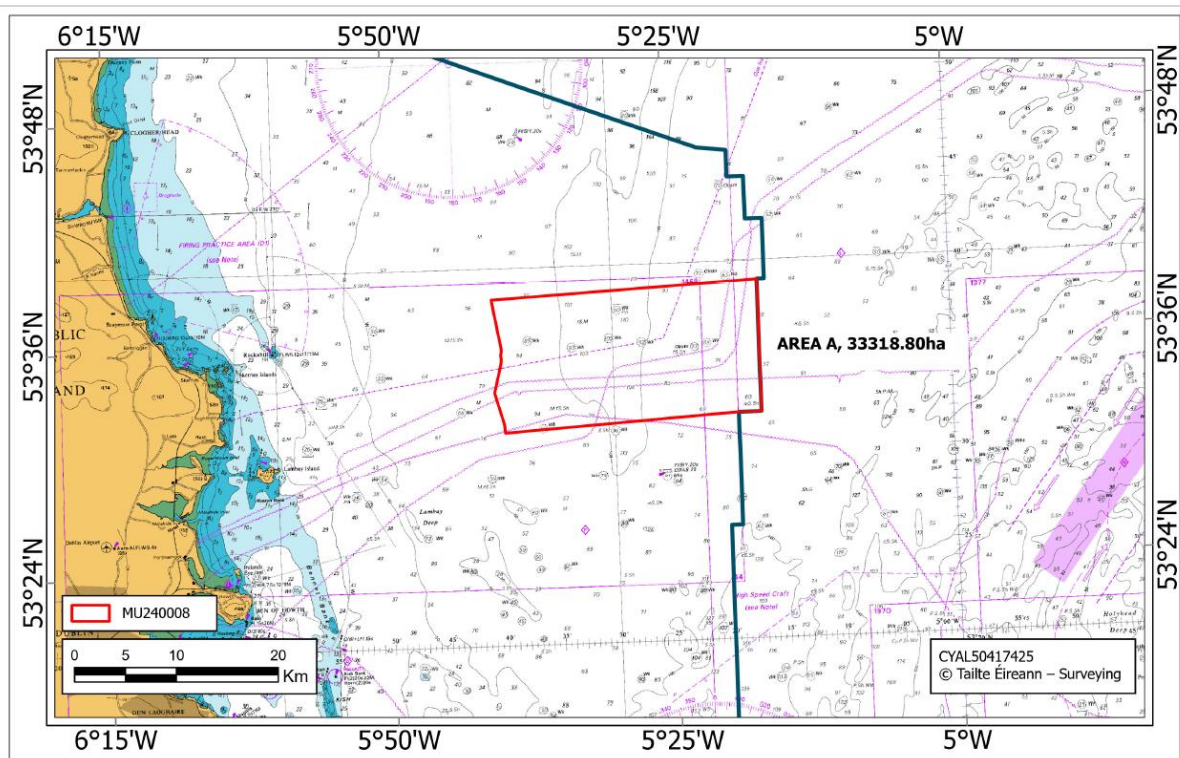


PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011

On 28th June 2024, MaresConnect Ltd. applied to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (“MARA”) for a maritime usage licence under section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to undertake marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation, to assess various factors, including seabed suitability and stability for routing cables and other electrical infrastructure associated with the interconnector project from the 12 nautical mile (nm) limit to the EEZ. The activities will take place in the Irish Sea, off the Dublin Coast, between the 12 nm limit and the boundary of the EEZ. The licence application is for a duration of 5 years.



PUBLIC NOTICE
PROPOSED MARITIME USAGE LICENCE
MUL240008

MARA
An tUdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí
Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

Screening for appropriate assessment determination

On 6th January, 2025 following screening by MARA under regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011), a determination was made that the proposed maritime usage referred to above requires an appropriate assessment. The determination was made on the basis of objective scientific information which indicated that it cannot be excluded that the proposed maritime usage individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European site. A copy of the determination is available at [MUL240008](#).

In considering this matter MARA had regard to the following:

- The screening for appropriate assessment report prepared by MARA;
- The application documents submitted by MaresConnect Ltd. which informed the screening for appropriate assessment.

Public Consultation

A Public Consultation will open shortly, at which time there will be an opportunity to make a submission(s) to MARA on the application. All information regarding the Public Consultation will be available on MARA's website at the following link: <https://www.maritimeregulator.ie/applications/mul240008/>

Judicial review of the screening for appropriate assessment determination

The validity of the screening for appropriate assessment determination may be questioned by judicial review under order 84 of the Superior Courts Rules (S.I. No 15 of 1986) in accordance with chapter 8, part 5 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021. Any application for leave to apply for judicial review shall be made within eight weeks of the date of this notice. Practical information on judicial review can be obtained from the Citizens Information Board, Ground Floor, George's Quay House, 43 Townsend Street, Dublin 2 (www.citizensinformation.ie) or from the Courts website (www.courts.ie).

Dated this 10th day of January 2025

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority