

MARA

An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí
Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

Maritime Usage Licence (MUL)

General Application (Form MUL1)





Important information:

Applicants are strongly advised to read the "[Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Usage Licence](#)" before completing this application.

The application form and supporting documentation, including confirmation of payment of fee, must be submitted to licence@mara.gov.ie.

Complete this form electronically using the free text and tick boxes provided, free text boxes will expand as required. Responses should, in so far as is possible, clearly and concisely address the information requested. Where appropriate, supporting documentation may be submitted for assessment, providing that any information relevant to the application is clearly referenced in the application form.

Before completing this form, the declaration and consent at the end of the application form should be read.

Application Fee:

An application fee of EUR €2,000 applies for each Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) application.

This requirement is detailed in legislation:

Section 117(1) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and Maritime Area Usage (Licence Fees) Regulations 2023, SI No 402/2003.

The application fee must be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA). MARA Bank Details are provided upon request by email to licence@mara.gov.ie

Proof of application fee payment /confirmation of funds transfer must be provided with the application documentation.

Should the Maritime Usage Licensing application screen out for Appropriate Assessment, a refund of EUR €1,000 applies.

Privacy Policy

MARA may require applicants to provide certain personal data in order to carry out its legislative and administrative functions. MARA will treat all personal data that an applicant provides in accordance with MARA's obligations under data protection legislation, including the Data Protection Act 2018 and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). A Privacy Statement explaining how MARA, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data the applicant provides, how that information will be used and what rights the applicant may exercise in relation to its personal data, is available in this link: [Privacy Policy - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#).

Freedom of Information/Access to Information on the Environment

MARA is a public body for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, as amended (the "FOI Act") and is also subject to the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007-2018 (the "AIE Regulations") and MARA may be required to disclose information and records provided by the applicant in response to a request made under the FOI Act and/or the AIE Regulations, subject to applicable exemptions. Where the applicant considers that any information supplied to MARA is commercially sensitive, confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act or the AIE Regulations, the applicant must clearly identify such information at the time. Notwithstanding this, the final decision on disclosure rests with MARA, in accordance with the applicable legislation. The applicant must, upon reasonable request and within a reasonable timeframe, provide all necessary assistance and cooperation to MARA in connection with any request for information made under the FOI Act and/or AIE Regulations.

Confidential/Commercially Sensitive Information

Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their application to MARA is commercially sensitive and/or confidential. The applicant should clearly identify and separate the specific sections of their application containing such information. The applicant should specify the reasons for its confidentiality/sensitivity with regard to the FOI Act and/or AIE Regulations.



Form MUL1 – Application for a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) for an activity listed in Schedule 7 of the MAP Act

