

REPORT OF THE MARINE LICENCE VETTING COMMITTEE (MLVC)
ON
FORESHORE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
PIPED OUTFALL ON THE FORESHORE AT FOYNES HARBOUR, Co.
LIMERICK

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Atlantic Fuel Supply Company Ltd– Foreshore Licence Application for construction of piped outfall on the foreshore at Foynes Harbour, Co. Limerick (MS51/10/132)

Background

In November 2008 Atlantic Fuel Supply Company Ltd submitted an application for a Foreshore Permit to the then Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to construct a piped outfall and associated bed protection works at Foynes Harbour, Co. Limerick. The outfall would be used to discharge treated sewage and storm water effluent from the nearby Oil Storage Terminal. Planning Permission for the Terminal and associated treatment plant and outfall was granted by Limerick County Council in July 2008 and an Effluent Discharge Permit was granted under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts, 1977 and 1990 by Limerick County Council in February 2009.

Details of the proposed outfall are given in Drawing No 05-110-093 Rev CO and Drawing No 05-110-094Rev CO that accompanied the application. The total area of foreshore involved is some 24m².

The site of the proposed works is situated within the Lower River Shannon SAC (Site Code 002165) and the River Shannon and River Fergus SPA (Site Code 004077)

The proposed works are not of a Class that would require the submission of an Environmental Impact Statement.

Public Consultation

A public notice concerning this application was published in “The Irish Independent” on 8th November 2011 and in “The Limerick Leader” on 12th November 2011. The relevant documents were on display at Askeaton Garda Station from 9th November to 20th December 2011.

No representations or observations were received.

Issues Considered

The following documents were considered:

- Foreshore Application and supporting documentation, including a copy of the Planning Permission and Effluent Discharge Licence, submitted by the applicant.
- Written submissions from Engineering Division, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Development Applications Unit, Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (Underwater Archaeology and Nature

Conservation); Marine Survey Office, Marine Institute and Shannon Foynes Port Company.
No objections were raised.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Considering the nature and scale of the proposed works on the foreshore the MLVC considers that, subject to compliance with the specific conditions set out below, the proposed use of the foreshore would not have a significant effect on the marine environment or have a significant impact on the Conservation Objective of a Natura 2000 site and it is recommended that a permit be issued.

Proposed Specific Conditions

1. The Licensee shall use that part of the foreshore, the subject matter of this Permission in accordance with the detailed plans and location drawings as submitted with the application.
2. Within 2 months of completion of works, the Licensee shall provide a certified statement by a Chartered Engineer that the works have been completed in accordance with the drawings submitted to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.
3. The Licensee shall ensure that appropriate methods of operation are adopted in order to ensure that no spillages of fuel, hydrocarbons, cement or other leakages to the sea occur during the Construction Phase
4. The Licensee shall consult and liaise with the Shannon Estuary Harbour Master prior to and during the works.
5. The Licensee shall notify the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government at least 14 days in advance of the commencement of works on the Foreshore.
6. During the course of the works, the Licensee shall take all necessary precautions to protect the public in accordance with relevant Health and Safety Legislation.
7. No works should take place during the period November to February inclusive in order to minimise any impact on wintering waders and wildfowl.