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1 INTRODUCTION

The National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF) was published on 30th June 2021 and brings together all marine-based human activities for the first time, outlining the government's vision, objectives and marine planning policies for each marine activity.

The NMPF details how these marine activities will interact with each other in an ocean space that is under increasing spatial pressure, ensuring the sustainable use of our marine resources to 2040.

The NMPF is intended as the marine equivalent to the National Planning Framework. This approach will enable the Government to:

- set a clear direction for managing our seas
- clarify objectives and priorities
- direct decision makers, users and stakeholders towards strategic, plan-led, and efficient use of our marine resources

The NMPF sets out a range of objectives, policies and supporting actions, considered necessary to support the effective management of marine activities and more sustainable use of our marine resource. Applications for development will be considered in terms of their consistency with the NMPF.

RNLI proposed to undertake site investigation works to inform the design of a new RNLI jetty and berth at Courtmacsherry, County Cork and to inform disposal options for dredged sediment material.

This statement is provided to demonstrate the compliance of the proposed site investigation works (the Proposed Development) with the NMPF. The NMPF is the key consideration for decision makers on all marine authorisations, including foreshore licences as in the case of the Proposed Development.

2 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Project Description

The Proposed Development is limited to small-scale site investigation works at the following location:

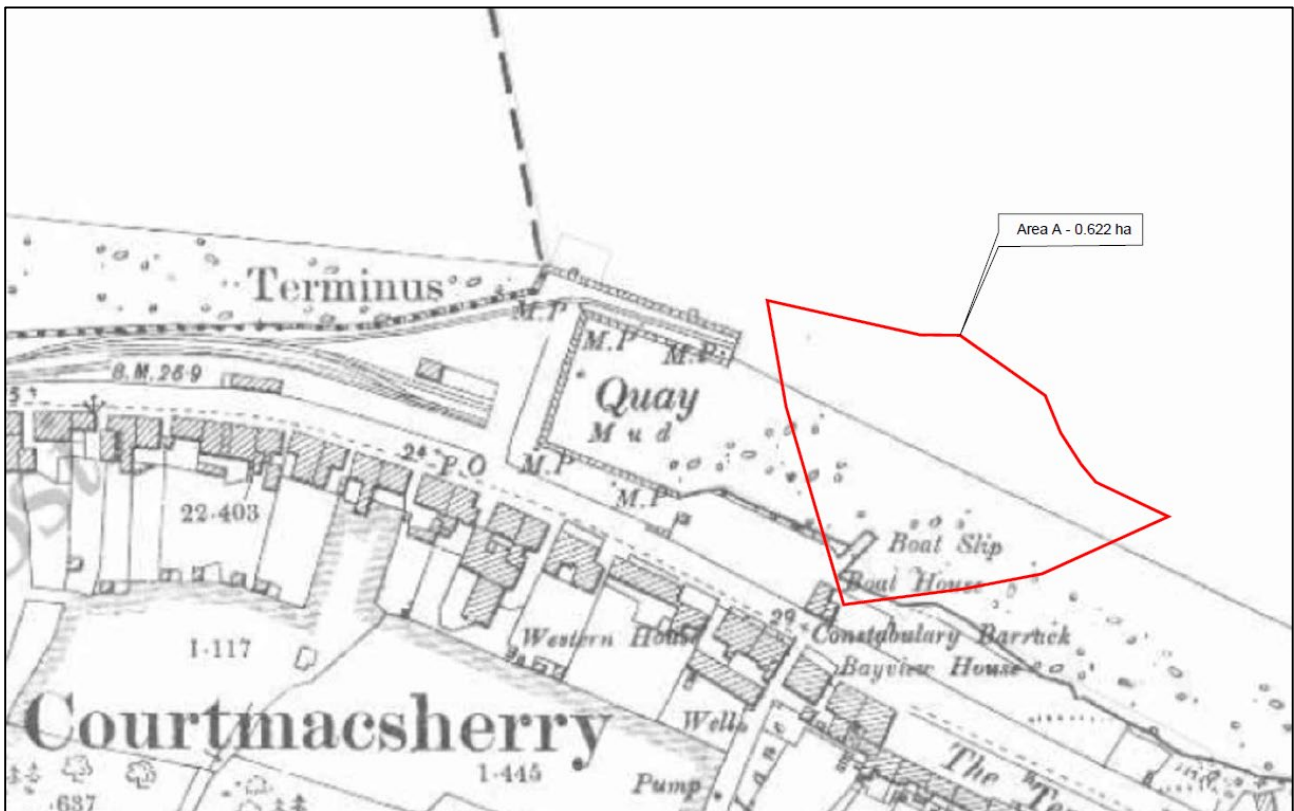
- Courtmacsherry, County Cork
- Townland of Cullenagh

Site coordinates (relative to centre of site)

- X (Easting): 150980
- Y (Northing): 042736
- Latitude: 51.635333
- Longitude: -8.7088048

