

**PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION REQUEST FORM FOR A MARITIME AREA CONSENT (MAC)
UNDERTHE MARITIME AREA PLANNING (MAP) ACT 2021**

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This form is NOT an application form

Maritime Area Consent (MAC)

This form should be completed when applying for a MAC in accordance with section 75 or section 76 of the MAP Act 2021.

Section 79 states that a person may make an application in the specified form, accompanied by the specified fee, to MARA for the grant of a MAC for the occupation of the part of the maritime area the subject of the application for the purposes of the undertaking of the proposed maritime usage the subject of the application.

A person who is a body corporate may not make a MAC application unless it is:

- (a) a company,
- (b) an EEA company within the meaning of Part 21 of the Companies Act 2014.
- (c) a public body, or
- (d) engaged principally in non-commercial activities or works.

For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other enactment, MARA is not required to carry out, for the purposes of determining a MAC application:

- (a) a screening for appropriate assessment or appropriate assessment
- (b) a screening for environmental impact assessment or environmental impact assessment.

Schedule 5: The criteria that MARA shall have regard to in determining MAC application:

1. The nature, scope and duration of the occupation of the maritime area concerned for the purposes of the proposed maritime usage.
2. Whether the proposed maritime usage is in the public interest.
3. The location and spatial extent of the occupation of the maritime area concerned for the purposes of the proposed maritime usage.
4. Guidelines issued under [section 7](#) which are relevant to the proposed maritime usage.
5. Whether the applicant is a fit and proper person (within the meaning of [Schedule 2](#)) to be granted a MAC, both at the time the application is made and at the time that the MAC application concerned is determined by MARA.
6. Whether the applicant is tax compliant, both at the time the application is made and at the time that the MAC application concerned is determined by MARA.
7. In the case of any maritime usage relating to offshore renewable energy (within the meaning of [section 100](#)), the consistency of the MAC application concerned with the development plans of the transmission system operator (within the meaning of [section 100](#)).
8. The National Marine Planning Framework.
9. The extent and nature of the preparatory work already undertaken by the applicant towards ensuring the efficacious undertaking of the proposed maritime usage the subject of the MAC application concerned should the applicant be granted a MAC in respect of such usage.
10. The extent and nature of stakeholder engagement undertaken by the applicant in respect of the proposed maritime usage.
11. Where a competitive process referred to in [section 93](#) or [103](#) is used, the outcome of such process.
12. Any additional criteria specified, for the purposes of this paragraph, in regulations made under [section 80\(2\)](#).

Privacy Policy:

MARA may require you to provide certain personal data in order to carry out our legislative and administrative functions. MARA will treat all personal data that you provide as confidential and will process your details in accordance with its obligations under data protection legislation, including the Data Protection Act 2018 and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

A Privacy Statement explaining how MARA, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data you provide, how that information will be used, and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data, is available in this [Privacy Statement](#).

Freedom of Information (FOI) / Access to Information on the Environment (AIE)

Applicants should be aware that under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018, information provided by them to the MARA may be liable to be disclosed.

Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their application should not be disclosed and clearly identify the specific sections of their application containing such information, specifying the reasons for its confidentiality/sensitivity. The MARA will consult with applicants about this information before making a decision on any Freedom of Information/Access to Information on the Environment request received.

Declaration and Consent:

By submitting this pre-application consultation request form, you agree that the details provided are to be processed and retained by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) and shared with appropriate consultees as part of the internal preliminary review process (in furtherance of consideration for a MAC) under the MAP Act, 2021.

This pre-application meeting is held without prejudice to any future decision made by MARA on any application received on foot of this meeting. The information submitted in completion of an application form is entirely the responsibility of the applicant.

Part 1 Applicant Information

1.1 Applicant Details

Name of Applicant (not Agent)	Louth County Council (LCC)
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	As above
Address/Company Address	County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk
Eircode	A91 KFW6
Contact Name within Company/Organisation	Jarlath Keaney
Contact Phone No.	042-9392936 or 087-3521354
Contact Email Address	jarlath.keaney@louthcoco.ie
CRO No. (if applicable)	

1.2 Agent Representing Applicant (if applicable)

Person/Agency acting on behalf of Applicant	Not applicable
Address	
Eircode	
Contact Name (if applicable)	
Contact Phone No.	
Contact Email address	

1.3 Please state whether the applicant is a commercial or non-commercial entity

Non-commercial entity (Applicant is a local authority).

Part 2 Outline of Proposal

Site location details	
Location, County name and nearest townland name:	Drummullagh, Omeath, Co. Louth. (Proposed works at Eir code A91 XP62)
Size of the Maritime Area (m², Ha or Km²).	<1Km ² (Estimated at max. 187m ²)
Please include a latest edition map highlighting in red the proposed area of maritime area that will be subject to the application – See attached Drawing No. CE-2023-03-01MAC	

Proposal Details
Is the proposed activity primarily fisheries/aquaculture related? (If “yes” the appropriate consent authority is the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, who should be contacted in the first instance).
No
Description of the proposed Maritime Usage:
<p>LCC wishes to carry out 40 linear meters of coastal protection works in order to protect a property (Eircode A91 XP62) on the shoreline at Drummullagh, Co. Louth, which lies just north of Omeath Village. Based on the High Water Mark at this location, there will be a requirement to be on the seaward side of the HWM over a short distance (approx. 40-45m) in order to allow for construction vehicles carry out the proposed works. A small portion of the permanent works (approx. 19sq.m) is proposed to be on the seaward side of the HWM. A summary of the proposed works is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site set up (fencing off works area etc) • Excavate trench (40m long x 1m wide x 0.6m deep) for concrete footing, • Pour concrete footing, • Excavate trench (40m long x approx. 1.5m long x 1.0m deep) for rock armour, • Install geotextile layer(s), • Install rock armour, • Backfill voids within rock armour with excavated material.
Indicative timing of the works/activity: (i) Start date (ii) Duration (iii) Any other information relevant to timing:
Proposed works are subject to planning permission but indicative start date (at earliest) is April 2024. Duration of works is between 2 – 4 weeks.
What other marine users or stakeholders may be affected by the proposal?
No other users or stakeholders known to be affected
Is planning consent required for the proposed usage?
Yes
Status of any other required consents, including reference number(s)
Awaiting MAC consent before progressing with a Section 177AE Application with An Bord Planeala.
Please list any Foreshore Licences and/or Leases and any Maritime Usage Licences and/or MACs issued under the MAP Act 2021, including active and pending applications held by you
None known by the applicant
If you currently hold any consents (Foreshore Licences and/or Leases and any Maritime Usage Licences and/or MACs issued under the MAP Act 2021) and wish to surrender same, please provide details

Not applicable.
Additional Information:
In process of finalising an Appropriate Assessment and NIS.
If possible, list here and include any drawings/designs that provide an overview of the proposal
See attached Drawing No. CE-2023-03-MAC

Please email completed MAC@mara.gov.ie:

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