Part 1 Activity in Schedule 7 and relevant section of the MAP Act

1.1 Part 1 Activity in Schedule 7, for which this MUL application is made.

Tick Maritime Usage applicable to the purpose of the MUL. The Applicant should refer to the MUL Guidance Note for Applicants before completing this section.	
1. Dredging (including dredging involving the use of a device to remove any material, whether or not suspended in water, from one part of the seabed to another part of the seabed) other than— (a) dredging carried out to create a new harbour, berth or waterway, or to deepen existing facilities in order to allow access for larger ships, or (b) dredging ancillary to development authorised under the Act of 2000, whether or not it involves the removal of any material from the sea or seabed.	☐
2. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of scientific discovery or research.	☐
3. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000.	☒
4. The installation or placement of navigational markers or aids to navigation, or both, not undertaken or authorised by the Commissioners of Irish Lights.	☐
5. The installation of non-permanent platforms, pontoons or slipways.	☐
6. The deposit of any substance or object, either in the sea or on or under the seabed, from— (a) a vehicle, vessel (including a craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not self-propelled), boat, aircraft or marine structure (other than a pipeline), (b) a container floating in the sea, or (c) a structure on land constructed or adapted wholly or mainly for the purpose of depositing solids in the sea.	☐
7. The use of a vehicle, vessel (including a craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not self-propelled), boat, aircraft, marine structure (other than a pipeline) or floating container to remove any substance or object from the seabed.	☐
8. The use of explosives not related to development authorised under the Act of 2000 and not requiring authorisation under any other enactment.	☐
9. The maintenance of any cable, pipeline, oil, gas or carbon storage facility structure that does not require an authorisation (whether the authorisation takes the form of the grant of a licence, consent, approval or any other type of authorisation) under any other enactment in order to be undertaken.	☐
10. The harvesting, disturbance or removal of seaweed, whether growing or rooted on the seabed, or deposited in or washed up thereon by the action of any one or more than one of the following: (a) tides; (b) winds; (c) waves.	☐
11. The deposit, construction or removal of any mooring not requiring authorisation under any other enactment.	☐
12. (a) The removal of beach material from, or the disturbance of beach material in, the maritime area otherwise than in the course of the ordinary or reasonable recreational enjoyment of the maritime area. 12 (b) In this paragraph, "beach material" means sand, clay, gravel, shingle, stones, rocks, mineral substances, seashells, coral and maerl and any flora, in or on the surface of the seabed or suspended in the water of the maritime area, and includes outcrops of rock or any other mineral substance above the surface of the seabed.	☐
13. The laying or installation of telecommunications cables or ducting by or between coastal States where such cables or ducting pass through the exclusive economic zone (as construed in accordance with the Act of 2021) or the continental shelf but do not land in the State.	☐
14. A maritime usage specified, for the purposes of this paragraph, in regulations made under section 113(2)."	☐



Select activity type from the list below:

Dredging/Deposits	☐
Energy Infrastructure	☐
ORE Development	☐
Ports	☐
Research	☐
Seaweed	☐
State Infrastructure (Water/Sewage)	☐
State Infrastructure (Other)	☒
Telecoms	☐
Tourism & Recreation	☐

- 1.2 Select the relevant section(s) of the MAP Act under which this MUL application is made. If more than one section applies, then select all applicable sections.

Section 117 application for a new Schedule 7 usage	☒
Section 129 application to amend an existing foreshore authorisation or continue to occupy that part of the maritime area after the expiration of the authorisation	☐
Section 130 application for an existing unauthorised maritime usage	☐

- 1.3 Provide below details when MUL application is made under Section 129 of the MAP Act.

- A. Confirm that you are transitioning from an existing foreshore authorisation to a MUL to continue the previously consented maritime usage, or to amend an existing authorisation.

Yes ☐ No ☒

- B. If yes, provide the following details.

- i. Foreshore authorisation reference number.

Not applicable.

- ii. Date of Issue.

Not applicable.

- iii. Expiration date.



Not applicable.

iv. Description of Authorised Usage.

Not applicable.

v. Reason for transition from foreshore authorisation to MUL.

Not applicable.

vi. Confirm that you have attached a copy of the existing foreshore authorisation including foreshore consent map in this MUL application as Attachment 1.3.

Yes ☐ No ☒

1.4 Provide below details when MUL application is made under Section 130 of the MAP Act.

A. Confirm that you are applying for a MUL for an existing unauthorised maritime usage.

Yes ☐ No ☒

B. If yes, provide the following details.

i. Description of existing unauthorised maritime usage.

Not applicable.

ii. Location of unauthorised maritime usage.

Not applicable.



- iii. Date of commencement of unauthorised maritime usage.

Not applicable.

