

Memorandum ABP-314487-22

To: Patrick Buckley, Executive Officer

From: Elaine Power, SPI

Re: Howth Fishery Harbour Centre - Request for Further Information

Date: 29th February 2024

It is proposed to dredge c. 240,000 cubic meters of material from the seabed within Howth Harbour, process and re-use this material to the west of the West Pier to create an additional 4.8ha of land. The proposed works comprise:

- Dredging of the harbour;
- Stabilisation of dredge material;
- Reclamation of land on the west side of the West Pier using dredge material;
- Construction of an embankment and rock armour revetment around the perimeter of the reclaimed area;
- Landscaping of the reclaimed area and provision of pavements, including footways, roadways and parking areas;
- Construction of a slipway access to the water;
- Provision of storage areas for harbour activities; and
- Provision of services, including surface water drainage, mains water supply, lighting, and associated underground ducting.

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The development includes works to the West Pier, which is a protected structure (RPS 0595b) and listed on the NIAH (ref. 11359040).

The proposed development also requires an industrial Emissions (IE) licence or waste licence from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The following request for Further Information was issued to the applicant on the 30th August 2023:

1. The applicant is requested to address any potential impacts that the proposed development could have on the North-West Irish Sea c.SPA. It should be noted that this may require additional bird surveys. Any resultant changes to the EIAR or NIS analyses and conclusions shall be clearly set out in the response to this request, and this information may be re-advertised if considered to be significant.

A response to the Request for Further Information was received on the 8th February 2024. I am satisfied that the further information submitted is not significant and, therefore, there is no requirement to re-advertise.

Elaine Power
Senior Planning Inspector

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