

Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs
Marine & Fisheries Division

**LICENCE ISSUED UNDER THE MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009, PART
4, MARINE LICENSING**

MARINE CONSTRUCTION LICENCE

Portrush Harbour Bridge Repairs

Licence Number: ML2025040

PART 1 – PARTICULARS

1. Licensee(s) Name & Address:

[REDACTED]
Causeway Coast and Glens Council Offices
14 Charles Street
Ballymoney
County Antrim
BT53 6DZ

2. Names, and operators, of the vessels to be employed to undertake or support the deposit, relocation or removal operations:

To be provided under **Condition 6**.

3. Description of works and nature and quantity of all deposits below Mean High Water Springs:

A concrete apron is provided to the perimeter of the existing concrete bases at both piers Washed out and deteriorated mortar is to be removed and removed with a suitable marine grade grout. Exposed areas of rebar are to be intrusively investigated and repaired as required.

Materials to be deposited:

- Approximately 28m³ concrete

4. Location of works:

Latitude: 55.207348
Longitude: -6.657409

See Appendix A for location map of works

5. Valid:

From: 13/04/2026
Until: 12/04/2027

6. Licence Documentation

Marine Licence Application Form (submitted 18/08/2025)
Schedule of work (submitted 18/08/2025)
HRA (submitted 18/08/2025)
Half-cell investigation report (submitted 18/08/2025)
Dive Survey (submitted 18/08/2025)
Additional information (submitted 18/08/2025)
Site Drawings (submitted 18/08/2025)

PART 2 - CONDITIONS

Licence Condition(s):

NOTE: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE LICENCE CONDITIONS BELOW MAY RESULT IN ENFORCEMENT ACTION BEING TAKEN

1. The Licensee(s) must commence works with **12 months** of the date of this licence.
2. All conditions of this licence bind any persons whom, for the time being, owns, occupies or enjoys any use of the works for which this licence has been granted, in relation to those licensed activities authorised under section 66 of the 2009 Act, whether or not the licence has been transferred to that person.
3. The Licensee(s) must receive written authorisation from the licensing authority to assign or transfer the consent. The licensing authority must confirm in writing to both the original Licensee(s) and any proposed new Licensee(s) that the licence has been transferred/assigned before any works may commence under the new Licensee(s).
4. The Licensee(s) shall not carry out any licensable activity other than that detailed in the Marine Licence application documents received by the licensing authority and deemed

complete on **1st September 2025**. The Licensee(s) shall contact the Department if it is proposed to vary the materials or methods to be used from those described in the documentation supplied in connection with the Marine Licence application.

5. The licensee (s) must commence works in line with condition 1 and complete works within the valid dates of this licence. After that date, the licence will expire in accordance with section 71 (4) of the Act.
6. The Licensee(s) must ensure that the Department is informed of any contractor appointed to carry out part or all of the works by email to MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk **no less than 7 working days** before the commencement of the licensed activity. The licence holder must ensure that a copy of this licence and any subsequent revisions or amendments has been provided to, read and understood by any agents, contractors or sub-contractors that will carry on any licensed activity authorised by this licence on behalf of the licence holder.

Prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activity

7. A final Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) with method statement must be submitted to the Licensing Authority, MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk , at least **4 weeks** prior to the commencement of construction setting out effective avoidance and mitigation methodologies for the protection of the water environment. This must be approved by the Licensing Authority, DAERA Sea Fisheries and DAERA Marine Wildlife to be consulted upon receipt of the CEMP.

Reason: To ensure that all required mitigation measures are in place prior to work commencing to protect the water environment.

8. The Licensee(s) must ensure invasive species biosecurity measures are in place for all stages of the works and for all equipment used. A copy of the biosecurity plan should be submitted to Marine.Wildlife@daera-ni.gov.uk, for approval at least **4 weeks** prior to works commencing. MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk must be copied in on the correspondence.

Reason: To prevent the introduction and minimise the spread of marine invasive Non-Native Species.

9. Local mariners and fishermen's organisations must be made fully aware of the activity through a local notification. This must be issued at least 5 days before the commencement of the works. MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk must be copied in on the notification.

Reason: To ensure all relevant local marine users are to be made aware.

10. The Licensee(s) must ensure that HM Coastguard, in this case Belfast Coastguard, is made aware of all activities to be undertaken before commencement of work. Notification must be made to zone34@hmcg.gov.uk and copied to the Licensing Authority MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk

Reason: To adhere to Maritime Safety Legislation and to protect human health and marine users.

11. The Licensee(s) must notify The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2DN (Email: sdri@ukho.gov.uk; Tel: 01823 337900) at least **10 days** before commencement of the works, to allow for any necessary amendments to nautical charts. The UK Hydrographic Office must also be notified upon completion of the works. MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk must be copied into all notifications.

Reason: To adhere to Maritime Safety Legislation and to protect human health and marine users.

