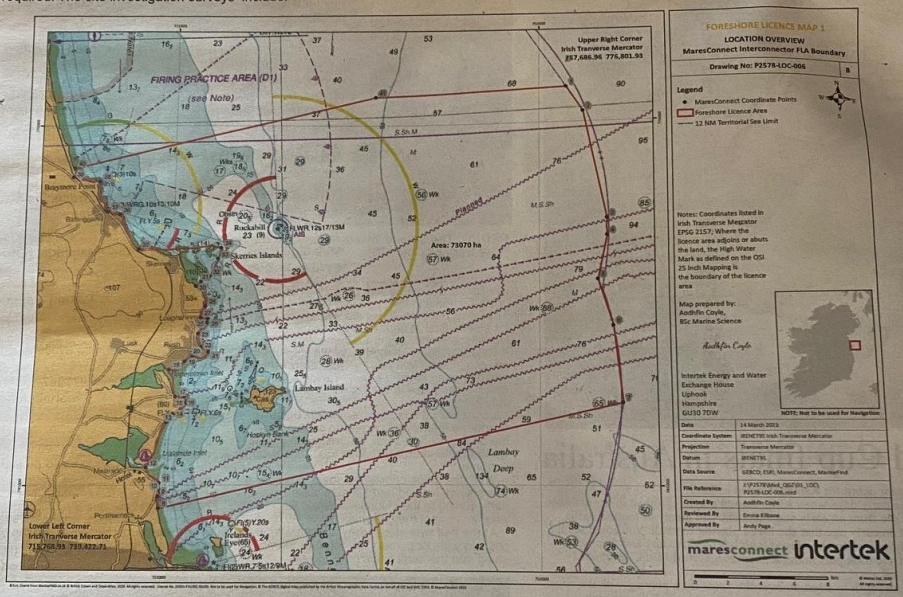
PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR A FORESHORE LICENCE AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING STAGE 2 APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

MaresConnect Limited (MCL) has applied to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a Foreshore Licence under Section 3 of the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, to carry out site investigation survey works off the coast of County Dublin; these site investigation works are to be carried out in order to determine the suitability of the area for cable routeing and other electrical infrastructure associated with the development of a proposed 750 megawatt electricity interconnector between Ireland and the UK. This is a priority project which will be required to import and export electricity to and from the transmission networks in Ireland and GB and onto other European markets. The proposed works includes surveys 50m landward of the mean high-water mark to overlap with the terrestrial survey works which would be subject to a separate application, if required. The site investigation surveys include:

Geophysical Survey	Geotechnical	Environmental
Multibeam Echosounder	Nearshore Marine Boreholes	Drop Down Camera
Side Scan Sonar	Cone Penetration Tests	Boxcores
Sub Bottom Profiler	Vibrocores	Grab Samples
Magnetometer	Boxcores	



PUBLIC CONSULTATION – SECTION 19 OF THE FORESHORE ACT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 19 of the Foreshore Act, 1933, as amended, that MaresConnect Limited has applied to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for Licence under the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, for the purposes of the above project. In this regard, in accordance with Section 19, public submissions are invited on the proposed plan and project.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS ON APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 42(13) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, of an application for a foreshore licence in relation to the above project The Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage is responsible for making a decision on the application and the Minister may either grant, approve or consent to the application with or without covenants, conditions or agreements, where applicable, or refuse the application.

The Minister has determined, in accordance with Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the proposed plan or project. A copy of the Screening for Appropriate Assessment decision is available at: gov.ie - FS007635 MaresConnect Electricity Interconnector Site Investigation (www.gov.ie) [gov.ie]

In considering this matter, the Minister had regard to the following:
https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/779e7-fs007635-maresconnect-electricity-interconnector-site-investigation/

1. The application for a foreshore licence and the documentation appended thereto.
2. The Screening for Appropriate Assessment prepared by the Departments Marine Advisor.
3. The assessment and recommendation of the Department's Marine Advisor.
4. All other relevant information submitted in relation to this application.

Coordinates of the Foreshore Licence Application Area are provided in the following table:

ID	LATITUDE (Deg Min Sec)	LONGITUDE (Deg Min Sec)	ID	LATITUDE (Deg Min Sec)	LONGITUDE (Deg Min Sec)
1	-5.65794	53.48105	1	005° 39' 28.58" W	53° 28' 51.78" N
2	-5.6637	53.52842	2	005° 39' 49.32" W	53° 31' 42.31" N
3	-5.66524	53.59538	3	005° 39' 54.86" W	53° 35' 43.36" N
4	-5.66563	53.58462	4	005° 39' 56.26" W	53° 35' 04.63" N
5	-5.67697	53.55738	5	005° 40' 37.09" W	53° 33' 26.56" N
6	-5.68514	53.66399	6	005° 41' 06.50" W	53° 39' 50.36" N
7	-5.70151	53.68012	7	005° 42' 05.43" W	53° 40' 48.43" N
8	-5.90042	53.67962	8	005° 54' 01.51" W	53° 40' 46.63" N
9	-6.06277	53.58557	9	006° 03' 45.97" W	53° 35' 08.05" N
10	-6.06613	53.57856	10	006° 03' 58.06" W	53° 34' 42.81" N
11	-6.07514	53.56784	11	006° 04' 30.50" W	53° 34' 04.22" N
12	-6.07591	53.52052	12	006° 04' 33.27" W	53° 31' 13.87" N
13	-6.07711	53.54187	13	006° 04' 37.59" W	53° 32' 30.73" N
14	-6.07776	53.53923	14	006° 04' 39.93" W	53° 32' 21.22" N
15	-6.07963	53.54941	15	006° 04' 46.66" W	53° 32' 57.87" N
16	-6.08326	53.53852	16	006° 04' 59.73" W	53° 32' 18.67" N
17	-6.08339	53.56005	17	006° 05' 00.20" W	53° 33' 36.17" N
18	-6.08362	53.52381	18	006° 05' 01.03" W	53° 31' 25.71" N
19	-6.08381	53.5648	19	006° 05' 01.71" W	53° 33' 53.27" N
20	-6.08458	53.54227	20	006° 05' 04.48" W	53° 32' 32.17" N
21	-6.08715	53.53224	21	006° 05' 13.74" W	53° 31' 56.06" N
22	-6.08932	53.56189	22	006° 05' 21.55" W	53° 33' 42.80" N
23	-6.09196	53.51852	23	006° 05' 31.05" W	53° 31' 06.67" N
24	-6.09679	53.48947	24	006° 05' 48.44" W	53° 29' 22.09" N
25	-6.0989	53.49325	25	006° 05' 56.04" W	53° 29' 35.70" N
26	-6.09976	53.51517	26	006° 05' 59.13" W	53° 30' 54.61" N
27	-6.10808	53.49341	27	006° 06' 29.08" W	53° 29' 36.27" N
28	-6.11055	53.48301	28	006° 06' 37.97" W	53° 28' 58.83" N
29	-6.11554	53.51032	29	006° 06' 55.94" W	53° 30' 37.15" N
30	-6.11663	53.47805	30	006° 06' 59.86" W	53° 28' 40.98" N
31	-6.12187	53.43692	31	006° 07' 18.73" W	53° 26' 12.91" N
32	-6.12274	53.44152	32	006° 07' 21.86" W	53° 26' 29.47" N
33	-6.12316	53.42658	33	006° 07' 23.37" W	53° 25' 36.04" N
34	-6.12383	53.43376	34	006° 07' 25.78" W	53° 26' 01.53" N
35	-6.13541	53.45107	35	006° 08' 11.07" W	53° 27' 03.85" N
36	-6.14779	53.58616	36	006° 08' 52.04" W	53° 35' 10.17" N
37	-6.16764	53.60866	37	006° 10' 03.50" W	53° 36' 31.17" N
38	-6.18	53.6106	38	006° 10' 47.99" W	53° 36' 38.15" N
39	-6.18823	53.63003	39	006° 11' 17.62" W	53° 37' 48.10" N
40	-6.21474	53.63887	40	006° 12' 53.06" W	53° 38' 19.93" N
41	-6.21619	53.6332	41	006° 12' 58.28" W	53° 37' 59.52" N

The Minister will make a determination as to whether or not the proposed plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site in accordance with Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and, in doing so, shall have regard to the matters in Regulation 42(12).

In this regard, in accordance with Regulation 42(13), any person may make a submission or observation to the Minister concerning the proposed project within 30 days of the date of this notice. The Minister shall have regard to any submissions or observations received during the public consultation.

A copy of the application, map of the proposed project, location map coordinates, the determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the project, the
Natura Impact Statement, and the other information and documentation relevant to the application, are available for inspection for 30 calendar days, between 13th July 2023 and 13th August 2023, free of charge and without appointment at:

Malahide Garda Station, 1/2 James's Terrace, Malahide, K36 NH50, Co. Dublin. Opening hours:
Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 21:00

Malahide Public Library, Main Street, Malahide, K36 EW63, Co.Dublin
Monday – Thursday 9.45am – 8pm
Friday & Saturday 9.45am – 1pm and 1.45pm – 5pm

This documentation and information is also available on the Department's website, at:
https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/779e7-fs007635-maresconnect-electricity-interconnector-site-investigation/

Members of the public who wish to make a submission or observation in writing concerning the proposed project may do so between 13th July 2023 and 13th August 2023 (quoting ref: FS007635) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or foreshore@housing.gov.ie. The closing date for submissions is close of business (17.30) on 13th August 2023

Take notice that material to which the Minister shall have regard in making the Appropriate Assessment determination will be published on the Department's website. In this regard, the Department wishes to draw attention to its policy on defamatory material that may be contained in submissions it receives, which may be found at: **http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/public-participation-foreshore-consent-process**

REVIEW PROCEDURE

A review procedure is available before the High Court whereby the substantive or procedural legality of the Minister's Screening for Appropriate Assessment determination may be challenged. The review procedure is governed by Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts, 1986 (S.I. 15 of 1986). A person wishing to avail of the review procedure must first file (i) a statement of grounds; and (ii) a verifying affidavit, in the Central Office of the High Court. It is then necessary to make an application for leave to apply to the High Court. An application for leave to apply for judicial review shall be made within three months from the date when grounds for the application first arose under Section 21(1) of the Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts as amended by S.I No 691 of 2011. The time-limit for such a review commences from the Date of Publication of this Notice of Determination. Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from the Citizens Information's website at citizensinformation.ie

Section 50B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended applies inter alia to Judicial Review Proceedings. The matter of costs is addressed under Subsections (2),(2A),(3) &(4). Notwithstanding anything contained in Order 99 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. 15 of 1986) and subject to subsections (2A), (3) &(4), in proceedings to which this section applies, each party to the proceedings (including any notice party) shall bear its own costs. The full text of Section 50B is available at:

http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2010/en/act/pub/0030/sec0033.html#sec33

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