

Application for a Maritime Usage Licence under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Important Information

Before completing this form please read the declaration and consent at the end of the application form

It is important to note that a change in applicant name will require a new application.

This application and supporting documentation should be submitted by email to licence@mara.gov.ie

Please complete the form electronically. Type details in the boxes provided, space will expand as you type.

Maritime Usage Licence:

Part 5 (sections 110 to 133) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA) provides for the granting of maritime usage licences.

Section 112 of the Act states that the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) is the competent authority for the purposes of Part 5 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) regulations 2011 ([S.I No. 477 of 2011](#)) and appropriate assessments to which that Part applies.

Section 114 of the Act states that the Minister may by regulations provide for class of Schedule 7 usage to be exempted usage for the purposes of this Part.

[Schedule 7](#) of the Act lists the Maritime Usages that may be undertaken in the maritime area pursuant to licence.

[Schedule 8](#) of the Act lists the types of conditions that MARA may attach to a licence.

Privacy Policy:

MARA may require you to provide certain personal data in order to carry out our legislative and administrative functions. MARA will treat all personal data that you provide as confidential and will process your details in accordance with its 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 you provide, how that information will be used and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data, is available in this link: [Privacy Statement](#).

Freedom of Information (FOI)/ Access to Information on the Environment (AIE)

Applicants should be aware that under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018, information provided by them to MARA may be liable to be disclosed.

Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their application should not be disclosed and clearly identify the specific sections of their application containing such information, specifying the reasons for its confidentiality/sensitivity. MARA will consult with applicants about this information before making a decision on any Freedom of Information/Access to Information on the Environment request received.

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Part 1: Applicant Information	
1.1 Applicant Details	
Name of Applicant (the name that will appear on the licence)	[REDACTED]
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	Dublin City Council
Address/Company Address	Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8
Eircode/Postcode	D08 RF3F
Contact Name within Company/Organisation	[REDACTED]
Contact Phone No.	[REDACTED]
Contact Email Address	[REDACTED]
Is the company registered in Ireland for tax purposes?	Yes

1.2 Contact Details (if different from above)	
Full Name	
Address	
Eircode/Postcode	
Contact Name	
Contact Phone No.	
Contact Email Address	

1.3 Agent Representing Applicant (if applicable)	
Person/Agency acting on behalf of Applicant	Roughan and O'Donovan Consulting Engineers
Address	Arena House, Arena Rd, Sandyford Business Park, Sandyford, Dublin
Eircode/Postcode	D18 V8P6
Contact Name (if applicable)	[REDACTED]
Contact Phone No.	[REDACTED]
Contact Email address	[REDACTED]

1.4 Applicant's Legal Advisor (if applicable)	
Name/Company Name	
Address	
Eircode/Postcode	
Contact Name (if applicable)	
Contact Phone No.	
Contact Email address	

<u>Part 2: Proposal Details (Attach additional documents as required)</u>	
2.1	In relation to this application, have you previously applied for a declaration as to whether or not a licence was required for this usage? If so, please provide the reference number associated with that application.
No	
2.2	Description of proposed Maritime Usage.
<p>Ground investigation works and environmental surveys are proposed to inform the design of the Point Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening Project in Dublin City. These are outlined below.</p> <p>Environmental Surveys:</p> <p>1. Gas Main Survey: Carry out a survey to locate the existing 40bar and 4bar gas main crossing the River Liffey located immediately west of the existing Tom Clarke Bridge.</p> <p>2. Inspection of Pier Wall: Carry out a underwater inspection survey of the existing Tom Clarke Bridge.</p>	
2.3	Describe the nature and scale of any structure to be erected in the maritime area.
<p>Environmental Surveys:</p> <p>1. Gas Main Survey: An unmanned surface vessel which will use acoustic and magnetic methods to detect the existing gas mains. There will be no excavations / soil disturbance / structures erected in the maritime area for these survey works.</p> <p>2. Inspection of Pier Wall: An unmanned surface vessel which will use multibeam sensors to produce a model of the existing bridge piers below the water line for inspection purposes. There will be no excavations / soil disturbance / structures erected in the maritime area for these survey works.</p>	
2.4	Indicative timing of the works/activity: (i) Start date (ii) Duration (iii) Any other information relevant to timing.
<p>Environmental Surveys:</p> <p>1. Gas Main Survey: (i) February/March 2024, (ii) 2 days, (iii) none.</p> <p>2. Inspection of Pier Wall: (i) February/March 2024, (ii) 2 days, (iii) To be carried out the same time as the gas main surveys.</p> <p>3. Structural inspection works: (i) February/March 2024, (ii) One week, (iii) none</p>	

