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	Fingal County Council
Company/Organisation (if Applicable)	Fingal County Council
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	County Hall
Address line 2	Main Street
Address line 3	N/A
City/Town	Swords, Co. Dublin
Eircode	K67 X8Y2
Applicant Email Address	Strategic.Infrastructure@fingal.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.	Not applicable.
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	Stephen Wyse (Agent)
Authorised Contact Position	Associate Director – AtkinsRéalis (Design Team Lead)
Email	Stephen.Wyse@atkinsrealis.com

Telephone	+353 1 810 8083

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.

Not applicable.

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).

FS004599 - Rogerstown Park

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.

FCC proposes to undertake a series of site investigation (SI) activities to assess the feasibility of construction of elements of the Fingal Coastal Way in the Rogerstown Estuary area. This submission does not constitute an application for constructing such. These include boreholes, trial pits and other investigation methods.

The site investigation will form a baseline of data to inform the design of a proposed pedestrian and cycleway proposed as part of the scheme including bridges, retaining walls and other features required to facilitate this.

Estuary access to carry out the survey will be via a ramp built at the southeastern corner of Rogerstown Park. Surveys within the estuary will be carried out from a floating pontoon launched via this ramp.

The scheme will apply for a subsequent Maritime Area Consent and scheme consent approval.

Full description of the scheme and an image showing the location of the surveys are included in Attachment 3.1.

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 purpose of the application is to carry out Site investigation works Schedule 7, Paragraph 3: Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000.

The maritime environmental surveys are required to inform in the design of the Fingal Coastal Way Section 2, which is a proposed greenway of approximately 3.1km from the junction between Main Road and Beaverstown Road in Donabate to the Rogerstown Park. The surveys are required to develop the design of the proposed bridge over Rogerstown Estuary, the bridge over the Railway Line, the reinforced earth retaining structure and the proposed seawall.

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.

As at the time of preparing the MUL application the ground investigation contractor has not commenced the site investigation, therefore the time for completion of the survey is uncertain. This application requests a licence duration of 5 years to account for uncertainties such as weather, contractor and equipment availability, unforeseen events, etc. The commencement date will depend on the date which the licence will be granted.

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 m^2, ha or km^2, as appropriate), which is the subject of the application.

45,888.46m2

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)'.

The Proposed MUL map and shapefiles are provided in Attachment 3.4. Proposed MUL map (5188509-ATK-02-XX-DR-CE-900212)

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 Rogerstown Estuary is located 0km from the shore at its closest point. The works are located to the west of the Railway Line, within the High-Water Mark of the Rogerstown Estuary SAC.

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)'.

The Location of the Proposed MUL is provided in Attachment 3.5.
5188509-ATK-02-XX-DR-CE-900213 (Location of Proposed MUL).

Shapefiles have been provided in Attachment 3.4.

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.

A planning application has not yet been lodged for the proposed scheme. After the MUL licence is granted, a MAC application will be required. Once the MAC licence is granted, then the scheme will seek planning permission from An Comisiún Pleanála.

The scheme is the Fingal Coastal Way, a proposed coastal greenway of approximately 32km along the Fingal Coast from Newbridge Demesne to the Fingal / Meath Boarder. The greenway is a TII scheme contained in the National Cycle Network and the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan.

A section of the scheme goes through Rogerstown Estuary and requires an active travel bridge to be constructed alongside the railway line. The MUL application is to facilitate the ground investigation works for the design of the bridge.

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:

N/A

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.

The proposed survey is consistent with UNCLOS obligations. The survey will be carried out within Ireland's sovereign waters and will be temporary in nature and undertaken under a MARA license and given all the necessary consent to be undertaken.

The proposed survey will not interfere with navigation or the right of innocent passage of any UN member state.

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 comprises temporary geotechnical investigation within the Rogerstown Estuary SAC involving the drilling of ten (10) boreholes and six (6) trial pits and the recovery of the core samples. The works will be conducted over a short duration (approximately 6 weeks), are temporary in nature and will not result in any permanent infrastructure or long-term operational greenhouse gas emissions.

The geochemical information survey will be used to inform the design of the Fingal Coastal Way Section 2 for the construction of the bridge over Rogerstown Estuary, over the railway line, the earth retaining structure and the sea wall. The information obtained will facilitate the optimization of the design, construction methodology and material usage. The survey will also help the mitigation of any other possible design issue, reduce any possible construction risks and reduce requirement for future works.

The investigations will be carried out using appropriate plant, vessels and equipment, with the duration of works kept to the minimum necessary. Consequently, greenhouse gas emissions associated with the survey activities will be temporary, localised and of low magnitude, with no significant effects anticipated.

The proposed greenway, which will form part of TII's National Cycle Network and NTA Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan, aims to provide sustainable forms of transportation, both commuter and recreational, in the Donabate/Rush area and the wider region. Therefore, the scheme intends to reduce the carbon emissions from private vehicles and provide a shift towards active travel modes of transport. The proposed geotechnical survey information is essential to the delivery of the scheme and its successful operation as they will provide all the necessary information to delivery a robust and efficient scheme that will be in line with the National Climate, Transportation and Sustainability Objectives.

The temporary nature of the survey works will not produce any significant carbon emissions and, as it will be done to facilitate a greenway scheme with the intention to reduce the private car usage in the area, is therefore, not considered to be detrimental to the environment and is in line with the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 and also the Climate Action Plan.

