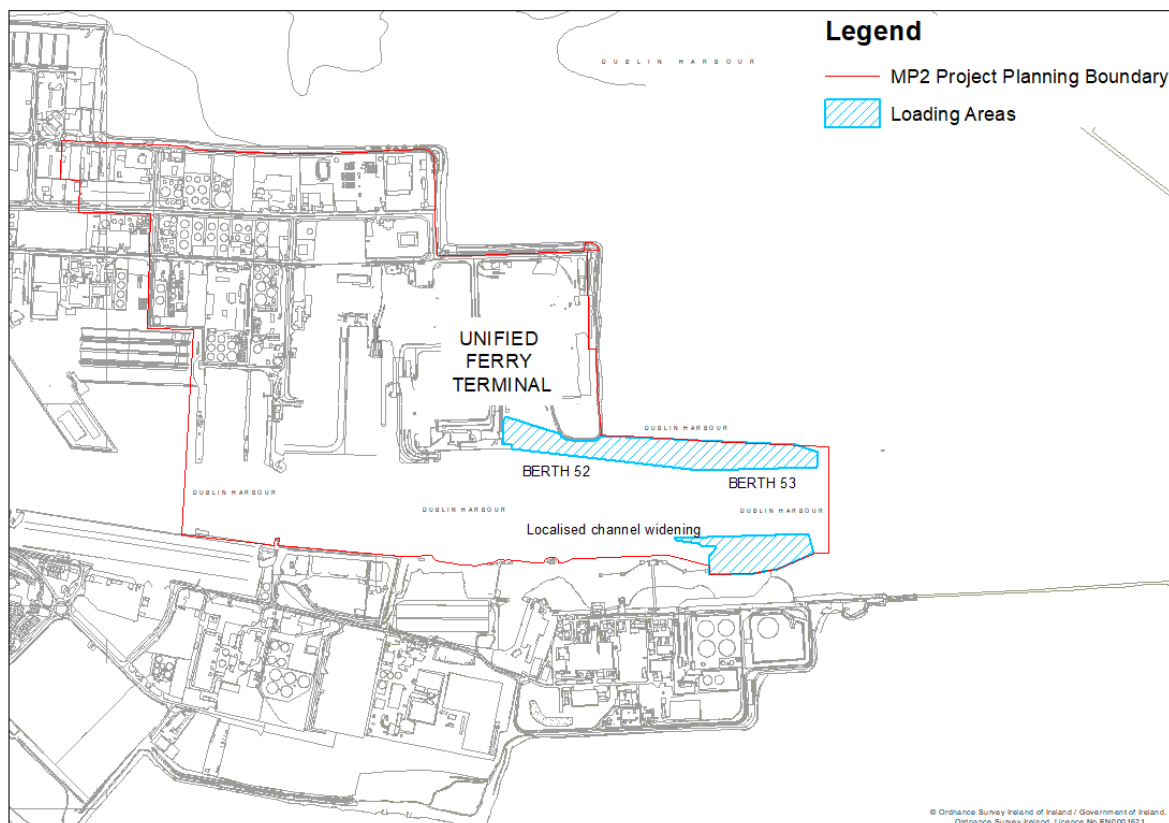


## MP2 Project Capital Dredging Programme October - December 2022

Dublin Port Company (DPC) intend to carry out loading and dumping at sea of dredged material arising from capital dredging as part of the MP2 Project over the period October to December 2022.

The MP2 Project is the second Strategic Infrastructure Development Project to be brought forward for planning from Dublin Port's Masterplan 2040, reviewed 2018. An Bord Pleanála granted Planning Permission for the MP2 Project on 1st July 2020 (ABP-304888-19). The areas to be dredged during the 2022 campaign all lie within Dublin Harbour as shown in Figure 1 and comprise the creation of two new riverside berths, Berth 52 and Berth 53, and localised widening of the navigation channel in the vicinity of the Poolbeg Oil Jetty.



**Figure 1 MP2 Project - Areas subject to Capital Dredging October to December 2022**

The material to be dredged consists of a mixture of clay, silt, sand, gravel and cobbles. The dredged sediments will be disposed of at the existing licensed offshore disposal site located at the entrance to Dublin Bay to the west of the Burford Bank, (6.75 km from the lighthouse at the end of the Great South Wall). Sediment sampling and analysis has shown that the sediments to be dredged are suitable for disposal at sea (Class 1 uncontaminated, no biological effects likely).

Dredging will be carried out using a combination of a back-hoe dredger and a trailer suction hopper dredger together with support vessels. The dredging will be carried out by dredging company Van Oord, a major International Dredging Company.

The capital dredging campaign will be undertaken in accordance to the Conditions set out by a Dumping at Sea Permit and Foreshore Licence.

The Dumping at Sea Permit has been granted by Environmental Protection Agency (Permit S0024-02) and can be viewed at the following link:

[Environmental Protection Agency \(epa.ie\)](https://www.epa.ie/)

The Foreshore Licence has been approved by the Minister of State of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Foreshore Licence Conditions have been forwarded to DPC. There are however additional steps in the licencing process to be completed before DPC will be allowed to proceed with the capital dredging campaign. The Foreshore Licence is expected mid-September 2022 at which time this web-page will be updated.

DPC, in compliance with conditions set out in the Dumping at Sea Permit and Foreshore Licence (once granted) will undertake an extensive monitoring programme of the dredging operations. This will include the use of Marine Mammal Observers, Marine Archaeologists and alarmed water quality monitoring buoys.

A Notice to Mariners will be issued by the Dublin Port Harbour Master and regularly updated as the capital dredging campaign proceeds. All Notice to Mariners can be located on the Dublin Port Company website

[www.dublinport.ie/information-centre/notice-to-mariners](http://www.dublinport.ie/information-centre/notice-to-mariners)

If you have any concerns with respect to the Capital Dredging Campaign (October to December 2022), direct contact can be made with DPC by phoning the following number during normal business hours, 01 8876000 and ask for Eamon McElroy; or by post to Dublin Port Centre, Alexandra Road, Dublin 1; or by email to [info@dublinport.ie](mailto:info@dublinport.ie). DPC will undertake to make every effort to address your concerns. Alternatively, you may wish to make direct contact with the Office of Environmental Enforcement, EPA.