Part 2 Applicant Details

2.1 Applicant Details

The name and address should be of the legal or natural person that is to be the MUL Holder. This information would be recorded on the MUL.	
Name of Applicant	Marina Quarter Ltd.
Company/Organisation (if Applicable)	Marina Quarter Ltd.
Applicant Address: Where a legal person would be the Holder of the MUL, these details must be as currently listed in the Companies Registration Office. Where a non-profit entity, which is a registered charity, would be the Holder of the MUL, these details must be as currently listed in the Register of Charitable Organisations.	
Address line 1	Block C, Maynooth Business Campus,
Address line 2	Straffan Road
Address line 3	Maynooth
City/Town	Kildare
Eircode	W23 F854
Applicant Email Address	eoindeffely@glenveagh.ie
If the Applicant is a legal person, Company Registration Office Number. A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation (certified copy provided by CRO) and a list of Directors must be provided as Attachment 2.1.	CRO and list of Directors included as attachment 2.1.
If the Applicant is a non-profit entity, which is a registered charity, the Registered Charity Number	Not Applicable

Attachment 2.1 included (if required).

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐



2.2 Authorised Contact Person for MUL Application.

The Authorised Contact Person for the MUL Application will be the person that MARA will contact in relation to any aspect of the MUL application. The Authorised Contact Person can be a person within the Applicant Organisation or a person (agent) nominated by the Applicant

Authorised Contact Name	Aidan Long
Authorised Contact Position	Principal Consultant
Email	a.long@aquafact.ie
Telephone	(091) 756812

2.3 If MARA provided a statutory declaration under Section 115 of the MAP Act as to whether or not a MUL was required for the proposed usage, provide the reference number associated with that declaration.

This was not sought by MARA prior to this MUL application.

2.4 Existing Foreshore Authorisation

- A. Provide the reference number and title of any existing Foreshore Authorisations you may hold, or have a current application for, within, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage, which you do not wish to transition (refer to 1.3 for Foreshore Authorisations you wish to transition).

Not applicable.

- B. Do you intend to surrender any existing foreshore consent(s) (Lease/Licence) for any maritime usage other than that granted by the foreshore authorisation?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- C. If yes, provide description of the existing foreshore consent(s) authorised usage. If necessary, provide additional information as Attachment 2.4.

Not applicable.

- D. Attachment 2.4 included.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒



2.5 Other authorisations or consents

- A. Provide the reference number, a brief description and the status (e.g. application made or authorisation/consent granted) of any other authorisations or consents in the footprint, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage area, held by the applicant.

If necessary, provide additional information as Attachment 2.5.

Not applicable.

- B. Attachment 2.5 included.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒



Part 3 Details of Maritime Usage

3.1 Maritime Usage

- A. Provide a brief description of proposed Maritime Usage.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 3.1.

The Proposed Maritime Usage comprises temporary intertidal and subtidal marine ecological surveys within Castletown Estuary and Inner Dundalk Bay. The surveys are being undertaken by AQUAFAC on behalf of Marina Quarter Ltd to provide project-specific baseline marine ecological information to inform environmental assessments associated with the proposed Haggardstown and Marshes Upper Large-scale Residential Development, Dundalk, Co. Louth. The Proposed Development comprises 502 residential units, together with a two-storey crèche, access infrastructure, roads, pedestrian and cycle connections, parking, landscaping and associated amenity areas.

The subtidal survey will comprise initial non-intrusive seabed characterisation at five stations using a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and/or drop-down video (DDV). The imagery will be used to characterise seabed habitats and substrate conditions, identify sensitive ecological features and determine the suitability of each station for subsequent grab sampling. Where conditions are suitable, two 0.025 m² faunal grab samples and one additional sediment sample will be collected at each station, giving a maximum of 10 faunal and five sediment samples. Sampling locations may be adjusted to avoid sensitive or unsuitable habitats identified during the visual survey.

The intertidal survey will comprise a Phase I habitat and biotope mapping survey along approximately 500 m of coastline at each of four survey locations and a Phase II quantitative survey along four transects. Quantitative sampling will be undertaken at the upper, middle and lower shore levels of each transect. Where soft sediment prevents safe shore-based sampling, samples will be collected from a Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) at high water using a 0.025 m² Van Veen grab. Two faunal samples and one sediment sample will be collected at each of the 12 sampling locations, giving a total of 24 intertidal faunal samples and 12 intertidal sediment samples.

