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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	Uisce Éireann
Company/Organisation (if Applicable)	Uisce Éireann
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	Colvill House
Address line 2	24-26 Talbot Street
Address line 3	Mountjoy
City/Town	Dublin
Eircode	D01 NP86
Applicant Email Address	finn.behan@water.ie Foreshore@water.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 Number: 530363
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	Jana Minnaar
Authorised Contact Position	Senior Environmental Consultant
Email	jminnaar@nodwyer.com
Telephone	+353 (0) 1 296 9000

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).

FS006843 - Irish Water Greater Dublin Drainage Outfall.
FS007605 - Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) Benthic Survey.
FS006292 - Irish Water - Greater Dublin Drainage Project.
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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.

Uisce Éireann intends to apply to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) for a maritime usage license (MUL) to conduct marine Site Investigations (SI) and environmental surveys within the River Liffey, in the area delineated between Eden Quay and Burgh Quay, which is approximately 100m east of O'Connell Street, in Dublin City Centre.

The SI is required to support the delivery of the proposed replacement Liffey Siphon, a critical wastewater asset located beneath the River Liffey in Dublin City Centre. The existing siphon serves approximately 117,000 population equivalent and conveys wastewater from the North City catchment to the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant. The asset has exceeded its operational design life and represents a critical single point of failure within the wastewater network. Failure of the asset could result in the discharge of approximately 30,000 m^3 of untreated wastewater to the River Liffey within a 24-hour period, with significant environmental, public health and regulatory consequences.

A review of MARA's Application Prioritisation Criteria indicates that the proposed application should be considered Very High Priority under the National & EU Priorities category for the following reasons:

Compliance, Enforcement and Regularisation Priority	The proposed SI works are an essential enabling activity required to facilitate the design, environmental assessment and consenting of infrastructure intended to prevent future environmental incidents associated with failure of the existing siphon. The replacement of the ageing asset will contribute to Ireland's obligations under the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC), the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (91/271/EEC), and national environmental protection objectives by reducing the risk of untreated wastewater discharges to the receiving aquatic environment. The SI works are therefore directly linked to maintaining and improving compliance with national and European water quality requirements and environmental protection standards.
Critical State Infrastructure or Utilities	The proposed development constitutes the upgrade of strategic wastewater infrastructure operated by Uisce Éireann. The existing siphon is a critical component of Dublin's wastewater network and currently has no redundancy. The primary objective of the proposed development is to provide network resilience and continuity of service in the event of asset or operational

	failure. The SI works are necessary to obtain the geotechnical, environmental, hydrographic and archaeological information required to progress the design and delivery of this critical utility infrastructure. Failure to progress the project would leave a key element of the national wastewater network vulnerable to catastrophic failure, with consequential risks to public health, environmental quality and continuity of essential wastewater services

Based on the above assessment, the proposed MUL application is considered to meet the threshold for Very High Priority under MARA's National & EU Priorities criteria,

The objective of the proposed activities/works is to perform soil investigations as well as third-party surveys, which will provide high-quality baseline data towards contributing to a reliable basis for the Liffey Siphon design, should the Rosie Hackett Bridge (RHB) – Liffey Siphon Project be taken forward to the detail design stage.

It is proposed that the following activities are included within a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) application to MARA (see Proposed MUL Map):

- Geophysical survey, including:
  - Magnetometer
  - Sub-bottom profiler (SBP)
  - Side-scan sonar (SSS)
  - Multibeam Echo Sounder (MBES)
  - Marine Refraction Seismic
  - Marine Electrical Resistivity Tomography (ERT)
- Geotechnical survey, including:
  - Drop-down camera survey
  - Boreholes
  - Standard Penetration Testing (SPT)
  - Dynamic Probes
  - Grab samples
  - Surface water samples
- Intertidal core/grab samples (if required)
- Bathymetric Survey
- Archaeological surveys and other investigations (i.e. underwater inspections, walkovers, metal detectors, dive surveys).
- Deployment of tidal gauge and marine mammal monitoring equipment.

These works are collectively referred to as the site investigation works. It should be noted that all locations shown for sampling within the proposed MUL Area are indicative and may be subject to a degree of change on-site.