During the Licensing Activity

12. In the event of a discovery of an archaeological object and/or remains during the works the licensee(s) must: (1) record the position and details of the site; (2) cease work and (3) report your discovery to and contact MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk immediately so further advice may be sought.

Reason: To ensure that historic monuments and archaeological objects are protected.

13. In the event of a discovery of wreck material during the works, the Licensee must report it to the 'Receiver of Wreck' (Maritime and Coastguard Agency) **within 28 days**. The licensee(s) must: (1) record the position and details of the site; (2) cease work and (3) report your discovery to and contact MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk immediately so further advice may be sought.

Reason: To ensure that recovered wreck material is declared and dealt with appropriately.

14. The Licensee(s) must ensure that they comply at all times with Scheduled Monument Consent SMC50 25-26, as issued by the Department for Communities Historic Environment Division, including any conditions attached thereto.

Reason: To ensure the protection of the historic monument, the Portrush Harbour footbridge, is protected from any damage

15. No fuel/oil should be stored close to the water. Any fuelling and storage required will only occur at a non-hydrologically linked location using a buffer of at least 10m.

Reason: To reduce the likelihood of accidental spills into the marine environment.

Upon Completion of the Licensed Activity

16. The Licensee(s) must, within eight weeks after the completion of the licensed works, make a written report to the licensing authority stating the quantity and description of all articles and substances deposited under the authority of this licence. This report is to be submitted to MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk. This report will be held by the Licensing Authority and details considered 'Commercial in confidence' should be marked on the report by the Licensee(s).

17. The Licensee(s) must inform the licensing authority at MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk of the finishing date of the licensed work within **28 days** of completion.

18. The Licensee(s) must notify The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2DN (Email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk; Tel: 01823 337900) of completion of the works. MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk must be copied in on the notification.

Reason: To adhere to Maritime Safety Legislation and to protect human health and marine users

Signed on behalf of the Department:



Dated: 13/04/2026

NOTE:

(1) The licensing authority would advise that this licence does not negate the licensees' responsibility to gain any other environmental or access permissions that may be required to progress the works.

(2) Under Part 4, Chapter 1, paragraph 72 of the **Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009**, the licensing authority may revoke, vary or suspend this licence if it appears to the authority that the holder is in breach of a condition included in it, or if it appears to the authority that the licence ought to be varied, suspended or revoked because of a change of circumstances relating to the marine environment or human health, including a change in scientific knowledge. A revocation, variation or suspension may also be enforced in the interests of safety of navigation.

(3) A person who deposits material in contravention of the terms of a licence is guilty of an offence under Section 85 of the Act. It is a defence under paragraph 86 (1) for a person charged with such an offence to prove 'force majeure'. However they are also required to prove that they took steps within a reasonable time to inform the licensing authority of all details pertaining to the incident contained in paragraph 86 (2). The licensing authority shall be obliged to report force majeure cases immediately to the OSPAR Commission.

(4) Attention is drawn to the necessity of complying where appropriate with the **Radioactive Substances Act 1960**, the **Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971** and to the **Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) (Amendment) Rules 1968**.

(5) If within 28 days of the issue of a licence the person to whom it was issued requests the licensing authority to give him notice in writing of the reasons for the inclusion of any provision in it, the Authority shall comply with his request within 28 days of receiving it.

(6) Anyone who fails to comply with a condition on a Marine Licence commits an offence under Section 85 of the **Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009**, and may be subject to enforcement action.

Possible enforcement actions are compliance notices, remediation notices, fixed monetary penalties and variable monetary penalties. In the worst cases, a person found guilty of an offence on summary conviction may be subject to a fine not exceeding £50,000. In addition, a person found guilty of an offence on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both. Further details can be found at our guidance note

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/dae/marine-licensing-guidance-enforcement-under-part-4-marine-and-coastal-access-act%2C-2009-may-2016.pdf>

INFORMATIVES:

Maritime & Coastguard Agency advice on Navigational Safety

- Bunding and/or storage facilities must be installed to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils, and chemicals associated with plant, refuelling and construction equipment, into the marine environment.

The Commissioners for Irish Lights

- The current bridge structure is used as a site for an important aid to navigation (AtoN). This AtoN is a front leading light and is one of a pair of aligned directional lights used to guide vessels entering and leaving Portrush Harbour by providing important visual information to seafarers on their position in relation to the recommended track between the breakwaters. The Local Lighthouse Authority with responsibility for this AtoN is Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. This aid to navigation should not be moved, switched off or obstructed during the bridge repair works, without alternative temporary AtoN of the same range, position and character being in place. The specific location of this AtoN in relation to the rear leading light is a key consideration, as the two lights operate as a single unit.
- If construction buoys are required, the Local Lighthouse Authority, in this case Causeway Coast & Glens BC, will require a statutory consent from Irish Lights under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 prior to deployment.