Survey Element	No. Shorelines / Transects / Stations	Sample Replicates	Total Samples	Faunal Analysis Samples	PSA/TOC Samples
Intertidal Phase I (Qualitative)	4 shorelines (~500 m each)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Intertidal Phase II (Boat, Van Veen)	4 transects	2 faunal grabs + 1 PSA/TOC grab per shore level	36	24	12
Subtidal Benthic (Boat, Van Veen)	5 stations	2 faunal grabs + 1 PSA/TOC grab per station	15	10	5
Total intrusive samples	—	—	51	34	17

Faunal samples will undergo laboratory taxonomic analysis, while sediment samples will be analysed for



Particle Size Analysis and organic carbon. Survey observations and habitat boundaries will be georeferenced and the results will be presented through technical reporting and GIS outputs.

The Proposed Maritime Usage is strictly limited to these temporary marine ecological survey activities. No permanent marine infrastructure is proposed. Further details of the survey methodology, sampling programme and locations are provided in Attachment 3.1 Description of the Proposed Maritime Usage.

B. Attachment 3.1 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

3.2 Describe the purpose of the proposed Maritime Usage, with reference to the classes of usage in Schedule 7 of the MAP Act.

The Proposed Maritime Usage falls within paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021: marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

The purpose of the surveys is to establish a robust, site-specific marine ecological baseline within Castletown Estuary and Inner Dundalk Bay to inform environmental assessments associated with the proposed Haggardstown and Marshes Upper Large-scale Residential Development. The surveys will characterise intertidal and subtidal habitats, benthic communities and sediment conditions and identify sensitive ecological features within the survey area.

The survey programme will therefore provide the environmental evidence necessary to support appropriate assessment and informed decision-making in relation to the Proposed Development. The Proposed Maritime Usage does not itself comprise or authorise the Proposed Development. It is an enabling site-investigation activity associated with the environmental assessment and consenting pathway for a proposed development comprising 502 residential units and associated infrastructure.

The surveys are temporary, localised and proportionate to the information required. Non-intrusive DDV and/or ROV survey will be undertaken before subtidal grab sampling so that sensitive or unsuitable seabed habitats can be identified and avoided, while intrusive sampling will be restricted to discrete locations required to obtain representative ecological and sediment data.

Further information on the purpose and scope of the Proposed Maritime Usage is provided in Attachment 3.1.

3.3 Duration

A. Indicate the overall MUL duration requested. Indicate the duration of any individual activities included in the overall activity. Give reasons for the proposed durations. Indicate any seasonal, vessel or other schedule constraints.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 3.3.



The overall Maritime Usage Licence duration requested is four months. The field surveys themselves are expected to require approximately one to two weeks; however, sufficient temporal flexibility is required to accommodate tidal, weather and sea-state constraints and to allow the surveys to be completed safely.

Intertidal Phase I survey work will be undertaken during suitable low-water tidal windows, including Mean Low Water Springs where required to provide access to the lower shore. Vessel-based sampling of soft intertidal sediments and the subtidal survey will require suitable high-water, weather and sea-state conditions.

The four-month licence period will also provide reasonable contingency for temporary delays arising from adverse weather, unsuitable sea conditions, equipment issues or other unforeseen operational constraints. This duration is considered proportionate to the scale and nature of the Proposed Maritime Usage.

B. Attachment 3.3 included.

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

3.4 Describe the area of proposed Maritime Usage

A. State the total size of the Maritime Area (in m², ha or km², as appropriate), which is the subject of the application.

90.02 ha

B. Attach map, titled 'Proposed MUL Map' and GIS Shapefiles outlining the proposed Maritime Area(s). If the application relates to more than one area, each area should be labelled on the accompanying maps/drawings and its area provided. The map(s)/drawing(s) should be included as Attachment 3.4. List the attached map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) in the space below.