There will be no permanent structures, and all site investigation works will be temporary in nature (approximately 14-21 days). The moving marine plant will remain on site for the duration of the works.

Refer to Attachment 3.1 for a detailed SI project description.

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 these works falls under the activity as listed in Schedule 7 of the Map Act "Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000."
The works include geophysical, geotechnical, bathymetric, environmental and archaeological surveys to be undertaken to characterise riverbed conditions, sub-surface geology, hydrodynamic conditions, benthic ecology and cultural heritage features. These surveys are necessary to establish a robust baseline for route optioneering, detailed design, and environmental assessment of the proposed siphon upgrade.
The proposed MUL activity also falls under Schedule 7, Activity 12 (a) and (b) where benthic or sediment grab samples may be collected for analysis.
The investigations are directly ancillary to a future maritime development, namely constructing a new twin-barrel siphon beneath the Liffey River and decommissioning of existing siphon infrastructure. The data obtained will support statutory consenting processes, including Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment, and will inform the future Maritime Area Consent and planning application associated with the siphon development works.
The site investigation surveys represent an essential component of UÉ's national programme to upgrade non-compliant wastewater infrastructure in accordance with the requirements of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive, the Water Framework Directive and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. The surveys are required to ensure that future infrastructure improvements are appropriately designed, environmentally sustainable and capable of supporting compliance with national and European environmental objectives.
As the proposed surveys are undertaken in support of critical wastewater infrastructure improvements and are necessary to facilitate the future delivery of strategic public utility infrastructure, the project falls within MARA's prioritisation category relating to critical State infrastructure and utilities. The acquisition of these baseline environmental and engineering data is therefore of significant public interest and is fundamental to the delivery of infrastructure required to protect water quality, improve environmental performance and maintain resilient wastewater services in the Greater Dublin Area.

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 intention is to begin SI activities as soon as feasible once the MUL is granted. Timing of the SI activities is dependent on many factors, including weather, tidal flows, availability of vessels and the granting of the MUL. The granting of the MUL will have a direct effect on the timing of SI activities. The duration of the SI works is approximately 14-21 days and is currently scheduled for Q1 2027. The proposed license duration is for 1 years to account for potential delays in the consenting process.

A breakdown of the estimated duration of individual survey elements is provided in the table below.

Survey Activity	Total time for activity	Maximum no. of operatives
Geophysical survey	Up to 2 days	3 no. Operatives
Marine refraction seismic	Up to 1 day	3 no. Operatives
ERT	Up to 1 day	3 no. Operatives
Geotechnical: Boreholes	Up to 14 days	3 no. Operatives
Jack-up barge	Up to 14 days	3 no. Operatives

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.

Area A: 1831.81 m^2

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)'.

MUL260054 – Attachment 3.4 - Proposed MUL Map
MUL260054: Shapefiles

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 Area adjoins the High Water Mark (HWM), as defined by the Chief Boundary Surveyor (CBS), at its closest point to the shore.

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)'.

MUL260054 – Attachment 3.5 -Indicative Borehole Locations Map

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 does not itself constitute development requiring planning permission, however, it is ancillary to and necessary for the future consented development

The proposed Maritime Usage forms part of early-stage site investigation works in support of the Rosie Hackett Bridge (RHB) Liffey Siphon Project, which is being progressed by UÉ.

The overall project is regarded as critical state infrastructure and comprises of constructing a new twin-barrel siphon crossing beneath the River Liffey and decommissioning of existing Liffey siphon infrastructure. The overall project has a direct interface with the MetroLink Railway Project, as the proposed MetroLink tunnel alignment will cross beneath the future siphon tunnel. Uisce Éireann has undertaken ongoing engagement and coordination with the MetroLink project team to ensure compatibility between the two strategic infrastructure projects. To mitigate construction and operational risks associated with the MetroLink development, it is critical that the proposed siphon infrastructure is constructed and operational in advance of MetroLink construction activities, which are currently anticipated to commence in Q1-Q2 2031.
The current programme for the RHB Liffey Siphon Project provides for submission of a planning application in July 2027, commencement of construction in Q1-Q2 2029, and completion of construction in Q3-Q4 2030. The timely completion of site investigations and associated environmental assessments is therefore essential to maintain the overall project programme and ensure that the proposed works can be delivered ahead of the MetroLink construction schedule.