2.5 Do the proposed maritime usages provide for public use, commercial use or private use? Provide details.
<p>Private Use. The maritime usages for this licence refer to environmental survey and ground investigation works only in order to inform the design of proposed Point Bridge and Tom Clarke Widening Project.</p>
2.6 Could the proposed works restrict public use/enjoyment of the nearshore e.g. fishing, sailing, surfing, swimming, walking or other activities? Provide details.
<p>For the borehole ground investigations, users of the River Liffey may be affected by the works, in particular, it understood that the river is used for recreational marine activities such as rowing (mainly associated with St. Patrick's Rowing Club) and sailing on tourism boats and privately owned boats.</p> <p>For all other surveys, it not envisaged the public will be affected by the survey activities.</p>
2.7 Please outline any engagements that have taken place with marine users or other stakeholders in the proposed area that may be affected by the proposal and attach supporting documentation where relevant.
<p>The Contractor will communicate disruption to marine operators, recreational users and the public in advance of all ground investigation works in the local newspaper prior to commencements of the works.</p>
2.8 Describe briefly any consultations undertaken with other relevant authorities (e.g. Local Authority, Port/Harbour authority etc.) or State Agencies. e.g. National Parks & Wildlife Service, National Monuments Service of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
<p>Consultations have been carried out with Dublin Port Company (DPC) in order to agree the timing and the extent of investigation works. DPC has no objections to the works subject to the agreement of the associated works risk assessment method statement.</p> <p>Consultation with Gas Networks Ireland has been carried out. GNI have requested that the gas main location be confirmed (via the survey work noted in section 2.3 above agreed at a meeting on 18/07/2023) prior to carrying out any ground investigation in the river. This has been incorporated into the planned survey works.</p>
2.9 Please provide the reference number and title of any existing Foreshore licence you may hold within the footprint, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage area.
<p>No existing foreshore licence.</p>

2.10 Please provide the reference number of any current application for a Foreshore Licence to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Does this application for a foreshore licence relate to or impact any part of the maritime area the subject of this licence application? If so, please provide details of the foreshore licence application.

N/A

2.11 What environmental reports, if any, have you submitted with this application? (Supporting information for screening for Appropriate Assessment/ Natura Impact Statement/ Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species/ Assessment of Impact on the Maritime Usage Report)

The following environmental reports have been submitted as part of this application:

1. Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report (SISAA).
2. Assessment of Impact on the Maritime Usage Report (AIMU).
3. Risk assessment for Annex IV Species.

Part 3: Location and Spatial Extent of Proposed Maritime Area
(Attach additional documents as required)

3.1 Total size of the proposed Maritime Area (in m², ha² or km², as appropriate).

Total Area: 3.66 ha. Refer to drawing 3376-SK-DCC-CIV-0001-P1.

3.2 Please provide the distance of the main body of the proposed maritime area from the shore at its closest point in km.

<100m - Works located in River Liffey.

3.3 Is any of the maritime area in the proposed site in private ownership? If yes please provide documentary evidence of same (e.g. folio).

Yes. Some of the area is in the ownership of Dublin Port Company. Please refer to Reference & Rental and map showing owner/reputed owners. Refer to drawing RD-3376-RP-XXXX.

3.4 Any other site details considered relevant:

None

Part 4: Maps and Drawings.

Please refer to [Technical Guidance](#) on map and drawing requirements.

- 4.1 Please draft a map, titled “Licence Map”, outlining the proposed Maritime Area in accordance with the Technical Guidance for Maritime Area Licence Applications and submit same with this application.**
- 4.2 Please list any Admiralty Charts, Maps and/or other Drawings submitted with this application.**

Licence Map attached as part of this application. Refer to drawing 3376-SK-DCC-CIV-0001-P1.

Part 5: Fishing/Aquaculture Considerations:

5.1 Is the proposal located in proximity to any of the following:

- aquaculture operation
- designated Shellfish Growing Waters
- fish spawning ground
- other sensitive fisheries location

Please Illustrate on appropriate chart including distance in Km.

1. aquaculture operation: no
2. designated Shellfish Growing Waters: no
3. fish spawning ground: no
4. other sensitive fisheries location: no

5.2 Are there other potential impacts of the proposal on fishing/aquaculture in the area? If yes, please describe.

Not applicable.

5.3 Are there any measures proposed to mitigate potential impacts on fisheries or aquaculture? If yes, please describe.

Not applicable.

Declaration and Consent:

The details provided here are correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that no works will be commenced, by the applicant or the applicant's agents on the proposed site, without a valid licence from MARA. The granting of any Maritime Usage Licence will not give rise on the part of the applicant to any expectation whatsoever for, right or entitlement to a grant of any future licence in respect of all or any part of any area of the Maritime Area.

By submitting this application form, the applicant agrees that the details provided (with personal contact details redacted) are to be published on MARA's website and also that the full information provided including contact details are to be processed and retained by MARA and shared with all relevant public authorities in furtherance of consideration for a Maritime Usage Licence under the MAPA.

I give consent to MARA and its agents to copy this application and to make (a redacted) copy available for inspection and copying by the public. This consent relates to this application, to any further information, or submission provided by the applicant or on the applicant's behalf and to the publication of the licence document.

Signed for and on behalf of the applicant:

Name of Signatory (block letters):

Position Held:

Date:

Applicant Checklist	
Document	Included
Application Form (Parts 2 to 5 inclusive)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment (SISAA) Report	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species Report	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Natura Impact Statement (NIS), if initially included	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Assessment of Impact of the Maritime Usage (AIMU) Report	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Licence Mapping	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please list below)	Land Ownership drawing RD-3376-RP-XXXX. Consultation Correspondence.

Other