



## Marine Notice No. 61 of 2024

*Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers, Yachtsmen and Seafarers*

### Foynes Island Site Investigation Surveys and Works

#### 1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that Causeway Geotech will undertake marine investigation and survey works at two sites to the northwest and southeast of Foynes Island, Foynes, Co. Limerick. The proposed works will comprise of the drilling of a maximum of 67 marine boreholes, 23 surface grab samples and 4 vibrocores. The geophysical survey work will include a side scan sonar survey, a sub-bottom profiling survey and a magnetometer survey. All works and surveys will be carried out within the red line boundary set out in the illustration in Appendix 1 to this Marine Notice. The operations will commence on **Monday, 16 December 2024**, and they are expected to last approximately **12 weeks**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

#### 2. Location of Activity

There are two separate areas being surveyed and worked on during these operations. Coordinates of these locations are set out in the table below and a map of the survey areas is also available in Appendix 2 to this Marine Notice.

ID	Latitude	Longitude
1	52° 37.252 N	009° 07.572 W
2	52° 37.379 N	009° 07.749 W
3	52° 37.689 N	009° 07.125 W
4	52° 37.575 N	009° 06.972 W
5	52° 37.450 N	009° 07.142 W
6	52° 37.308 N	009° 07.463 W
10	52° 37.244 N	009° 06.186 W
11	52° 36.920 N	009° 05.594 W
12	52° 36.894 N	009° 05.723 W

<b>13</b>	52° 37.061 N	009° 06.163 W
<b>14</b>	52° 37.137 N	009° 06.155 W
<b>15</b>	52° 36.904 N	009° 05.663 W

### 3. Details of Vessels

The works will be conducted by the following vessels:

- “Ocean Battler” (Callsign: MGH9)
- “Ocean Energy” (Callsign: MNKI5)
- “Causeway Giant 1”
- “Causeway Giant 2”

It is planned that works will be conducted on a 24-hour basis with daily transfers to and from each barge and almost daily movement of each barge, subject to weather conditions. All craft involved will be maintaining a listening watch on VHF Ch. 16 and a working channel will be maintained on VHF Ch. 11.

### 4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, and any other relevant matters, should be directed to the Shannon Foynes Port Company at the details below:

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**All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and of [Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007](#), which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations.**

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping (Collision Regulations) (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 2012* [S.I. No. 507 of 2012] and the *Signals of Distress (Ships) Rules 2012* [S.I. No.170 of 2012]. [See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013](#). These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06 Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: [www.irishstatutebook.ie](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie).

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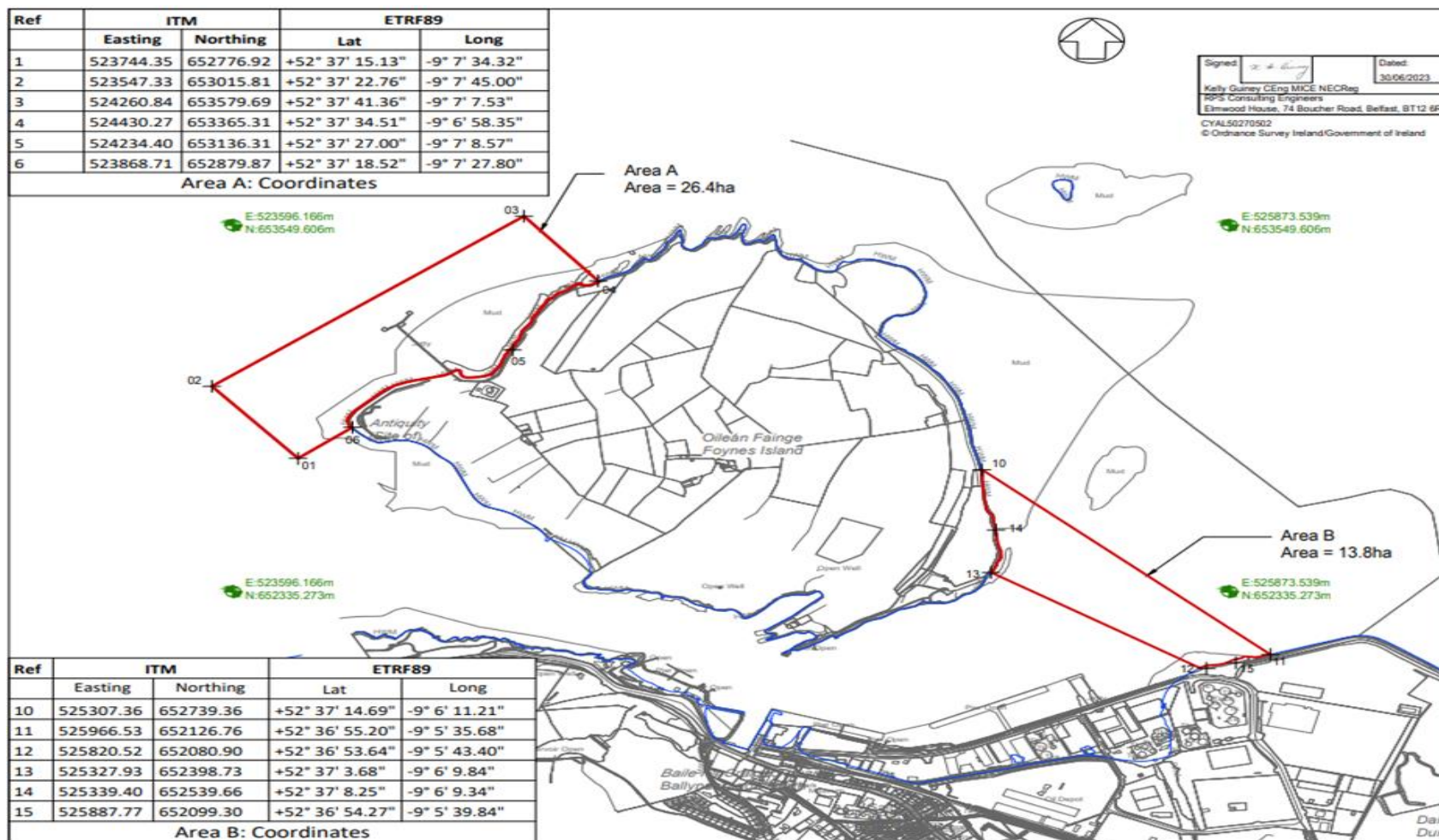
Department of Transport,  
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Encl: Appendix 1: Boundary Lines Illustration  
Appendix 2: Map of Survey and Operation Areas

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## Appendix 1: Boundary Lines Illustration





## Appendix 2: Map of survey and operation areas

