

APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE FOR MARINE WORKS

Marine Works include, but are not limited to, coast defences, beneficial uses of dredged materials, subsea cables, pontoons, jetties, land reclamation, grab samples and outfall pipes under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

Please read the notes carefully before completing the form.

- The Marine Licensing Team (MLT) administers Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 on behalf of the Licensing Authority, the Welsh Ministers.
- The completed application form must be accompanied by a location plan and, where appropriate, descriptive drawing(s) and any supporting environmental assessments. One completed hard copy of the application and supporting documents will always be required. Additional copies are required for consultation purposes.
 - For application and supporting documents less than 10MB we can accept an additional copy via email.
 - For applications larger than 10MB **16** additional copies in CD/DVD format will be required
 - When applications and supporting documents are hard copy only **16** copies will be required.
- Please submit applications to the **Permit Receipt Centre** via the details at the top of this form
- Please submit marine licence applications, including this form and all supporting documents, **at least 4 months before the licence is required.**

Some projects may raise matters that require a significantly longer time for consideration. These are most likely to be:

- Projects that fall **within** The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 – as amended requiring an Environmental Statement
- Large scale projects with substantial volumes of material being deposited or excavated
- Works requiring an Appropriate Assessment to be conducted under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.
- Information should be provided about the anticipated **duration of the entire project** in respect of works below/seaward of Mean High Water Spring (MHWS). Where appropriate, planned phasing of the work for which consent is sought must be detailed. For projects lasting more than one calendar year, planned phasing details must be given for each 12 month period.

A licence fee is payable in respect of an application. Details of fees can be found on our web pages.

Please note applications will not be processed without the correct relevant fee or invoicing details.

- Payments can be made via Cheque, BACS or credit/debit card.
 - Cheques should be crossed and made payable to **Natural Resources Wales.**
 - For BACS payments ensure you provide the reference number (not remittance number)

- For credit/debit card payments please complete the CC1 form and submit with the application. The CC1 form can be found on our web pages

Further information on payment methods can be found on our web pages

- **All activities need to comply with the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The framework and guidance can be found on the Natural Resources Wales website, <http://naturalresources.wales>. The results of your WFD assessment must be attached to your marine licence application.**
- Please answer all questions. If any information is not available at the time of application please indicate in the relevant section, giving reasoning in a covering letter. Outstanding details must be submitted as soon as possible. Any delay in forwarding details is likely to result in delays in determining your application.

Your application may not be considered complete and therefore not processed until key information has been submitted. Your application may be returned if you fail to submit outstanding information within given timescales.

- Please note any licence may have conditions that must be discharged before works can commence. This will take additional time.
- If you have any queries with regards to completing this application please contact the MLT: marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

How your application will be processed by the MLT:

- Submit all application to the **Permit Receipt Centre** via the details at the top of this form.
- Checked and acknowledged by the MLT within 21 days of receipt of application and payment
- If the application is complete and no further information is needed at this time, your application will be placed in a work queue to be assigned a permitting officer
- If the application is not complete, further information will be request and need to be provided before the application can be considered as complete
- Our **4 months** service level for determining non-EIA applications will begin from the date the **completed** application is received (*Please note some projects may take significantly longer than 4 months to determine due to their nature*)
- EIA projects may take significantly longer due to their scale and complexity. Therefore we encourage early engagement with the MLT
- Your application and supporting documents will be sent to for an initial consultation period of 28 days (*42 days for EIA projects*)
- For the majority of projects, a public notice must be advertised. Public consultation will be 28 days (*49 days for EIA projects*).
For EIA projects a second public notice will be required. The MLT will advise on how this should be done.
- Responses to consultation will be considered and additional information requested at this time, if necessary.

- A decision on your Marine Licence Application will be made

All information submitted may be referred to within a licence, therefore all works must be in accordance with this information, unless otherwise agreed with NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority during the determination process.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other consents/authorisations that may be required.

