-combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on a European sites, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the sites. The applicant submitted a Supporting Information for Screening of Appropriate Assessment (SISAA) report in support of the application which was referred to during this assessment.

The proposed maritime usage is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site(s). The European sites (Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs)) listed on **Table 1** have been considered for appropriate assessment, given the nature, scale and Zone of Influence of the maritime usage, the conservation objectives of the European sites and using the Source-Pathway-Receptor model.

Table 1 - Identification of relevant European sites, their qualifying interests and site-specific conservation objectives. Those Qualifying Interests and Special Conservation Interests marked in bold have been screened in for Stage 2 appropriate assessment.

European site & site code	Distance from proposed MUL area (km)	List of Qualifying Interests	Connections (Source-pathway-receptor)	European Site Screened in	Site-specific conservation objectives
Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)					
Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC [001230]	0 km	**Estuaries [1130]** **Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]**	Yes. The proposed maritime usage overlaps the SAC and Annex I habitat Estuaries [1130] and Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]. Likely significant effects from physical habitat disturbance and water quality effects cannot be excluded at Stage 1.	Yes	NPWS (2014) Conservation Objectives: Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC 001230. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
		Annual vegetation of drift lines [1210] Perennial vegetation of stony banks [1220]	No significant S-P-R	No	

European site & site code	Distance from proposed MUL area (km)	List of Qualifying Interests	Connections (Source-pathway-receptor)	European Site Screened in	Site-specific conservation objectives
		Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310] Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae) [1330] Mediterranean salt meadows (*Juncetalia maritimi*) [1410] Embryonic shifting dunes [2110] Shifting dunes along the shoreline with *Ammophila arenaria* (white dunes) [2120] Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130]			
Clonakilty Bay SAC [000091]	10 km	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140] Annual vegetation of drift lines [1210] Embryonic shifting dunes [2110] Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) [2120] Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130] Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (*Calluno-Ulicetea*) [2150]	No significant S-P-R.	No	NPWS (2014) Conservation Objectives: Clonakilty Bay SAC 000091. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

European site & site code	Distance from proposed MUL area (km)	List of Qualifying Interests	Connections (Source-pathway-receptor)	European Site Screened in	Site-specific conservation objectives
Kilkeran Lake and Castlefreke Dunes SAC [001061]	18.8 km	Coastal lagoons [1150] Embryonic shifting dunes [2110] Shifting dunes along the shoreline with *Ammophila arenaria* (white dunes) [2120] Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130]	No significant S-P-R.	No	NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Kilkeran Lake and Castlefreke Dunes SAC 001061. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.
Bandon River SAC [002171]	26.4 km	Water courses of plain to montane levels with the *Ranunculion fluitantis* and *Callitricho-Batrachion* vegetation [3260] Alluvial forests with *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior* (*Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae*) [91E0] *Margaritifera margaritifera* (Freshwater Pearl Mussel) [1029] *Lampetra planeri* (Brook Lamprey) [1096]	No significant S-P-R.	No	NPWS (2019) Conservation Objectives: Bandon River SAC 002171. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

European site & site code	Distance from proposed MUL area (km)	List of Qualifying Interests	Connections (Source-pathway-receptor)	European Site Screened in	Site-specific conservation objectives
Roaringwater Bay and Islands SAC [000101]	72 km	Large shallow inlets and bays [1160] Reefs [1170] Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230] European dry heaths [4030] Submerged or partially submerged sea caves [8330] *Lutra lutra* (Otter) [1355] *Halichoerus grypus* (Grey Seal) [1364]	No significant S-P-R.	Yes	NPWS (2011) Conservation Objectives: Roaringwater Bay and Islands SAC 000101. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
		Phocoena phocoena (Harbour Porpoise) [1351]	Yes. Proposed maritime usage is within 100 km of the SAC and within harbour porpoise foraging range. Likely significant effects cannot be excluded at Stage 1 for underwater noise.		
Special Protection Areas (SPA)					
Courtmacsherry Bay SPA [004219]	0	**Great Northern Diver (_Gavia immer_) [A003]** **Shelduck (_Tadorna tadorna_) [A048]** **Wigeon (_Anas penelope_) [A050]**	Yes. The proposed maritime usage overlaps the SPA and its supporting	Yes	NPWS (2014) Conservation Objectives: Courtmacsherry Bay SPA 004219. Version 1.0.

European site & site code	Distance from proposed MUL area (km)	List of Qualifying Interests	Connections (Source-pathway-receptor)	European Site Screened in	Site-specific conservation objectives
		Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*) [A069] **Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*) [A140]** **Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*) [A142]** **Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*) [A149]** **Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*) [A156]** **Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*) [A157]** **Curlew (*Numenius arquata*) [A160]** **Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*) [A179]** **Common Gull (*Larus canus*) [A182]** **Wetlands and Waterbirds [A999]**	estuarine habitat. Potential visual and above water noise disturbance and displacement of foraging and roosting overwintering birds, physical disturbance of the wetland habitat [A999] and water quality effects. Likely significant effects cannot be excluded at Stage 1.		National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
Seven Heads SPA [004191]	3.19 km	Chough (*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*) [A346]	No significant S-P-R.	No	NPWS (2025) Conservation Objectives: Seven Heads SPA 004191. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local

European site & site code	Distance from proposed MUL area (km)	List of Qualifying Interests	Connections (Source-pathway-receptor)	European Site Screened in	Site-specific conservation objectives
					Government and Heritage.
Clonakilty Bay SPA [004081]	9.98 km	**Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*) [A048]** **Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*) [A149]** **Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*) [A156]** **Curlew (*Numenius arquata*) [A160]**	Yes. Possible ex-situ visual and above water noise disturbance and displacement of SCI waterbirds that may forage or roost within Courtmacsherry Bay, within the mean foraging range of these SCIs. Likely significant effects cannot be excluded at Stage 1.	Yes	NPWS (2014) Conservation Objectives: Clonakilty Bay SPA 004081. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
		Wetlands and Waterbirds [A999]	No significant S-P-R.		
Old Head of Kinsale SPA [004021]	11.09 km	Guillemot (*Uria aalge*) [A199]	No significant S-P-R.	Yes	NPWS (2025) Conservation Objectives: Old head of Kinsale SPA 004021. Version 1.0. National Parks and
		Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) [A188]	Yes. Possible ex-situ visual and above water noise disturbance and		

European site & site code	Distance from proposed MUL area (km)	List of Qualifying Interests	Connections (Source-pathway-receptor)	European Site Screened in	Site-specific conservation objectives
			displacement of this SCI. Within foraging range. Likely significant effects cannot be excluded at Stage 1.		Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
Galley Head to Duneen Point SPA [004190]	12.81 km	Chough (*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*) [A346]	No significant S-P-R.	No	NPWS (2025) Conservation Objectives: Galley Head to Duneen Point SPA 004190. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
Sovereign Islands SPA [004124]	18.03 km	Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) [A017]	No significant S-P-R.	No	NPWS (2025) Conservation Objectives: Sovereign Islands SPA 004124. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Housing,

European site & site code	Distance from proposed MUL area (km)	List of Qualifying Interests	Connections (Source-pathway-receptor)	European Site Screened in	Site-specific conservation objectives
					Local Government and Heritage.
Cork Harbour SPA [004030]	29.27	Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*) [A004] Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*) [A005] Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) [A017] Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) [A028] Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*) [A048] Teal (*Anas crecca*) [A052] Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) [A053] Pintail (*Anas acuta*) [A054] Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*) [A069] Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*) [A130] Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*) [A140] Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*) [A141] Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*) [A142] Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*) [A149] Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*) [A156]	No significant S-P-R	Yes	NPWS (2014) Conservation Objectives: Cork Harbour SPA 004030. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

European site & site code	Distance from proposed MUL area (km)	List of Qualifying Interests	Connections (Source-pathway-receptor)	European Site Screened in	Site-specific conservation objectives
		Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*) [A157] Curlew (*Numenius arquata*) [A160] Redshank (*Tringa totanus*) [A162] Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*) [A164] Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*) [A179] Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) [A193] Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*) [A855] Shoveler (*Spatula clypeata*) [A857] Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]			
		Common Gull (*Larus canus*) [A182] **Lesser Black-backed Gull *(Larus fuscus*) [A183]**	Yes. Possible ex-situ visual and above water noise disturbance and displacement of seabirds that may forage or roost within Courtmacsherry Bay, within the mean foraging range of these SCIs. Likely		

