

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

37 Shore Road, Replacement Slipway

Licence Number: ML2026004

PART 1 – PARTICULARS

1. Licensee(s) Name & Address:



37 Shore Road
Carrickfergus
Co. Antrim
BT38 8UA

**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:**

4. Location of works:

Latitude: 54° 41'
Longitude: -5° 51'

See Appendix A for location map of works

5. Valid:

From: 10 June 2026

Until: 09 June 2027

6. Licence Documentation

Marine Licence Application Form (submitted 20/01/2026)

HRA (submitted 20/01/2026)

Existing Slipway Drawings (submitted 20/01/2026)

Proposed Slipway Drawings (submitted 20/01/2026)

Planning Consultation (submitted 20/01/2026)

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 **22nd January 2026**. 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.

7. 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.

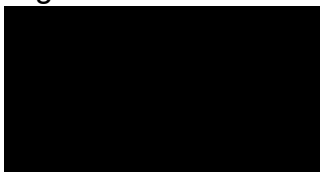
8. A final Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) with method statement must be submitted to the Licensing Authority, MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk at least **4 weeks** prior to the commencement of construction setting out effective avoidance and mitigation methodologies for the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

9. 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.
10. A notification must be sent to The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office, (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) on completion of the licensed activities, no later than 10 working days after their completion. The information provided must include: latitude and longitude coordinates in WGS84 (ETRS89) datum of the installed works on and/or above the seabed, any changes to engineering drawings, post dredge surveys, details of new or changed aids to navigation where applicable. 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

Signed on behalf of the Department:

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the official representing the Department.

Dated: 10/06/2026

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/doe/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 site is within port limits and the applicant should gain the approval/agreement of the responsible local navigation authority or the Harbour Authority/Commissioners/Council. They may wish to issue local warnings to alert those navigating in the vicinity to the presence of the works, as deemed necessary.

DAERA advice on protection of shellfish waters

- The Department asks that any developments or subsequent work, in and around identified shellfish waters, should not cause any negative impacts on the water quality. The applicant must consider the risk of this proposal to impact Shellfish Water Protected Areas which are designated under The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017. These designated sites contain commercial shellfish harvesting areas which must meet stringent bacteriological and chemical standards as outlined in the Water Framework Directive (Classification, Priority Substances and Shellfish Waters) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

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) must ensure that any contaminated material is transported by a licensed waste carrier, and that all relevant waste authorisations are obtained for the treatment and disposal of any contaminated material.

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**.

Water Catchment Unit

- Care should be taken to ensure that only clean surface water is discharged to the water environment. Water Catchment Unit recommends that water from any wheel wash should be

recycled and a silt trap be fitted to prevent suspended solids entering a soakaway. The silt trap should be properly maintained and cleaned to ensure it functions effectively;

- Concrete wash waters should be collected, contained and tankered off site for treatment at suitably licenced premises.

RSPB

- We would recommend that works are timed so as to avoid the main wintering bird period (October-March) in order to avoid or minimise potential disturbance of migrating and wintering birds which are features of Belfast Lough SPA, East Coast (Northern Ireland) Marine Proposed SPA (including Belfast Lough Open Water SPA), Belfast Lough Ramsar site and Outer Belfast Lough ASSI.
- We would also recommend pre-construction checks for Black Guillemots, which could be breeding within rocks and crevices along the shore within the vicinity of the proposed works. Checks should be carried out in the early morning before 0800hrs BST to maximise opportunities for identifying nesting birds.

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 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)

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:

- [Planning in the Coastal Area](#)
- [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