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Check List

Please ensure that you have included all the necessary information before you submit your application. **If any of the below are not completed in the application form, the application is likely to be considered incomplete and may be returned to you**

Item	Yes (✓)
The applicant is a legal entity?	✓
The declaration is signed by the applicant?	✓
Is the application fee correct?	✓
Are the grid references/coordinates correct?	✓
Do the coordinates match map locations?	✓
Have all the relevant supporting documents been submitted?	✓
Has a clear methodology been provided in the application form?	✓
Has Protected sites information been included?	✓
Has a Water Framework Directive (WFD) assessment been submitted?	✓
Are all the continuation sheets for application questions appended with correct corresponding numbers?	✓

Should you have any queries regarding your application please contact the MLT via marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

1. Project Description and Cost

1 (a). Project Name

East West Interconnector Remedial Works

1(b). Please provide a brief description of the proposed project, including location

The East West Interconnector is an existing 500 megawatt interconnector extending between Prestatyn in North Wales and Rush Bay in Ireland. Post installation surveys have identified the need to undertake remedial works at several locations along the cable route. The works would involve external cable protection in the form of deployment of concrete mattresses and rock bags at four locations within Welsh Waters.

1(c). Please provide an estimated gross cost of the project (Inc. materials and labour) for works that fall below/seaward of Mean High Water Springs (MHWS)

~ £1 million

2. Applicant Details

To whom the licence will be issued. *This must be a legal entity such as an individual, registered company/ charity or public body.*

Title	Mr	Full Name	Karl O'Keeffe
Company or Trading Name	EirGrid PLC		
Company Registration Number (if applicable)	338522		
Name of Contact or individual (if different)			
Position in Company	EWIC Asset Manager		
Address inc. postcode (provide registered Company address if applicable)	The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, D04 FW28		
Telephone Number	+353 (0)1 677 1700		
Email Address	Karl.o'keeffe@eirgrid.com		

3. Details of Agent, Contractor, Vehicles and/or Vessels used to carry out works

3(a). Agent Details

This is who we will correspond with unless otherwise informed. If no agent we will contact the applicant.

Title	Mrs	Full Name	Emma Langley
Company or Trading Name	Metoc Ltd, trading as Intertek Energy & Water Consultancy Services		
Company Registration Number (if applicable)	01489779		
Name of Contact or individual (if different)			
Position in Company	Principal Consultant		
Address (Inc. postcode)	Intertek Energy and Water, Exchange House, Station Road, Liphook, Hampshire, GU30 7DW, United Kingdom		
Telephone Number	+44 (0) 1428728551		
Email Address	emma.langley@intertek.com		

3(b). Does the Applicant wish to be included in all correspondence? Yes ☒ No ☐

3(c). Contractor Details

In order for contractors to benefit from the licence permission, details must be provided.
Any details not provided with application must be confirmed before operations commence.

Contractor Company or Trading Name	Address
NKT	Vibeholms Allé 20 2605 Brøndby +45 43 48 20 00

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3(d). Will the works require the use of vessels? Yes ☒ No ☐

3(d) (i). Vessel Details (if applicable and available)

In order for contractors to benefit from the licence permission, details must be provided.
Any details not provided with application must be confirmed before operations commence.

Operator	Name of Vessel	Type of Vessel	Vessel Registration Number	Country of Registration
NKT	NKT Victoria	High Voltage Cable Laying Vessel	IMO: 9791016	Norway

3(e). Will the works require the use of vehicle? Yes ☐ No ☒

3(e) (i). Vehicle Details (if applicable and available) to be used below MHWS

In order for contractors to benefit from the licence permission, details must be provided.
Any details not provided with application must be confirmed before operations commence.

Operator	Type/Description of Vehicle

3(f). If the contractor or vessels or vehicles are not known at the application stage, when do you expect to provide these details?

These details will need to be confirmed prior to the licence and operations commencement

Not applicable

4. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

Certain projects, due to their scale, location and/or nature, may require an EIA under the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended). If a project qualifies under EIA, an Environmental Statement (ES) must be prepared and submitted with the application.

Projects that fall within Annex I of the Directive automatically require an EIA. Projects that fall within Annex II of the Directive are assessed on a case-by-case basis for the requirement for an EIA to be undertaken.

4(a). Do you consider the works to be under the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended)? Yes ☐ No ☒

4(a) (i) If Yes, which Annex does the proposal fall under? Annex I ☐ Annex II ☐

4(a) (ii) Which number(s) within the Annex does the proposal relate to?