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 is aligned with the objectives of Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP) 2023-2030 by providing the environmental and geological information necessary to support sustainable project planning and decision-making. The collection of site-specific data will help inform the design and delivery of the Fingal Coastal Way scheme, reducing uncertainty and minimising the need for future intrusive investigations and associated works.

The proposed works supports **Objective 2: Meet Urgent Conservation and Restoration Needs** by enabling the identification of environmental constraints and informing the avoidance, minimisation and mitigation of potential impacts on habitats, species and ecological networks. As the survey is undertaken within a Special Area od Conservation, the information obtained will assist in ensuring that conservation objectives are appropriately considered during subsequent design and assessment stages.

The proposed survey also contributes to **Objective 4: Enhance the Evidence Base for Action on Biodiversity** through the collection of baseline information that will inform environmental assessments, habitat protection measures and future project development. The data obtained will support a robust understanding of local conditions and assist in the selection of engineering solutions that minimise environmental disturbance.

The proposed works are temporary, localised and limited in extent. The survey will be undertaken using appropriate plant, vessels and equipment for the minimum duration necessary to complete the investigations, thereby reducing the potential for disturbance to biodiversity and other environmental receptors.

The proposed works are considered consistent with the objectives of the 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan as it will contribute to evidence-based decision-making, facilitate the protection of biodiversity during the development of the Fingal Coastal Way scheme, and support the adoption of measures to avoid or minimise adverse environmental effects.

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 scheme and the maritime usage are consistent with National and European Policy Objectives, as indicated below.
European policies:

- **Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy – putting European transport on track for the future**: the proposed scheme will promote active travel and sustainability, supports inclusive mobility and contributes to a multimodal transport network.
- **Fit for 55**: the scheme will help reduce the greenhouse gas emissions by providing a sustainable transport alternative, which will help achieve the EU goals by 2030.

- **EU Climate Adaptation Strategy**: the proposal aligns with the four objectives of the strategy, as it will provide all the necessary data in terms of environmental, technical and ecological information to develop a scheme that will help reduce pollution and provide a shift into more sustainable means of transportation in the area.

National Policies:

- **Marine Strategy Framework Directive**: details provided in Attachment 4.6 on how the scheme and the proposed maritime usage are consistent with the objectives of the framework.
- **Water Framework Directive**: details provided in Attachment 4.5 on how the scheme and the proposed maritime usage are consistent with the objectives of the framework.
- **National Planning Framework (NPF) (Project Ireland 2040):** The NPF has a variety of national objectives with those aligned to the Fingal Coastal Way presented below: Objective 4 - Ensure the creation of attractive, liveable, well designed, high quality urban places that are home to diverse and integrated communities that enjoy a high quality of life and well-being. Objective 6 - Regenerate and rejuvenate cities, towns and villages of all types and scale as environmental assets, which can accommodate changing roles and functions, increased residential population and employment activity and enhanced levels of amenity and design quality, in order to sustainably influence and support their surrounding area; Objective 22 - Facilitate tourism development and in particular a National Greenways, Blueways and Peatways Strategy, which prioritises projects on the basis of achieving maximum impact and connectivity at national and regional level; and, Objective 27 - Ensure the integration of safe and convenient alternatives to the car into the design of our communities, by prioritising walking and cycling accessibility to both existing and proposed developments and integrating physical activity facilities for all ages.
- **National Development Plan:** The National Development Plan highlights the importance of integrated spatial planning and sustainable transport investment to support economic growth, compact development, and climate objectives. By promoting safe walking and cycling infrastructure connected to public transport, active travel can reduce congestion, provide sustainable mobility options, and support low-carbon travel. The Fingal Coastal Way aligns with these goals by linking communities and developments, encouraging active travel, improving accessibility, and delivering economic, tourism, and community benefits.
- **Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways:** The Department of Transport recognises Greenways as valuable assets for tourism, local economies, recreation, and public health. Aligned with the National Planning Framework and other Government policies, the Strategy supports the development of nationally and regionally significant Greenways that enhance Ireland's tourism offering and contribute to rural development. The Strategy aims to expand the number and geographic spread of high-quality Greenways over the next decade, increasing their use for both recreation and visitor experiences. It also provides guidance on route planning, design standards, stakeholder engagement, and project delivery. The proposed Fingal Coastal Way is aligned with the strategy.
- **National Sustainable Mobility Policy:** The proposed Fingal Coastal Way is well aligned with the goals and principles, such as 1. Improve mobility safety, 3. Expand availability of sustainable mobility in regional and rural areas and 5. Encourage people to choose sustainable mobility over the private car, as it will provide a safe, sustainable route for both leisure and commuting trips which is accessible to all.
- **National Cycle Network:** The National Cycle Network (NCN) aims to link towns, cities and destinations across Ireland with a safe, connected and inviting cycle network, encouraging more people away from their cars and onto their cycles. The network was developed by TII and integrates and complement other cycle infrastructure and networks, both existing and planned to provide a comprehensive series of networks across Ireland. The NCN has identified the Fingal Coastal Way as part of a longer route that runs all the way along the east coast.
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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: EMER F. TIERNEY

Position held: Senior Engineer

Date: 9/11/2026

Signed for and on behalf of the applicant:

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 NPWS application or derogation reference number entered on form	Yes 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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