

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

Licence to construct an outfall headwall at Harbour Highway, Larne

Licence Number: ML2025065

PART 1 – PARTICULARS

1. Licensee(s) Name & Address:

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Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (DEFRA),
Seacole Building,
2 Marsham Street,
London,
SW1P 4DF

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

To be provided as per Condition 6.

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

Installation of a new outfall headwall. This will involve removal of existing rock armour and excavation of the existing revetment to allow for installation of the headwall unit and a duckbill check valve. Rock armour will then be replaced and the headwall tied into the revetment.

4. Location of works:

The work will be carried out at the Harbour Highway, Larne: 54.845051 N, -5.8029211 W.

Refer to **Appendix A, Figure 1**.

5. Valid:

From: 04 March 2026
Until: 03 March 2027

6. Licence Documentation

- Application form – dated 26 November 2025
- Site map – dated April 2025
- HRA – dated March 2025
- Method statement – dated 19 November 2025
- Headwall installation methodology – received 26 November 2025
- Headwall diagram – dated April 2025
- CEMP – dated 29 October 2025
- Biosecurity management plan – received 26 November 2025
- Consent to discharge – dated 27 March 2025

PART 2 – CONDITIONS

The Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (referred to as the licensing authority) authorises the Licensee(s) to deposit in the sea, the substances or articles (except for dredged material) used in the execution of works described in Part 1 of this licence. This licence is subject to the under-mentioned condition(s):

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) must 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 09 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. This information should be provided to the Department by email to MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk no less than 24 hours 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) must be submitted to NIEA Water Management Unit, WCUplanningconsultations@daera-ni.gov.uk, at least **4 weeks** prior to the commencement of construction to ensure effective avoidance and mitigation methodologies have been planned for the protection of the water environment. MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk must be copied in on the correspondence.
8. 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) at least **4 weeks** 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.
9. A biosecurity plan must be submitted and agreed by the Department at least **4 weeks** before works commence, this should be submitted to Marine.Wildlife@daera-ni.gov.uk. MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk must be copied into the correspondence.

Reason: To prevent the introduction and spread of invasive non-native species as required under the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (as amended).

10. The Licensee(s) must identify all Marine Users to be notified and inform the Licensing Authority MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk to agree a list at least **5 working days** prior to the commencement of work.

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

11. The Licensee(s) must then issue local notification to agreed marine users – including fishermen's organisations a minimum of **7 working days** prior to commencement of work. MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk must be copied in on the notification.

Reason: To make local marine users aware of works.

During the Licensed 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) not disturb the site further 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**. MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk should be copied into any correspondence.

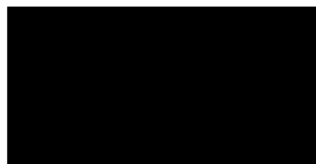
Reason: To ensure that recovered wreck material is declared and dealt with appropriately.

Upon Completion of the Licensed Activity

14. The Licensee(s) must inform the licensing authority of the finishing date of the licensed work within **28 days** of completion.

15. 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
16. The Licensee(s) shall within **eight weeks** after the completion of the licensed works, send a report of the details of the final build to the UK Hydrographic Office to enable Admiralty Navigational products to be updated. This report should be submitted to MLCompliance&Enforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk and SDR@UKHO.gov.uk.

Signed on behalf of the Department:



Dated: 04 March 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

- The site is within port limits, and the Licensee(s) 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.
- The Licensee(s) should consider adopting the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC), which sets out a national standard for every aspect of port marine safety. The Code is not mandatory; however it is endorsed by the UK Government, devolved administrations and representatives from across the marine industry sector. It is applicable to both Statutory Harbour Authorities (SHA) and non-SHAs including marinas, terminals, marine berths and jetties. The Department for Transport also publishes the PMSC Guide to Good Practice which provides useful information and detailed guidance on the safe management of these facilities and is intended to supplement the Code. This can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-good-practice-on-port-marine-operations>.

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.
- All works will be required to comply with the **Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010**. A key requirement of the Regulations is that oil storage containers (including temporary storage) must have a secondary containment system (a bund, which is an outer wall or enclosure designed to contain the contents of an inner tank, or a drip tray) to ensure that any leaking oil is contained and does not enter the aquatic environment.
- If there is any potential during the construction phase of the development for contaminants such as oil, cement, silt, soil etc. to be discharged into the surface water environment (soakaway or waterway), then adequate treatment prior to discharge will be needed and also a consent to discharge site drainage and/or dewatering effluent under the **Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999** will be required. The

relevant consent to discharge application form, as well as guidance and details of fees are also available at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/regulating-water-discharges>.

- Any marine litter collected during the proposed works should be appropriately disposed of away from the marine environment.
- It is advised that any works close to the marine environment should be carried out during low tide and that all little and construction materials are kept above the MHWS mark.

DAERA advice on marine wildlife disturbance

- The Licensee(s) should comply with the relevant DAERA marine wildlife disturbance standing advice, available here: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/marine-wildlife-disturbance-guidance-documents>.
- Ensure invasive non-native species (INNS) biosecurity measures are in place for all stages of works. Refer to the marine INNS guidance: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/marine-invasive-non-native-species-guidance>.

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**.
- The DAERA document Guidance Note: For the Discovery of Unanticipated Underwater Archaeological Heritage (<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/guidance-note-discovery-unanticipated-underwater-archaeological-heritage>) sets out best practice and legal responsibilities in the reporting of unanticipated finds of archaeological interest made during the course of marine construction and/or dredging projects.

Marine Licensing advice

- 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)

Appendix A - Figure 1. The area of works, as indicated by the redline boundary.