4(b). Have you applied for a screening or scoping opinion from the MLT under the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended)? Yes ☐ No ☒

4(b) (i). If Yes, please provide the reference number

4(c). Has an Environmental Impact Assessment been undertaken? Yes ☐ No ☒

4(c)(i). If Yes, has an Environmental Statement been submitted to support this Marine Licence application? Yes ☐ No ☒

4(d). If an Environmental Impact Assessment has been undertaken, but an ES has not been submitted, please provide an explanation

Note the proposed works are not considered to require an EIA under the EIA Directive or Marine Works (EIA) Regs 2007. However, to support the marine licence application the following documents have been provided (see Section 6b of this form):

- P2226K_R6309_Rev0 - East West Interconnector Remedial Works Environmental Supporting Information
- P2226K_R6310_Rev0 - App A East West Interconnector Remedial Works: Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening
- P2226K_R6311_Rev0 - App B East West Interconnector Remedial Works: Water Framework Directive Assessment
- P2226K_AHOCT28_Rev0 - Biosecurity Risk Assessment
- WNMP signposting - EWIC Remedial Works Rev0

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

5. Licensable Period

Determination of applications will be based on the works taking place during these dates. Please ensure you have included an adequate contingency period. If works are not

completed by the Requested Licence Expiry Date you may be required to submit a new application. *Including a contingency period within your original application does not impact on Licence Fee*

Start Date 01/12/2023

Requested Licence Expiry Date 01/12/2024

*Please ensure you submit your application for a Marine Licence **at least 4 months** prior to the intended start date. Some projects, such as EIA projects, will take significantly longer to determine.*

6. Project Description

6(a). Please give a description of the proposed project.

This should include the purpose of the project, estimated timescales of construction and operation, and broken down by the phases of works, if applicable.

Details should include, but not be limited to, dimensions of project, quantity of material being deposited and removed.

The Proposed Works will take place at four locations within Welsh Territorial Waters of the Irish Sea off the North Wales coast. The Proposed Works are estimated to last a maximum of 14 days over one campaign (plus any additional time required for weather downtime and any breakdown), between start of December 2023 and end of February 2024 and will include the following activities:

- Multi-beam Echo Sounder (MBES) Geophysical Survey
- Deployment of Fronded Concrete Mattresses
- Deployment of Fronded Precise Rock Filter (PRP) Units (Rock Bags)

The Proposed Works (geophysical survey, mattressing and rock bag placement) will be undertaken aboard NKT Victoria, or similar. This is a cable lay vessel (CLV), which is equipped with dynamic positioning (DP) systems.

External cable protection will be installed at four locations. Fronded Concrete Mattresses and Rock Bags will be installed via a crane from the CLV, which will lower each concrete mattress one or rock bag at a time or in batches using a special frame. The worst case footprint of concrete mattresses (6m x 3m) will be 738m² and a worst case footprint of rock bags (2.2m diameter) will be 156m².

Following the deployment of external cable protection, an MBES geophysical survey will be undertaken to determine whether the EWIC cable has been covered appropriately at each of the remedial works locations.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

6(b). Please detail the location of the proposed construction project.

This should be either Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference (i.e. AB 12345 67890) or Latitude and Longitude in decimal degrees to 4 decimal places (i.e. Lat 52.1234 Long - 4.1234), defining the extent of the project. **Please specify which coordinate system has been used.**

The Proposed Works are on the existing East West Interconnector Route spanning from Prestatyn on Deeside in North Wales and Rush Bay, Woodland, County Meath in Ireland. The Proposed Works are to occur at four locations along the existing EWIC cable route. The start and end coordinates for each location are provided in Drawing No: P2226K-LOC-004-A and in the table below. Coordinates are in WGS 84 UTM Zone 30N and WGS 1984.

Section	KP	Easting	Northing	Latitude	Longitude
1	67.604	361953.81	5941360.28	53.6029	-5.0863
2	67.624	361973.33	5941357.12	53.6028	-5.0860
3	94.911	388484.04	5940129.85	53.5981	-4.6851
4	94.918	388491.49	5940131.00	53.5981	-4.6850
5	98.603	392118.47	5939922.91	53.5970	-4.6302
6	98.607	392122.61	5939921.75	53.5970	-4.6301
7	174.543	461557.48	5915298.59	53.3854	-3.5780
8	174.589	461579.98	5915258.95	53.3850	-3.5776

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

6(c). The following must be provided with the completed application form:

- (i) a suitably scaled extract of an Ordnance Survey Map or Admiralty Chart with location of project, complete with **North Arrow** and **Scale**
- (ii) construction plans and sectional drawings showing those proposed works below/seaward of MHWS, which should give details of the materials to be used (for beach replenishment the quantity, particle size and source of material to be deposited and deposit location is also required).
- (iii) a descriptive schematic drawing and suitably scaled location plan which show the full extent of the project clearly in relation to the surrounding area and features.