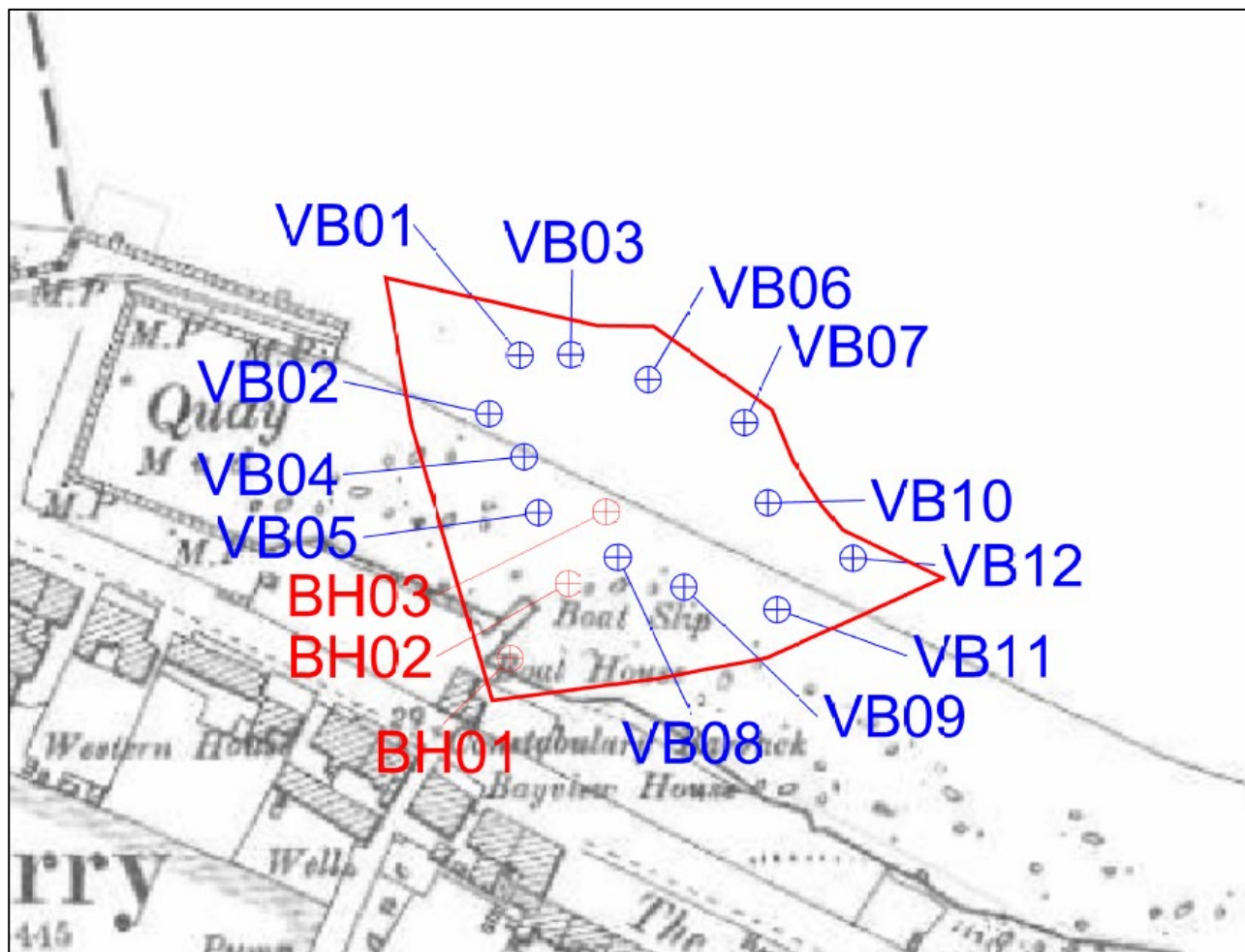
The site location (red line boundary) of the Proposed Development is illustrated in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Site Layout and Site Boundary



The layout of the proposed site investigations works is illustrated in Figure 2 below:

Figure 2: Site Layout and Site Boundary



2.1.1 Description of Proposed Works/Activity

The Proposed Development as set out within the Foreshore Licence is defined as follows:

Site investigation works to inform the design of a new RNLI jetty and berth and to inform disposal options for dredged sediment material.

Works will generally comprise of the following:

- Boreholes – Target depth 25m
- 12 Vibrocores – Target depth 4m
- In situ sampling with further testing and reporting to be undertaken off site

No structures will be erected on the foreshore; all works will be temporary in nature (a duration of 10 days).

Works have an estimated start date of April 2023 (subject to consenting) with an estimated duration of 10 days.

2.2 Project Need

The site investigation works are being undertaken to inform the design of a proposed new berth for the Courtmacsherry RNLI lifeboat. The berth will be subject of a future foreshore consent application, upon development of project design.

3 CONSENTING & SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Proposed Development is subject of a Foreshore Licence Application to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The applicant is RNLI Ireland.

The Proposed Development does not meet the thresholds for an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) however a Non-statutory Environmental Report (NSER) has been provided in support of the licence application.

Supporting information for screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) has also been provided in support of the licence application.

4 NATIONAL MARINE PLANNING FRAMEWORK COMPLIANCE

The NMPF sets out a wide range of marine planning policies which are considered applicable to projects which are considerably larger in scale and significance to that of the Proposed Development.

Whilst none of the policies within the Framework are considered directly applicable to the Proposed Development, it is considered in *broad* terms compliant with the NMPF in so much that the proposed site investigation works do not conflict with the NMPF.