

Subject: Licence application S0031-01

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RE: Licence application S0031-01 by Malahide Marina Village Ltd for Dumping at Sea Permit application at Malahide Estuary.

A chara,

Please find the underwater archaeology and natureconservation recommendations of the Department of Culture, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht for the above mentioned application.

Underwater Archaeology

Given the location and nature of the proposed development it is possible that underwater archaeology may be impacted by the development.

It is therefore recommended that an Underwater Archaeological Impact Assessment, as described below, shall be undertaken to assess the impact of the development on known or potential archaeology and include the assessment of any bathymetric surveys undertaken to date. It is recommended that this be included as a condition in the granting of any permit.

Underwater Archaeological Impact Assessment shall be compiled as follows:

1. The applicant is required to engage the services of a suitably qualified archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment of the potential impacts of the development/proposed works.
2. The assessment shall comprise of a detailed desktop study, with the archaeologist carrying out any relevant documentary research including consulting with the Shipwreck Inventory of Ireland, the Record of Monuments and Places, which are held by the Department. The Topographical Files held by the National Museum of Ireland should also be consulted. The assessment should also include a detailed archaeological impact statement including a detailed description of the proposed works and the impact they will have on known and/or potential archaeology.
3. Having completed the work, the archaeologist shall submit a written report to this Department.
4. Where archaeological material/features are shown to be present, preservation *in situ*, avoidance, preservation by record (archaeological excavation) or archaeological monitoring may be required.

5. The applicant shall be prepared to be advised by the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht in this regard.

Reason: To ensure the continued preservation (either *in situ* or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

Nature Conservation

The proposed dredging/dumping-at-sea at Malahide Estuary has been evaluated by both a Natura Impact Statement and a Marine Mammal Risk Assessment.

The conclusion of the Natura Impact Statement document is that the proposed works are unlikely to pose a significant likely risk to nature conservation interests in the vicinity. The Department of Culture, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht concur with this conclusion provided the stated mitigation is undertaken. This will include a seasonal restriction on disposal (dredging) and the utilisation of a marine mammal observer as indicated.

The proponent should also ensure that other activities not covered by the EPA Dumping-at-Sea Consent, the dredging within the Malahide Estuary, take account of requirements for assessment under European and national legislation for nature conservation.

Mise le meas,

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