

Criteria for a Preliminary Examination of a Sub-Threshold development to determine a conclusion regarding an Environmental Impact Assessment.			
	Questions to be Considered	Yes / No / ? . Briefly describe	Is this likely to result in a significant effect? Yes/No/? - Why?
1	Brief Project Description:		
a	Will construction of the project exceed 500+ units (Sub-Threshold EIA)	No. Proposal consists of the development of 90 linear metre pontoon with fingers and gangway.	No - Small scale development. The lifespan of a pontoon is approximately 30 years. The majority of the development is on water fixed to seabed / quaywall with small number of H piles.
b	or will the accumulation of the project and other existing development exceed 500+ units	No	No
c	Will construction or operation of the Project involve the nature of any demolition works	No	No
d	Will construction or operation of the Project use natural resources such as land, soil, water and biodiversity	Yes - land and water. The majority of the development, with the exception of some brackets, railings, part of the gangway will be on water at the Inner Harbour, Arklow. This area is not considered to be foreshore and is not covered by the relevant foreshore legislation.	No.
e	Will the Project involve the production of waste	No.	No
f	Will the Project release pollutants or nuisances	Yes, installation related noise and emissions from equipment will be produced during the installation phase. These will be managed as part of the standard construction management plan. Construction of the pontoon takes place off site.	No. The installation period is estimated to be approximately 5 weeks and will mainly amount to drilling into quay wall / seabed and installation of H piles.
g	Will there be any risk of accidents during construction or operation of the Project which could affect human health or the environment?	No, management of workplace accidents will be managed by the PSCS. The site is to be well secured and monitored to ensure that the works do not have significant impact on the general public	No
h	Will the Project lead to risks of contamination of land, air or water from releases of pollutants onto the ground or into surface waters, groundwater, coastal waters or the sea?	No, management of workplace incidents will be managed by the PSCS, the works do not have significant impact in respect to release of pollutants	No
2	Location of Proposed Development		
a	affect the existing approved land use	No, land is zoned as waterfront development which provides for development of infrastructure that supports maritime activities including fishing.	No
b	Will the Project affect the relative abundance of, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of the natural resources in the area and its underground	No, the land side element of the project is open quay and will not impact on this space. The water side element is used for berthing vessels and the proposed project will improve the berthing arrangement, increase capacity and improve safety	No
c	The absorptive capacity of the natural environment paying particular attention to the following areas:		
(i)	wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths	No. See AA Screening report.	No
(ii)	coastal zones and the marine environment	No. See AA Screening report.	No
(iii)	mountain and forest areas	No. See AA Screening report.	No
(iv)	nature reserves and parks	No. See AA Screening report.	No
(v)	areas classified or protected by legislation including Natura 2000 areas	No. See AA Screening report.	No
(vi)	areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards laid down in legislation	No. See AA Screening report.	No
(vii)	densely populated areas	No. See AA Screening report.	No
(viii)	landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.	Under Part 8 process National Monuments Service will be notified and forwarded on the reports. At this stage we assume there are no major issues.	No
Conclusion: Having carried out a Preliminary Examination of the nature, size and location of the proposed development as outlined above, it has been determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and it is concluded that an EIA is not required.			
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