

Sent by e mail

Date 21 September 2022

Dear Ross Griffin,

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009: PART 4 – MARINE LICENSING

LICENCE FOR CONWY TO DOUGLAS PIPELINE SPILL MONITORING SURVEY

LICENCE NUMBER: RML2250

I am writing to advise you that the Marine Licensing Team, on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, as Licensing Authority, has considered your application, dated **25 August 2022** for a Marine Licence under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, and hereby grant a Marine Licence for you to undertake the above stated works.

Accordingly, please find attached for your review and retention a copy of Marine Licence **RML2250** and its conditions.

Advisory Note

Marine Licence, **RML2250**, constitutes a statutory consent; therefore, the conditions set out herein must be complied with in full and will be binding upon any agent or contractor who undertakes any activity on the project on your behalf.

NRW are content with the approach outlined in the method statement regarding collecting seabed imagery at each of the 11 grab sampling stations prior to grab deployment to ensure the target location is clear of any obstruction (e.g., subsea cables) or protected habitat (e.g., Annex I habitats). In addition to Annex 1 habitats, NRW would also advise that, the applicant also avoids undertaking grab samples in the following sensitive areas. It is noted that not all the habitats listed below are likely to be encountered during the works, however for the avoidance of doubt we would consider these habitats to be sensitive to any Band 1 activity at any location.

- Egg wrack (*Ascophyllum nodosum*) on variable salinity rock
- Tideswept egg wrack (*Ascophyllum nodosum*) communities
- Maerl beds
- Horse mussel (*Modiolus modiolus*) beds
- Oyster (*Ostrea edulis*) beds
- Seagrass beds

- Sea-pen and other burrowing megafauna communities
- Peat and clay exposures

You are urged to read the conditions of Marine Licence **RML2250** carefully, in particular the need to advise Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers of the commencement of works within **10 days** prior to work starting.

Marine Licence, **RML2250** is solely granted for the work to be undertaken in Liverpool Bay; however, it does not absolve you from applying for further consents or licences as necessary to enable the full completion of your project.

If the works authorised by this Licence are unlikely to be completed by the expiry date, the Licence Holder should apply for a replacement marine licence **at least 4 months** prior to the expiry date of this Licence.

Should you require clarification as to the reasons for the inclusion of any of the conditions attached to the Licence then you must request written notice within 28 days of the receipt of this letter.

Rights of appeal

You have the right of appeal to the Welsh Ministers against this decision. The Appeal must be made in accordance with the Marine Licensing (Appeals Against Licensing Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2011.

A notice of appeal must be received by the Welsh Ministers within six months beginning with the date of the decision to which the appeal relates.

You must send written notice of appeal including the documents listed below to the Welsh Ministers at the following address:

Welsh Ministers c/o Marine Licensing Branch, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff. CF10 3NQ.

At the same time, you must send a copy of the notice of appeal to the Natural Resources Body for Wales at the following address:

Permitting Service Manager, Permitting Service (Cardiff), Natural Resources Wales, Cambria House, 29 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF24 0TP

The notice of appeal must include:

- a) the name, address (including any email address) and telephone number of the appellant and any agent acting for the appellant;
- b) a statement of the grounds of appeal;

- c) a statement as to whether the appellant wishes to have the appeal dealt with by way of written representations, a hearing or an inquiry;
- d) a copy of the decision to which the appeal relates;
- e) a copy of all documents upon which the appellant wishes to rely; and
- f) a list of all the documents, including dates (where any document is dated), specified in bullet points d and e above.

You may withdraw an appeal by notifying the Welsh Ministers in writing and sending a copy of that notification to the NRW at the address specified above.

Please be aware that the Welsh Government has changed the Marine Licensing fees and charges in Wales. You will be charged for any post licensing work associated with your licence. If you have any queries regarding the fee changes, please email the Marine Licensing Team via marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Following the UK's departure from the EU on 31 January 2020 and the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020, the legal obligations relating to compliance with environmental permits and legislation will continue to apply. NRW will continue to issue and regulate all permits and licenses in line with our current practice. If you have any questions about your permits or licenses and/or site management, please contact our Customer Care Centre on 03000 653 000.

Yours sincerely



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Natural Resources Wales