Please list below **all supporting documents** that have been submitted with this application, including suitable documents/maps/drawing titles and reference numbers

- P2226K_R6309_Rev0 - East West Interconnector Remedial Works Environmental Supporting Information
- P2226K_R6310_Rev0 - App A East West Interconnector Remedial Works: Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening
- P2226K_R6311_Rev0 - App B East West Interconnector Remedial Works: Water Framework Directive Assessment
- P2226K_AHOCT28_Rev0 - Biosecurity Risk Assessment
- WNMP signposting - EWIC Remedial Works Rev0

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

The applicant should note that these drawings/plans may be copied to others as part of the MLT's consultation procedures. If they are subject to copyright, it is the **responsibility of the applicant to obtain the necessary approvals to reproduce the documents and to submit up to 16 copies with the application.**

7. Methods Statement

7(a). Please provide a detailed method statement for the works

This must include methods for all works including temporary structures or deposits such as jetties, cofferdams, moorings or landing stages to be constructed seaward of MHWS

Please refer to Section 6(a) of this application and Section 2 of P2226K_R6309_Rev0 East West Interconnector Remedial Works Environmental Supporting Information.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

7(b). Do you intend to undertake activities that could generate underwater noise?

This include piling, use of explosives, geophysical, acoustic deterrent devices and multibeam echosounders.

Yes ☒ No ☐

7(b) (i). If Yes, what type(s) of activities will be undertaken?

Cable burial (including vessel movements, concrete mattress/rock bag placement)
Multi-beam Echo Sounder Geophysical Survey.

7(b) (ii). If Yes, approximately how many days will the activity be undertaken for?

The total duration of these works will be up to 14 days (plus additional for weather downtime and any breakdowns). It is anticipated that mattressing or rock bag placement could take up to five days.

If Yes, you will be required to complete an additional form that will be provided.

7(c). Please state the measures to be taken to:

(i) Minimise risk to the marine environment

Project vessel(s) will be equipped with waste disposal facilities (sewage treatment or waste storage) to IMO MARPOL Annex IV Prevention of Pollution from Ships standards. Ship Oil Pollution Emergency Plans (SOPEPs) shall be provided by Contractor and implemented covering all vessels in accordance with MARPOL Annex I requirements Ballast water discharges from all vessels shall be managed under the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments standard Hazardous chemicals and materials shall be managed in accordance with applicable standards and guidelines, including maintenance of an inventory of such substances that are used and/or stored, provision of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs), preparation of Chemical Risk Assessments and storage in designated, secure facilities with suitable spill protection and control A Biosecurity Plan (BSP) shall be prepared and implemented. Multi-beam and echo-sounder surveys shall comply with the JNCC guidelines for minimising the risk of injury and disturbance to marine mammals from seismic surveys (JNCC 2017) (or subsequent amendments).

(ii) Prevent undue interference to others

Notices shall be given to other sea users in the area of operations via Notice to Mariners
A Fisheries Liaison Officer has been appointed who will be the direct point of contact between EirGrid and fisheries stakeholders.
A 500m safety zone would be established around the Project vessel(s) to ensure the safety of other sea users.

(iii) Maintain navigational safety, including marking and lighting of works

Notices shall be given to other sea users in the area of operations via Notice to Mariners
A Fisheries Liaison Officer has been appointed who will be the direct point of contact between EirGrid and fisheries stakeholders
A 500m safety zone would be established around the Project vessel(s) to ensure the safety of other sea users

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

8. Materials of Project

8(a). Description of materials to be deposited seaward of MHWS (Please tick all that apply)

Timber	☐	Iron/Steel	☐	Concrete	☒	Biocides/other chemicals	☐
Silt	☐	Stone/Rock	☒	Gravel	☐	Plastic/Synthetics	☐
Sand	☐	Other	☐				

If other, please provide a description of materials.

Not Applicable

8(b). Delivery method of materials to site

If sea delivery, please include details of vessels to be used with a chart of proposed route and transshipment area. If vehicle delivery, please provide the proposed access route.

Project vessels to be used are detailed in Section 2 of P2226K_R6309_Rev0 East West Interconnector Remedial Works Environmental Supporting Information. Exact details of proposed routes to access the Proposed Development will be confirmed by NKT, but existing shipping routes will be used where possible.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

8(c). Will the works involve removals seaward of MHWS? Yes ☐ No ☒

8(c) (i). Description of materials to be removed seaward of MHWS (Please tick all that apply)

Timber	☐	Iron/Steel	☐	Concrete	☐	Biocides/other chemicals	☐
Silt	☐	Stone/Rock	☐	Gravel	☐	Plastic/Synthetics	☐

Sand ☐ Other ☐

8(c) (ii). Description of objects/materials to be removed seaward of MHWS
Including quantities to be removed.

Not Applicable

9. Beach Replenishment, Land Reclamation or Salt Marsh Feeding

For works involving any of the above, please provide the following information

9(a). Is the material to be deposited like for like to existing material? Yes ☐ No ☐

9(a)(i) If No for Beach Replenishment please provide justification why?

Not Applicable

9(b). Description of material to be deposited

Please provide the grading specification of materials to be used, if using a range of grain sizes please state the percentage by weight passing. *If unsure, please refer to the Wentworth Scale*

Not Applicable

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

9(c). Source of the material to be deposited

Including dredged or land based stating the origin of material

Not Applicable

9(d). Has the material been chemically analysed?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If material has been analysed, we may request this information to determine the application

9(d) (i) If Yes, is the analysis data been included with the application? Yes ☐ No ☐

10. Temporary Works

10(a). Will there be any temporary deposits below MHWS? Yes ☐ No ☒

This includes construction materials, removed objects/material, jetties or cofferdams

If **Yes**, please continue with section **10**

10(b). Please provide the location of temporary deposits

Please include a map/chart displaying the location of temporary deposits, if necessary.

Not Applicable

10(c). Description of temporary deposits

Not Applicable

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

11. Dredge and Disposal of Dredge Material

If you are undertaking Dredge and Disposal activities please also complete the Dredge and Disposal application form and submit together.

11(a). Do you intend to apply for a marine licence to dispose of dredged material to sea as part of the works in this application? Yes ☐ No ☒

12. Protected Sites

Licensing Authorities have a duty to ensure that projects will **not have significant adverse environmental impact**, particularly on any designated **European Site of Conservation Importance - Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA)**, listed under the Habitats Directive (**Council Directive 92/42/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora**). In addition, it is Government Policy that Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar sites) are also considered as European Sites. There is a duty to take reasonable steps to further the conservation and enhancement of nationally designated sites (Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)).

12(a). Have you had pre-application correspondence with NRW, its legacy bodies or Natural England? Yes ☒ No ☐

12(a)(i). If Yes, please provide copies of correspondence with application and state which team(s) you have contacted?

Pre-application advice received from Marine Licencing Team: 07/09/2023

Pre-application meeting held with NRW Marine Licencing Team (Maria Alvarez and Joe Thomas): 5/10/2023. (Meeting minutes attached)

12(b). Are any part of the works located *within or likely to affect* a designated conservation site? (SAC, SPA, SSSI or Ramsar) Yes ☒ No ☐

12(b)(i). If Yes, which designated site(s) may be affected?

The Proposed Works are located within the North Anglesey Marine / Gogledd Môn Forol SAC (UK0030398) and the Liverpool Bay / Bae Lerpwl SPA (UK9020294A) They are also located near the Irish Seafront SPA (UK9020328).

12(c). Please provide a description of all mitigation measures proposed to avoid any impact on designated conservation sites.

- Project vessels will be equipped with waste disposal facilities (sewage treatment or waste storage) to IMO MARPOL Annex IV Prevention of Pollution from Ships standards.
- Project vessel has an antifouling regime and ROV's will be flushed between use.
- Ship Oil Pollution Emergency Plans (SOPEPs) shall be provided by Contractor and implemented covering all vessels in accordance with MARPOL Annex I requirements
- Ballast water discharges from all vessels shall be managed under the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments standard
- Hazardous chemicals and materials shall be managed in accordance with applicable standards and guidelines, including maintenance of an inventory of such substances that are used and/or stored, provision of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs), preparation of Chemical Risk Assessments and storage in designated, secure facilities with suitable spill protection and control
- A Biosecurity Plan (BSP) shall be prepared and implemented
- A 500m safety zone would be established around the Project vessel(s) to ensure the safety of other sea users

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

12(d). If the works are not located *within or likely to affect* a designated conservation site, please indicated the approximate distance to the nearest designated conservation site.

Not Applicable

Please note that if the proposed works are in or within 2km of a European Site of Conservation Importance you will have to provide suitable mitigation measure to avoid any impact on designated conservation sites.

13. Other Consents

Please detail all consents that you have applied for or received for these works

Type of Consent	Applied for	To be applied for	Reference Number	Date of Issue and Expiry
Planning Permission under Town and County Planning Act 1990 – From Local Planning Authority (LPA)				
Name and Address of LPA for location of works				
Land Owners Consent such as The Crown Estate Consent				
Port Authority or Local Harbour permissions				
Other NRW consents such as Flood Defence or SSSI assent				
Details of NRW consent	Marine Licence Application for Remedial Works			
Other consents such as Transport and Works Act Order, Section 36 Electricity Act, grant/loan sanction				
Details of other consents				

14. Statutory Powers

14(a). Does the applicant have statutory powers to consent any aspect of the project?
E.g. coast protection authority, dredging powers, statutory undertakers Yes ☐ No ☒

14(a)(i). If Yes, please give details and state the relevant legislation that gives these powers

Not Applicable

15. Public Register

Under The Marine Licensing (Register of Licensing Information)(Wales) Regulations 2011 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended) , all information contained within or provided in support of this application will be placed on the Public Register unless NRW approve of the applicant’s reasons for withholding all or part.

- 15. Is there any information contained within or provided in support of this application that you consider should NOT be included on the Public Register on the grounds that its disclosure:**

15(a). Would be contrary to the interest of National Security? Yes ☐ No ☒

15(b). Would prejudice to an unreasonable degree you, or some other person's commercial interest of those of a third party? Yes ☐ No ☒

If **Yes** to either (a) or (b), please provide full justification as to why all or part of the information you have provided should be withheld

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Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

16. Application Fee

16(a). What are the corresponding fee band for this application? Band 2 ☐ Band 3 ☒

16(b) Band 2 Only

Projects are charged at a fixed fee of £1920. The application will not be processed until the correct fee has been provided.

Please provide the method of payment

Method	Yes (✓)	Reference Number
Cheque		
BACS (not remittance no.)		
World Pay (phone or CC1)		

Please attach **CC1 Form** with application. Can be found on our web pages

16(c) Band 3 Application only

Band 3 applications are charged at on hourly rate of £120 and are invoiced in arrears. Please complete the details below which will be required for invoicing.

Customer Name

EirGrid InterConnector DAC

FAO

Jeanne Achieng

Purchase order number

EIL-000398

Address for invoice

Accounts Payable
EirGrid InterConnector DAC
The Oval,
160 Shelbourne Road
Ballsbridge
Dublin D04 FW28
Ireland

Telephone Number

+353 87 663 3455

Email Address

accountspayable@eirgrid.com

17. Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this application form and supporting documentation is true.

WARNING: It is an offence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, under which this application is made, to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information and can invalidate any licence granted.

