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**Re: Foreshore Maintenance Dredging for Haulbowline Naval Base, Cork –
Department of Defence**

A Chara,

We refer to the application in relation to the above-proposed development. Outlined below are the underwater archaeological and nature conservation recommendations of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Nature Conservation Recommendations

Under Article 6(3) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC, as transposed by Regulation 31 of the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1997, developments within and adjacent to designated Natura 2000 site require an appropriate assessment of the potential conservation implications from that activity.

To this end, an appropriate assessment be made of the possible impact of the proposed development and that it include the following:

- Detail of the likely implication of the dumping of contaminants into the marine environment and the likely impact upon Annex I habitats and Annex II & IV (seals and cetaceans) should those contaminated materials become mobilised or subsequently incorporated through sedimentary, hydrological or biological processes
- Consideration should be given to whether the proposed operations would result in disturbance to Annex II & IV species (seals and cetaceans) listed on Council Directive 92/43/EEC from the introduction of sound sources into the marine environment

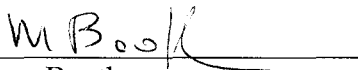


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The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has no underwater archaeological objections to this development.

Further, direct, observations may issue from our Water Quality Section. Please forward to this Section a copy of your decision on this application and the licence when it issues.

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