Map(s)/GIS Shapefiles must comply with 'MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications in the Maritime Area under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA)'.

Proposed MUL Map - Proposed MUL Map_MUL260056.png

MUL area shapefile: Proposed_MUL_Area_MUL260056_ITM.shp

C. Attachment 3.4 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐

3.5 Describe the location of proposed Maritime Usage

A. Provide the distance in kilometres and direction of the main body of the proposed Maritime Usage area from



the shore at its closest point.

The proposed Maritime Usage area is located within Inner Dundalk Bay and the Castletown Estuary, County Louth, Ireland. The survey footprint directly abuts the high-water mark on the southern side of the Castletown Estuary at Soldiers Point. The closest point of the licensed area is therefore 0 km from the shore, in a northern direction from the shoreline into the Estuary and Inner Dundalk Bay.

- B. Attach map(s)/drawing(s) showing the location of the proposed Maritime Usage. The attached map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) should also be listed in the space below. The map(s)/drawing(s) should be included as Attachment 3.5.

Map(s)/GIS Shapefiles must comply with 'MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications in the Maritime Area under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA)'.

Survey map: MUL 260056 Survey map.png

Survey map relative to archaeological feature: MUL 260056 Survey map Archaeological Wreck.png

Phase 1 intertidal transects shapefile: Phase_I_Intertidal_MUL260056_ITM.shp

Phase 2 intertidal stations shapefile: Phase_II_Intertidal_MUL260056_ITM.shp

Subtidal stations shapefile: SubtidalSurvey_MUL260056_ITM.shp

- C. Attachment 3.5 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐

3.6 Ownership

- A. Is any part of the Maritime Area within the proposed site in private ownership?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- B. If yes, indicate on a drawing/map the area concerned in relation to the proposed maritime usage area and provide a letter confirming that the Applicant has obtained all necessary consents from the relevant owner(s).
- C. Is the Applicant aware of any actual or claimed legal rights or interests held by third parties in the proposed site that may be affected by the proposed Maritime Activity?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- D. If yes, indicate on a drawing/map the area concerned in relation to the proposed maritime usage area and provide a letter confirming that the Applicant has obtained all necessary consents from the relevant owner(s) of such legal rights or interests.
- E. The letter(s) and drawing(s)/map(s) referred to in B and D above should be included as Attachment 3.6. List the attached letters, map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) in the space below.



Not applicable.

F. Attachment 3.6 included.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

3.7 Planning permission and/or other authorisation(s)

A. Does the proposed Usage require planning permission and/or other authorisation(s), or is it ancillary to or part of to a proposed development which requires planning permission and/or other authorisation(s)?

Yes ☒ No ☐

B. If yes, what is the status of the planning and/or other authorisation(s)? If applicable, provide a brief description of the proposed development, to which the proposed Maritime Usage is ancillary.

Provide the file reference number(s) and link(s) to the websites where information on the planning and/or other authorisation application(s) and/or planning permission/ authorisation(s) can be obtained.

The Proposed Maritime Usage is ancillary to the proposed Haggardstown and Marshes Upper Large-scale Residential Development in Dundalk, Co. Louth. The Proposed Development comprises 502 residential units; a two-storey crèche facility with associated play area and parking; vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access infrastructure; roads, footpaths and cycleways; car and cycle parking; landscaping; amenity areas; and associated services and infrastructure.

The marine ecological surveys are being undertaken to provide baseline information to inform environmental assessments associated with the Proposed Development.

At the time of submission of this MUL application, a planning application for the Proposed Development has not yet been lodged and the project remains at the pre-planning and baseline data-collection stage.

Accordingly, no planning application reference number or planning-portal link is currently available. These details can be provided to MARA if they become available during determination of the MUL application.

The MUL sought under this application relates solely to the proposed marine survey activities and does not constitute authorisation of the Proposed Development.



Part 4 Marine Planning and Environmental Considerations

National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)

4.1 NMPF Objectives

- A. Describe how the proposed Maritime Usage is consistent with the objectives of the NMPF. Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the objectives of the NMPF. This information should be provided as Attachment 4.1.

- B. Attachment 4.1 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐

4.2 Designated Marine Area Plan

- A. Is the proposed Maritime Usage located in an area for which a Designated Marine Area Plan has been published?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- B. If yes, indicate if the proposed Usage is consistent with the Designated Marine Area Plan. Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.2.

Not applicable.

- C. Attachment 4.2 included.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Habitats and Birds Directives

4.3 Report for Appropriate Assessment Screening

- A. Is the proposed Maritime Usage directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site?

Yes ☐ No ☒

- B. If not, provide an Appropriate Assessment screening report to provide sufficient information for MARA to undertake screening to determine if an Appropriate Assessment is required of the implications of the proposed Maritime Usage alone, or in combination with other plans or projects, for any relevant European site, in view of the site's conservation objectives.



If the Applicant has already determined that it is likely that an Appropriate Assessment will be required and have prepared an NIS, it may be submitted.

The Appropriate Assessment screening report and/or NIS must be prepared by a suitably qualified person, and a summary of the person's qualifications and experience must be included in the report/NIS.

The Appropriate Assessment screening report and/or NIS should be provided as Attachment 4.3.

Attachment 4.3 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐

4.4 Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species

- A. Is there potential for Annex IV species to be impacted by the proposed Maritime Usage?

Yes ☒ No ☐

- B. If yes, the Applicant should provide an assessment of the risk posed to such species by the proposed Maritime Usage, in accordance with national guidance. The Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report must be prepared by a suitably qualified person, and a summary of the person's qualifications and experience must be included in the report.

The Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report should be provided as Attachment 4.4.

Attachment 4.4 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐

- C. Are you required to apply for a derogation licence under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, provide NPWS application reference number or derogation number:

Not applicable.

Water Framework Directive

- 4.5 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive. This information should be provided as Attachment 4.5.

Attachment 4.5 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐



Marine Strategy Framework Directive

- 4.6 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the objectives of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and Ireland's Marine Strategy under the Directive. This information should be provided as Attachment 4.6.

Attachment 4.6 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive

4.7 EIA Screening

- A. With reference to Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended confirm that the activity:
- i. Is not of a class listed, where no quantity, area or other limit is specified in that Part, or
 - ii. Does not either equal or exceed, any relevant quantity, area or other limit specified for a class listed in that Part.

Yes – is not of a class/does not equal or exceed a threshold	☒
No – is of a class/equals or exceeds a threshold	☐

- B. If yes, confirm if the activity is of a class listed in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended, but does not equal or exceed the relevant quantity.

Yes ☐ No ☒

- C. If yes to '4.7 B', provide the information for EIA screening specified in Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended. The information specified in Schedule 7A should be provided as Attachment 4.7.

Attachment 4.7 included.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act

- 4.8 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the Irish State's obligations under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.8.



Ireland is a Party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). The Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2021 defines Ireland's maritime zones and provides the domestic legal framework for the exercise of the State's jurisdiction within those zones.

The Proposed Maritime Usage is located within the internal waters of the State, where Ireland exercises full sovereignty and jurisdiction. The surveys will be temporary and localised and will comprise non-intrusive DDV and/or ROV survey, intertidal habitat survey and spatially discrete benthic and sediment grab sampling. No permanent marine infrastructure is proposed.

Survey activities will be undertaken so as to minimise unnecessary seabed disturbance and the risk of accidental pollution, and all survey waste will be retained and disposed of appropriately onshore. The Proposed Maritime Usage will therefore not prejudice Ireland's ability to meet its obligations under UNCLOS, including the general obligation to protect and preserve the marine environment.

Further information is provided in Attachment 4.8.

