

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Extension of the time period for the public to make submissions on an application for a maritime usage licence and an appropriate assessment

Between the dates of 27 February 2024 and 2 March 2024 the North Irish Sea Array Windfarm Limited (“NISA Limited”) published notices in local and national newspapers inviting public submissions on an application for a maritime usage licence to undertake marine environmental surveys and a Natura impact statement which had been submitted to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (“MARA”) by NISA Limited.

In the said notice, the closing date for a member of the public to make a written submission to MARA on the licence application and the Natura impact statement was the 1 April 2024 at 17.30pm.

Notice is now given that the closing date and time for a member of the public to make a written submission to MARA on the licence application and the Natura impact statement is now extended to the 15 April at 17.30pm.

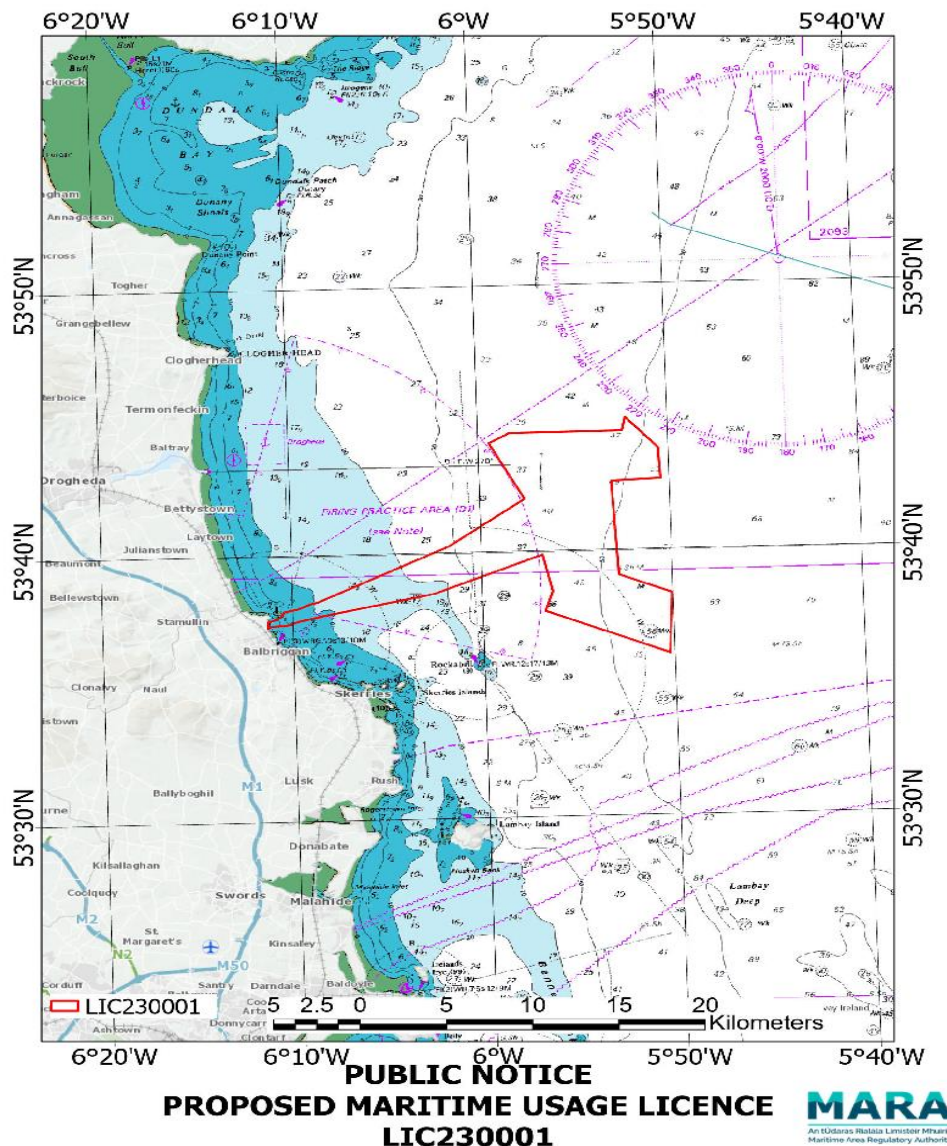
Members of the public who wish to make a submission in writing to MARA on the licence application and the Natura impact statement may do so quoting ref: LIC230001 to the following e-mail address – licence@mara.gov.ie or by post to the following address - Licence Unit, Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

The detail of the licence application which was published in the newspapers by NISA Limited is set out below:

On the 9 October 2023 NISA Limited applied to the MARA for a maritime usage licence under section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to undertake marine environmental surveys for the purpose of site investigations off the coasts of the Counties of Dublin, Meath and Louth.

The surveys will be carried out within the area identified in the licence application in order to inform the location and design of the proposed offshore wind farm and cable route. The surveys will include marine geophysical, hydrographic, geotechnical, benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology surveys,

environmental, metocean and archaeological surveys, and water quality monitoring. The licence application is for a period of 7 years.



A related Natura impact statement has been submitted with the above licence application. The licence application and the Natura Impact Statement are available for inspection on MARA’s website [LIC230001 - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](https://www.mara.ie/LIC230001) and at the following address by appointment – Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

MARA will then, as soon as practicable, carry out the appropriate assessment determination in accordance with regulation 42 of the European Communities

(Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011. After the determination, MARA will either grant, part grant or refuse the licence application.

Dated this 27 day of March 2024

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority