

Our Case Number: ACP-323898-25



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Maritime Area Regulatory Authority
2nd Floor
Menapia House
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Drinagh
Co. Wexford
Y35 RF29

Date: 19 December 2025

Re: Development works at Port Pier
Port Pier, Inver, Co. Donegal

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,


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Date: 26th November 2025

Re: Section 177AE (4)(b) – Prescribed Authority Notice – Development works at Port Pier, Inver, Co. Donegal

Applicant: Donegal County Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

We acknowledge receipt of the notice from Ayesa Consultants on behalf of the applicant **Donegal County Council**, dated 20th November 2025, in relation to an Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála, under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act (2000, as amended) for development works at Port Pier, Inver, Co. Donegal.

MARA as a prescribed body

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) welcomes the opportunity to submit our views on the planning application at this stage of the process. MARA is a prescribed body by virtue of Section 279A of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the purposes of Part XXI, and as set out in Schedule 1 of the Planning and Development (Maritime Development) Regulations, 2023.

MARA's functions extend to the entire maritime area, from high water of ordinary tides to the outer limit of the continental shelf, encompassing the State's territorial seas and Exclusive Economic Zone. Our comments relate only to development within the maritime area. Furthermore, our comments should not be interpreted as inferring any aspect of assessment of the planning application.

Maritime Area Consent (MAC)

Having regard to the spatial extent of the proposed development whilst it extends beyond the High Water Mark and into the maritime area, the requirement for a MAC does not apply pursuant to Schedule 3 and 4 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (as amended) and given that the area is subject to an existing Foreshore Licence, FS006157. It is a matter for the Planning Authority how they consider the restrictions placed on how a planning authority considers a maritime development, in the absence of being a holder of a MAC, under Section 177AE of the Planning & Development Act 2000(as amended) in this regard.

[MAC - Applications Received - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#)
[MAC Applications Determined - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#)

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Maritime Usage Licence (MUL)

The MAP Act requires MARA to licence marine usage activities as specified in Schedule 7 of the MAP Act, (not being a maritime usage which requires development permission).
Maritime Usage Licences:

- Uisce Éireann for site investigations at locations off the coast of counties Sligo and Donegal – all application documentation can be found here: [MUL240012](#)

All MARA [MUL applications applied for](#) and [MUL applications determined](#) are also available on the MARA website.

Depending on the nature of the activities proposed under the planning application, these MARA applications and licences may need to be considered in the planning authority's assessment of cumulative impacts on the marine environment.

The GIS Data Download section of the MARA website has been updated with a Web Feature Service (WFS) for newly 'Determined' applications in ESRI Shapefile format:
<https://www.maritimeregulator.ie/knowledge-centre/data-downloads/>.

The making of submissions or observations by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority under this section shall not prejudice the performance by it of any of its other functions.

If you have any queries or require further information in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned in the Assessment, Research and Data Unit of MARA directly. I would be grateful if receipt of this correspondence, could be formally acknowledged by email to the following consultation@mara.gov.ie

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Lennon

Senior Marine Planning Advisor
Assessment, Research and Data Unit

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