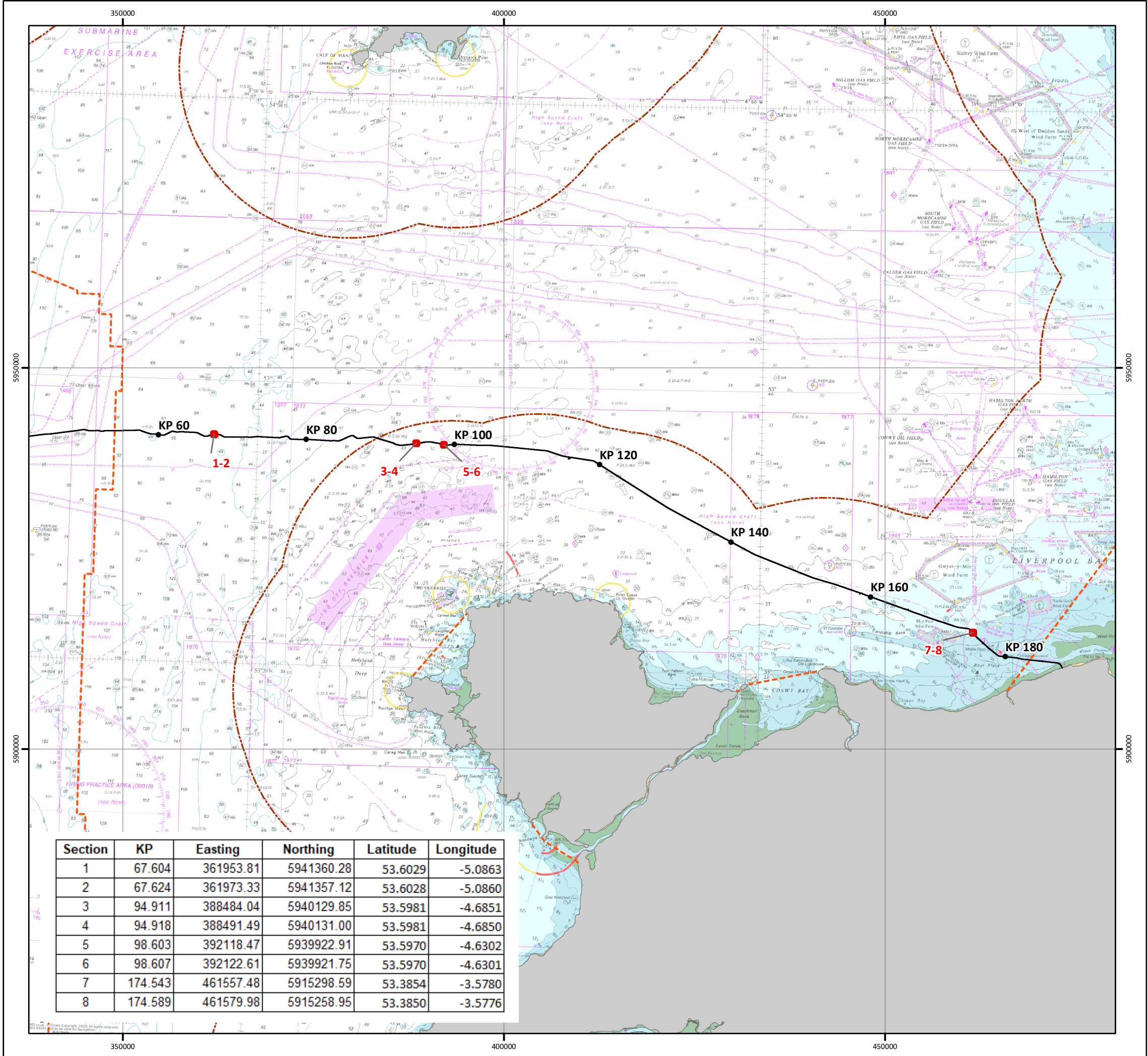
Signature  Date 06/11/2023

Name (in capitals) Karl O'Keeffe

Position in Company EWIC Asset Manager.

*Applications cannot be processed unless signed by the **Applicant** (not agent), the applicant must have appropriate level of authority within the company.*

Applications will not be processed unless signed



EAST WEST INTERCONNECTOR

LOCATION OVERVIEW

Marine Licence Application - UK Waters

Drawing No: P2226K-LOC-004

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Legend

- EWIC Remedial Works Location
- KP
- EWIC Cable Route
- 12nm Territorial Sea Limit
- Median Line

NOTE:

Coordinates are provided in WGS 84 UTM 30N Eastings and Northings in metres (m), and WGS 1984 Latitude and Longitude in Decimal Degrees (DD)