Attachment 4.8 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Climate Action and Low Carbon Act of 2015, as amended

- 4.9 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with achieving the National Climate Objective, as defined in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Act of 2015, as amended.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.9.

The Proposed Maritime Usage has been considered against the National Climate Objective established under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015, as amended.

The surveys are temporary, localised and proportionate and will comprise short-duration vessel-based and intertidal field activities, including DDV and/or ROV survey, targeted benthic and sediment sampling and intertidal habitat survey. Greenhouse gas emissions will principally arise from mobilisation and operation of survey vessels and will be limited to the short survey period. No permanent infrastructure, long-term operational emissions source or ongoing energy demand will arise following completion of the surveys. The staged use of non-intrusive DDV and/or ROV survey before targeted subtidal grab sampling will also limit unnecessary vessel time and sampling effort while allowing sensitive or unsuitable seabed habitats to be avoided.

Given its temporary and small-scale nature, the Proposed Maritime Usage will not compromise achievement of the National Climate Objective and is consistent with the transition to a climate-resilient, biodiversity-rich, environmentally sustainable and climate-neutral economy.

Further information is provided in Attachment 4.9.

Attachment 4.9 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030



4.10 Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.10.

The Proposed Maritime Usage has been assessed against the five strategic objectives of the Fourth National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030.

The surveys will provide site-specific ecological information on intertidal and subtidal habitats, benthic communities, sediment conditions and sensitive ecological features, thereby strengthening the evidence base available for environmental assessment and biodiversity-informed decision-making.

The survey methodology has been designed to minimise disturbance. Initial subtidal habitat characterisation will be undertaken using non-intrusive DDV and/or ROV techniques, and intrusive sampling will only be undertaken where seabed conditions are suitable. Sensitive habitats identified during visual survey will be avoided through survey planning and station selection. The intrusive survey component comprises 36 intertidal and up to 15 subtidal grab samples, each sampling approximately 0.025 m². Disturbance will therefore be spatially discrete and temporary, with no permanent marine infrastructure or permanent habitat loss proposed.

The Proposed Maritime Usage will not materially affect the continued provision of marine ecosystem services and will provide a robust ecological evidence base to support subsequent environmental assessment and decision-making. It is therefore considered consistent with the strategic objectives of the Fourth National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030.

Further information is provided in Attachment 4.10.

Attachment 4.10 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

National or European Strategic or Policy Objectives

4.11 Provide any additional relevant information with regard to the overall purpose of the proposed maritime usage, with reference to, e.g. National or European strategic or policy objectives and national targets, and strategic research objectives.

Additional information can be included as Attachment 4.11.

The Proposed Maritime Usage is a temporary marine ecological survey programme undertaken to provide the baseline environmental information necessary to support the assessment of the proposed Haggardstown and Marshes Upper Large-scale Residential Development. The Proposed Development comprises 502 residential units and, if consented and delivered, would make a substantive contribution to housing supply in the Dundalk area.

Housing delivery is a major national policy priority. *Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025–2030: An Action Plan on Housing Supply and Targeting Homelessness* establishes a national objective to deliver 300,000 additional homes by the end of 2030. The *National Planning Framework – First Revision* provides for planning for approximately 50,000 additional homes per annum to 2040, while the National Development Plan



identifies increased housing delivery and the enabling of housing supply as critical national priorities.

This national policy direction is reflected at regional and local level. Dundalk is identified as a Regional Growth Centre and is intended to accommodate significant future population and housing growth. The Louth County Development Plan 2021–2027 provides for the sustainable growth of the County, while the Dundalk Local Area Plan 2025–2031 supports the delivery of quality housing, sustainable neighbourhoods and associated community infrastructure.

The Proposed Maritime Usage does not itself provide or authorise housing. Its strategic relevance arises from its enabling role in the environmental assessment and consenting pathway for the Proposed Development. By providing robust project-specific marine ecological baseline information, the surveys will allow environmental considerations to be appropriately assessed and will support evidence-based progression of a significant proposed housing development through the relevant regulatory and planning processes.

The Proposed Maritime Usage is therefore indirectly supportive of national, regional and local policy objectives directed towards increasing housing supply and supporting the sustainable growth of Dundalk. Relevant environmental policy and legislative considerations are addressed separately in Attachments 4.1 and 4.3–4.10.

Further information is provided in Attachment 4.11.

Attachment 4.11 included.

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐



Declaration and Consent

I declare that all information provided with this application, including this completed form and all attachments confirmed as included in the application checklist, is correct at the time of submission and that I will notify MARA of any changes to this information that may arise during the application process. MARA may, by notice in writing given to the applicant, require the applicant to provide in the specified form, by affidavit or otherwise, such additional information in relation to any matter to which the application relates as MARA reasonably considers necessary to assist it to determine the application.

By submitting this application form, I agree that certain details provided may be published on MARA's website and that the information provided in this form will be processed and retained by MARA and may be shared with bodies appropriate to assessing aspects of this application in furtherance of consideration of the granting of a MUL in accordance with the MAP Act.

This consent relates to this application and to any further information provided by me, or on my behalf, for the purposes of this application.

Name of Signatory:

Eoin Deffely

Position held:

Planning Project Manager, Glenveagh Properties PLC

Date:

31/08/2026

Signed for and on behalf of the applicant:

Eoin Deffely



Application Checklist

Complete the below application checklist

Section No.	Document	Required	Submitted
Application Form			
Part 1	Activity in Schedule 7	Yes	☒
Part 2	Applicant Details	Yes	☒
Part 3	Details of Maritime Usage	Yes	☒
Part 4	Marine Planning and Environmental Considerations	Yes	☒
Declaration and Consent	Signed Declaration and Consent	Yes	☒
Application Checklist	Application Checklist	Yes	☒
Supporting Documentation			
1.3	Attachment 1.3 – Existing Foreshore Authorisation(s) wish to transition	Yes (if applicable)	☐
2.1	Attachment 2.1 – List of Directors	Yes (if applicable)	☒
2.4	Attachment 2.4 – Details of Foreshore Authorisation(s)	Yes (if applicable)	☐
2.5	Attachment 2.5 – Details of Other Authorisation(s)	Yes (if applicable)	☐
3.1	Attachment 3.1 – Proposed Maritime Usage	Yes (if applicable)	☒
3.3	Attachment 3.3 – MUL Duration	Yes (if applicable)	☐
3.4	Attachment 3.4 – MUL Map and GIS Shapefiles	Yes	☒
3.5	Attachment 3.5 – Other Maps and Drawings	Yes	☒
3.6	Attachment 3.6 – Private Ownership Details	Yes (if applicable)	☐
4.1	Attachment 4.1 – Compliance with Objectives of NMPF	Yes	☒
4.2	Attachment 4.2 – Designated Marine Area Plan Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	☐
4.3	Attachment 4.3 – Appropriate Assessment Screening Report	Yes	☒
4.3	Attachment 4.3 – NIS	Yes (if applicable)	☐
4.4	Attachment 4.4 – Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report	Yes	☒
	NPWS application or derogation reference number entered on form	Yes (if applicable)	☐
4.5	Attachment 4.5 – Compliance with Objectives of the Water Framework Directive	Yes	☒
4.6	Attachment 4.6 – Compliance with Objectives of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive	Yes	☒
4.7	Attachment 4.7 – Information for EIA screening	Yes (if applicable)	☐



4.8	Attachment 4.8 – UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	☒
4.9	Attachment 4.9 – National Climate Objective Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	☒
4.10	Attachment 4.10 – National Biodiversity Action Plan Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	☒
4.11	Attachment 4.11 – National or European strategic or policy objectives Compliance Details	Yes (if applicable)	☒
0.0	Confirmation of Payment of Fee	Yes	☒

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