The MUL application relates solely to temporary investigative activities required to inform a future planning application and associated authorisations for the RHB Liffey Siphon Project.

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.

The proposed Maritime Usage is consistent with the Irish State's obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act, as it involves temporary, non-exclusive and non-permanent investigative activities within Ireland's maritime area. The site investigation works will not impede the right of innocent passage for any UN Member State. All works are

located within Ireland's territorial waters and respect the State's jurisdiction under national and international law.
The site investigation works will be undertaken in a manner that respects the State's sovereign rights and duties to manage, protect and preserve the marine environment, in accordance with the UNCLOS. The proposed activities are limited in duration and extent, will not result in permanent occupation or alteration of the seabed, and will be carried out using recognised best practice to minimise disturbance to the marine environment and other maritime users.
The Maritime Usage will not interfere with freedom of navigation or other legitimate uses of the sea, and all works will be conducted in compliance with applicable national legislation, including the Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2021, and subject to the conditions of the Maritime Usage Licence and any other relevant statutory requirements.

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 Climate Action and Low Carbon Act 2015, as amended, provides the statutory framework for Ireland's transition to a climate-resilient, biodiversity-rich and climate-neutral economy by 2050. The Act establishes legally binding national climate objectives, including the achievement of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. It places obligations on public bodies to perform their functions in a manner consistent with these objectives. The Act ensures climate considerations are integrated into decision-making across all sectors of the economy.
The proposed Maritime Usage is consistent with achieving the National Climate Objective as defined in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Act 2015, as amended. The activities will be undertaken using established best practice to minimise greenhouse gas emissions, disturbance to the marine environment and interaction with other maritime users. The investigations are necessary to inform the sustainable design and delivery of the Rosie Hackett Bridge Liffey Siphons project, which will support long-term environmental protection, improvements to water quality, climate resilience and compliance with national and EU environmental objectives.

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 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023–2030 sets out Ireland's framework for halting and reversing biodiversity loss by protecting and restoring ecosystems, species and habitats while integrating biodiversity considerations across all sectors.

The proposed maritime usage is consistent with the objectives of Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030, particularly:

- Objective 2: Meet Urgent Conservation and Restoration Needs, through the collection of site-specific ecological and seabed information, including benthic habitat sampling, which will support the identification, assessment and protection of biodiversity and ecosystem features within the project area
- Objective 2F: Biodiversity and ecosystem services in the marine environment are conserved and restored, as the surveys will provide baseline environmental information necessary to avoid, minimise and appropriately manage potential impacts on marine habitats and species during future project development
- Objective 4: Enhance the Evidence Base for Action on Biodiversity, as the proposed geophysical, ecological and environmental surveys will generate new data on seabed conditions, benthic ecology and the receiving environment, thereby improving the biodiversity evidence base available for decision-making and environmental assessment

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 comprises essential SI works required to inform the design and delivery of the Rosie Hackett Bridge Liffey Siphons project. The RHB Liffey Siphons Project constitutes critical State infrastructure, forming part of UÉ's national investment programme to upgrade and replace ageing wastewater assets and ensure compliance with the requirements of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive, the Water Framework Directive and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. The project is necessary to maintain the integrity and operational reliability of a key element of Dublin's wastewater network and to support the continued provision of essential public wastewater services.
This project is therefore a critical enabler for national infrastructure and environmental compliance. The alignment with specific strategic objectives is detailed below:

- Project Ireland 2040, which identifies investment in water services infrastructure as critical to supporting sustainable economic growth, environmental protection and climate resilience.
- The Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive

(91/271/EEC), through supporting infrastructure that contributes to the protection of water quality and the reduction of risks associated with wastewater discharges.

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: EDEL CASSERLY

Position held: PROGRAMME MANAGER

Date: 29 OCT 2026

Signed for and on behalf of the applicant: Edel Casserly

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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