



Marine Survey Office

Leeson Lane,

Dublin 2

14th of September 2026

Subject: MUL260055 Metrolink, Dublin MES Site Investigations

Good day,

After careful consideration, the Marine Survey Office has no objection to the proposed dredging operations contained in the application referenced in the subject line from a navigational safety perspective.

However, the following shall be noted;

1. The Marine Survey Office are unable to determine the depths, nature of bottom and whether any hazards such as submarine pipelines or cables are present in the area proposed for survey due to variations of chart information. The Licensee is advised to engage with Dublin City Council to obtain said information which may pose a hazard to the survey operations.
2. The Licensee shall, through consultation and agreement with the Port of Dublin publish a Local Notice to Mariners providing relevant schedule of works extent of the survey activities.
3. The Licensee shall ensure all appropriate measures are taken for the duration of any on-site activity to ensure the safety of navigation is maintained. Any hazard to safe navigation shall be easily identifiable to all maritime users operating within or in the proximity of the license area.
4. The marking and lighting of any moored instruments shall be carried out in consultation with the Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights. Lighting and marking shall be compliant with International Association of Aids to Navigation (IALA) requirements. Information regarding the position of any markings which



create a hazard to navigation shall be promulgated to the mariner through the publication of a marine notice and all means appropriate

5. All vessels engaged in proposed activities must conform to Irish Certification standards and, vessels shall be manned by suitably qualified personnel. Where equipment is carried for survey activities an Irish Load line survey may be required. The applicant shall contact mso@transport.gov.ie for clarification in relation to the above matters.
6. The deployment of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships are currently permitted on a case by case basis within the Irish Maritime Jurisdiction. Intentions to deploy MASS in proposed site investigations must be approved by the Marine Survey Office mso@transport.gov.ie
7. In advance, and throughout the consent period the applicant shall be obliged to inform United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) Email: sdr@UKHO.gov.uk, of any activities that may impact the safety of navigation including deployment of equipment and survey activities.
8. All bathymetry data gathered shall be shared with UKHO and INFOMAR to ensure appropriate navigation safety information and charts can be updated. Email: sdr@UKHO.gov.uk and the INFOMAR program at support@geodata.gov.ie

Regards,

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