DAERA advice on preventing water pollution

- The Licensee(s) should comply with all the relevant NIEA Standing Advice documents and Guidance for Pollution Prevention (PPG/GPPs) available at:
<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/standing-advice-development-may-have-effect-water-environment-including-groundwater-and-fisheries>
- The Licensee(s) shall ensure that measures are in place to prevent pollution of surface or ground water as a result of the activities on site, both during construction and thereafter. Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPPs) documents can be obtained at:
<https://www.netregs.org.uk/environmental-topics/guidance-for-pollution-prevention-gpp-documents/>
- The contractor / person carrying out the works is responsible for ensuring that any and all required mitigation measures are in place and ultimately under the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 is liable for any discharge or deposit, whether knowingly or otherwise, of any

poisonous, noxious or polluting matter so that it enters a waterway or water in any underground strata.

- The Licensee(s) should be aware that it is an offence under the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 to discharge or deposit, whether knowingly or otherwise, any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter so that it enters a waterway or water in any underground strata. Conviction of such an offence may incur a fine of up to £20,000 and / or three years imprisonment.

DAERA advice on protection of archaeological objects

- The Licensee(s) attention is drawn to Article 42 of the **Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects (NI) Order 1995** that requires finders of archaeological objects to report within 14 days to a relevant authority.

DAERA advice on recovery of wreck material

- The Licensee(s) must report any recovered wreck material to the Receiver of Wreck (Maritime and Coastguard Agency) in accordance with the **Merchant Shipping Act 1995**.

DAERA advice on marine litter

- Any marine litter collected during the proposed works must be appropriately disposed of, to prevent litter entering the marine environment and adversely impacting Marine Protected Areas.

DAERA Marine Conservation informative

- Adhere to [DAERA Pollution Standing Advice](#) and best practice construction methods (a CEMP is expected to manage this as well as waste management)
- All fuel storage and operations should be located at least 10m from the marine environment and in areas not hydrologically connected to it.
- Adhere to [DAERA Marine Wildlife Disturbance Guidance](#)
- We advise adherence to the [DAERA Marine Litter Standing Advice](#) to reduce the risk of marine litter entering the environment.
- Implement [biosecurity protocols](#) to prevent the introduction and/or spread of invasive species for the proposal and all equipment used.
- Adhere to [Marine Non-Native Invasive Non-Native Species Guidance](#).
- Implement [Check Clean Dry](#) procedures regularly for all equipment, vessels, and machinery at a non-hydrologically linked location. Where possible cleaning should be conducted with Virkon and hot (>60°C) freshwater because Virkon is not effective against all marine invasive non-native species (INNS).
- Develop a contingency plan prior to works/activity, outlining procedures if INNS are encountered. Provide staff/surveyors with [INNS identification guides](#). Report any suspected INNS to DAERA Marine & Fisheries Division and CEDaR. Do not return INNS or water used for cleaning to the marine environment—dispose INNS via landfill or incineration.

DAERA Marine Licensing informative

- Any person authorised by the licensing authority will be permitted to inspect the licensed activity at any reasonable time.

- The Licensee(s) must ensure that copies of the licence are available for inspection by any authorised Enforcement Officer at:
 - a. The premises of the Licensee(s)
 - b. The premises of the operating facility
 - c. The site of the works (including on board vessels)

DAERA Sea Fisheries Inspectorate informative

- The applicant must ensure adequate and appropriate pollution mitigation is in place prior to commencing operations and would recommend its inclusion into a Construction Environment Management Plan.
- The applicant should consider and adhere to the Standing Advice: [DAERA Pollution Standing Advice](#)
- The applicant is reminded of Section 47 of the Fisheries Act (NI) 1966, which covers the applicant's responsibilities relating to penalties for pollution and the consequences of causing or permitting the release of any deleterious material into any waters

Further Information

- Refer to [DAERA Marine Map Viewer](#) for details on protected areas, habitats, species, marine mammals, INNS and Regional Seascape Character Areas.
- Check the [DAERA Protected Areas site](#) for details on MPAs.
- Refer to [DAERA Protected Areas Monitoring Results](#) for details on MPA feature condition status.
- Check the [Marine Life Information Network](#) for habitat sensitivities.
- [Invasive species identification guides Northern Ireland](#)
- [Cetacean Sightings and Strandings around NI coastline](#)

DAERA Standing Advice

The applicant's attention is drawn to the following links which provide standing advice to be considered:

- [DAERA Pollution Standing Advice](#)
- [DAERA Marine Litter Standing Advice](#)
- [DAERA Marine Invasive Non-native Species Guidance](#)
- [DAERA Marine Wildlife Disturbance Guidance](#)
- [Check Clean Dry](#)
- [Decisions affected by marine policy - authorisation decisions](#)
- [DAERA Standing advice for development that may have an effect on the water environment \(including groundwater and fisheries\)](#)
- [DAERA Culverting Standing Advice](#)
- [DAERA Discharges to the water environment Standing Advice](#)

- [DAERA Sustainable Drainage Systems Standing Advice](#)

APPENDIX A – Location of works