NOTE: Not to be used for Navigation

Date	19 October 2023
Coordinate System	WGS 1984 UTM Zone 30N
Projection	Transverse Mercator
Datum	WGS 1984
Data Source	UKHO; DECC; MarineRegions; MarineFind; GEBCO; EirGrid
File Reference	J:\P2226\Mxd\01_LOC\ P2226K-LOC-004.mxd
Created By	Emma Langley
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Project	P2226 East West Interconnector Remedial Works		
Subject	Pre-application Consultation with NRW		
Date and Time	5 October 2023	Venue	Teams Meeting
Level of Issue	Rev 0	File Reference	P2226_AHOCT08_Rev0
Attendees	Name (& initials)	Company / Project Role	
	Emma Langley (EL)	Intertek – Project Manager	
	Freya Brazier (FB)	Intertek – Environmental Support	
	Chris Carroll (CC)	Intertek – Cables Team	
	Maria Alvarez (MA)	NRW – Lead Case officer	
	Joe Thomas (JT)	NRW – Case officer	
	Jeanne Achieng (JA)	EirGrid	
	Karl O’Keeffe (KO)	EirGrid	
	James McEvoy (JM)	EirGrid	
Distribution	Name (& initials)	Company / Project Role	
(As above and)	Andy Page (AP)	Intertek – Project Director	
	Eric Houston (EH)	Intertek – Environment Team	

AGENDA

Item	Agenda	Lead
1	Introductions	All
2	Project background	EirGrid
3	Project Overview	CC
4	Environmental Assessment Approach	ESL
5	Consultation requirements	ESL
6	Marine Licensing Timescales	ESL

MINUTES

Item	Description	Action
1	Introductions MA advised that for technical advice from NRW, ITK would need to contact another department at NRW. Details to be provided for this and other parties to consult with on marine licence (ML) application preparation.	MA to provide contacts details for other parties to consult with on application (01).

2	Project Background ▪ KO provided overview of East West Interconnector (EWIC) asset and highlighted importance of asset in energy security for Ireland.	
3	Project overview ▪ CC provided an overview of the project explaining historic remedial works undertaken in 2020 and overview of the new remedial works locations and methods.	
4	Environmental Assessment Approach ▪ EL presented the environmental assessment approach and documents to be produced, explaining that the format will be the same as previous remedial works to save time. ▪ EL stated that there may, however, be changes in methodology and pressures/receptors because of the change in scope (no trenching being undertaken and no rock dump being proposed) and smaller extent of the areas requiring remedial works.	
5	Outlining consultation requirements ▪ EL outlined consultation requirements to be undertaken - FLO and NRW - and asked for advice on any others should be undertaking. ▪ MA and JT suggested that it might be worth consulting the MCA, NFFO, WFA and JNCC. ▪ MA also suggested looking into archaeology. ▪ MA noted that there has been a change in the position of marine mammals since last application – suggested undertaking discretionary advice on HRA for underwater noise assessment. ▪ MA confirmed would send consultation details after the call.	
6	Timescale ▪ EL suggested a timeframe of the end of October for ML submission. Vessel availability for works between late November and early December would leave short period for licence determination to meet this date. ▪ MA highlighted concerns around the proposed timescales. MA and JT emphasised that it could take around 4 months for a ML to be approved. Therefore, it is unlikely that the application will coincide with vessel availability this side of Christmas (2023). ▪ JT stated that NRW need to consult for 4 weeks, another week required prior to this and other week after, therefore minimum determination period is 6 weeks, this is without any comments from consultation process. ▪ CC noted that previous application was fast-tracked due to the urgency of works. EL confirmed that this ML was granted in 6 weeks. ▪ KO noted the importance of a rapid turnaround since this cable is relied upon heavily and risks of damage to cable. If anything can be done to progress the licence would be greatly appreciated.	

	EL confirmed that would advise NRW and other parties of the expected time for the ML submission.	EL to advise of anticipated date for application submission (02).
7	AOB - Band 2 or 3 classification is typically determined by value, greater than £1 million is Band 3. MA confirmed that main difference is the payment for licence review and advice, i.e. time and rates or lump sum. EL confirmed that time and rates Purchase Order has been raised and provided to NRW. - EL asked if would be an option to consider options for continued marine licensing of remedial works over a longer period (i.e. 15 years). - MA confirmed this is the case for remedial works for OWFs for operation and maintenance works. Do not see why this could be applied for in the future. - MA advised for a long maintenance licence we will probably require the submission of reports of works conducted for each campaign. Notifications are a normal conditions of all marine licences. - EL to share slide of presentation with NRW.	Send presentation slides to NRW (03).

ACTIONS

No.	Description	Responsible	Deadline
01	MA to send consultation details.	Maria Alvarez	11/10/2023
02	Intertek to advise NRW MTL of anticipated date for application submission.	Emma Langley	As soon as available
03	Send presentation slides to NRW	Emma Langley	05/10/2023