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			significant effects cannot be excluded at Stage 1.		
The Gearagh SPA [004109]	32.44	Teal (*Anas crecca*) [A052] Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) [A053] Coot (*Fulica atra*) [A125] Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*) [A855] Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]	No significant S-P-R	No	NPWS (2025) Conservation Objectives: The Gearagh SPA 004109. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
Sheep's Head to Toe Head SPA [004156]	38.19	Peregrine (*Falco peregrinus*) [A103] Chough (*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*) [A346]	No significant S-P-R	No	NPWS (2025) Conservation Objectives: Sheep's Head to Toe Head SPA 004156. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

European site & site code	Distance from proposed MUL area (km)	List of Qualifying Interests	Connections (Source-pathway-receptor)	European Site Screened in	Site-specific conservation objectives
Mullaghanish to Musheramore Mountains SPA [004162]	40.26	Hen Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*) [A082]	No significant S-P-R	No	NPWS (2022) Conservation Objectives: Mullaghanish to Musheramore Mountains SPA 004162. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
Ballycotton Bay SPA [004022]	51.61	Teal (*Anas crecca*) [A052] Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*) [A137] Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*) [A140] Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*) [A141] Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*) [A142] Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*) [A156] Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*) [A157] Curlew (*Numenius arquata*) [A160] Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) [A169] Common Gull (*Larus canus*) [A182]	No significant S-P-R	No	NPWS (2014) Conservation Objectives: Ballycotton Bay SPA 004022. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

European site & site code	Distance from proposed MUL area (km)	List of Qualifying Interests	Connections (Source-pathway-receptor)	European Site Screened in	Site-specific conservation objectives
		Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*) [A183] Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]			

4. Assessment of likely significant effects

Table 2 identification of potential direct and indirect impacts that may have an effect on the conservation objectives of European sites, taking into account the nature and scale of the proposed maritime usage.

Potential Impacts	**Possible significance of Potential impacts (duration, magnitude, etc.)**
Disturbance from underwater noise	Borehole drilling, jack-up barge operations, and survey activities will generate underwater noise at frequencies that may overlap the hearing range of marine mammals. Harbour Porpoise [1351], a Qualifying Interest of Roaringwater Bay and Islands SAC [000101] located 72 km by sea from the proposed maritime usage has the potential to be foraging or commuting in the vicinity of the project. Likely significant effects cannot be excluded at Stage 1 for this impact mechanism.
Visual and above water noise disturbance	Jack-up barge operations and survey activity within the proposed maritime usage area may cause temporary airborne noise and visual disturbance to SCI birds using the estuary and adjacent intertidal habitats. Likely significant effects on birds cannot be excluded at Stage 1.
Physical habitat disturbance	Jack-up barge operations, boreholes, and vibrocores will directly disturb the seabed, potentially resuspending sediment, displacing benthic fauna and altering estuarine habitat communities. Given the direct overlap with Estuaries [1130], Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140], and Wetlands and Waterbirds [A999] within the proposed maritime usage area, likely significant effects cannot be excluded at Stage 1.

Water quality effects	Boreholes and vibrocores may remobilise suspended sediment and contaminants. Vessel and barge operations also present an accidental pollution pathway from fuels or hydrocarbons. Effects are expected to be localised and short term given the scale of the works. Given the direct overlap with Annex I habitats 1130 and 1140 and the supporting wetland habitat of Courtmacsherry Bay SPA, likely significant effects cannot be excluded at Stage 1.

In-combination effects

The potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage must be considered individually and also in combination with other plans or projects. All types of plans or projects that could, in-combination with this application, have a significant effect, have been considered. This in-combination assessment has been undertaken using professional and scientific judgement and is assessed primarily in terms of potential spatial and temporal impacts.

The spatial scope of the in-combination assessment is within the Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC and SPA to a distance of 55 km and is based on the spatial extent of the site investigations and the mean foraging ranges of SCI species. The temporal scope of the in-combination assessment is based on the period over which the any proposed licence will be granted, which is three years in this case.

A search of relevant databases, including the MARA MAC and MUL Applications and Determinations database, Cork County Council, An Coimisiún Pleanála, Discover Ireland and Fáilte Ireland websites was undertaken on the 16/10/2026. Table 3 below outlines those activities which are considered to have the potential to act in-combination with the proposed maritime usage.

Table 3: List of projects which were considered to have potential in-combination impacts on European sites

Application Ref.	Project description	Distance from proposed MUL area (km)	Project Status
MAC20230016	MAC application – Kestrel Energy Storage DAC, re-development of decommissioned	30 km	Applied

	and depleted Ballycotton gas reservoir in the Kinsale Head area offshore Cork.		
MUL230039	MUL application – UCC deploying passive acoustic monitoring devices in the Celtic Sea.	3.4 km	Licensed
MUL230015	MUL application – Uisce Éireann conducting strategic modelling study of water currents and bathymetry along a section of the South Cork coast.	Within	Licensed
N/A	Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme 2026 – Courtmacsherry Pontoon replacement. Required to be completed by 30th of October 2026.	Within	Tendered
D0294-02	Courtmacsherry – Timoleague Wastewater Treatment Plant (Uisce Éireann).	Within	Licensed

The following plans, related to the development of the maritime environment were also considered:

- Adopted Variation No. 1 to the Cork County Development Plan 2022-2028
- The Climate Action Plan 2025
- River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) 2022-2027
- National Marine Planning Framework
- Ireland's draft National Nature Restoration Plan 2027
- Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030

Likely significant in-combination effects between this application and the plans listed above and projects listed on Table 3 on the conservation objectives of the European sites considered in this report can be excluded at this stage due to the spatially and temporally limited nature of the proposed maritime usage. The fieldwork is confined to an area of 0.606 ha within Courtmacsherry Harbour and is expected to be completed within 10 days. The South Cork Strategic Modelling Study survey is due to be completed by the 2nd of November 2026 so there is no temporal overlap through which the project effects could combine with those of the proposed maritime usage. The Kestrel Energy Storage project involves the redevelopment of a depleted offshore gas reservoir approximately 30 km offshore. It has no pathway to the estuarine habitats or the foraging and roosting areas of the waterbirds of Courtmacsherry Bay, and its effects are therefore not capable of combining with those of the proposed maritime usage. The passive acoustic monitoring licensed to University College Cork involves no physical disturbance or emissions capable of acting cumulatively with the proposed maritime usage. Discharges from the Courtmacsherry and Timoleague wastewater treatment

plant are regulated by emission limit values under EPA licence D0294-02 and form part of the existing baseline.
The draft National Nature Restoration Plan and the National Biodiversity Action Plan aim to restore and conserve habitats and species and therefore support the conservation objectives of the European sites considered. None of the considered plans would therefore give rise to effects capable of combining with the short-term effects of the proposed maritime usage.

Were mitigation measures considered during the screening process?
No.

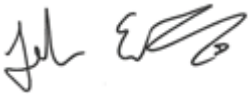
5. Screening Determination Statement

The assessment of significant effects:

Having considered the legal framework applicable to appropriate assessment, the information on file, and having regard to:

- The nature and scale of the proposed maritime usage
- The location of the proposed maritime usage within Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC and Courtmacsherry Bay SPA
- The lack of potential for in-combination effects with other plans and projects
- Potential disturbance from underwater noise
- Potential visual and above water noise disturbance
- Potential physical habitat disturbance
- Potential water quality effects

It was concluded that the proposed maritime usage by RNLI Ireland, Airside, Swords, Dublin, to carry out marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000 (Schedule 7(3)) at Courtmacsherry Harbour, Cullenagh, Co. Cork (MUL240047) will require Stage 2 appropriate assessment. It cannot be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information, that the proposed project, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European site.

Signature and Date of AQUAFACT staff member who prepared the report on behalf of MARA Recommending Officer	 Dr Aidan Long Principal Consultant, Team Lead, AQUAFACT APEM Group	05/11/2026
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