

Marine Licensing Variation Decision

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Applicant: Gloucester County Council
Variation application reference no: CML2202v1

Tintern Wireworks Bridge

Tintern Wireworks Bridge Refurbishment

13 December 2022

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OUR DECISION

Based on all the information available, and having regard to all relevant considerations NRW has decided to grant the variation to the Existing Marine Licence sought by the Variation Application.

This decision document:

- explains how the Variation Application has been determined, having regard to the relevant legal framework outlined in section 4;
- explains how relevant considerations have been taken into account and how each of the legal requirements have been considered in determining the Variation Application;
- provides a record of the decision-making process; and
- sets out the reasons for any conditions imposed in connection with any marine licence granted pursuant to the Variation Application.

1 APPLICATION DETAILS

1.1 The Variation Application

Applicant name and address	The Applicant is the person or organisation set out below: Organisation name: Gloucester County Council Address: Gloucester County Council, Shire Hall, 6th Floor, Bearland, Gloucester, GL1 2TH
Variation Application reference number	CML2202v1
Existing Marine Licence reference number	CML2202
Date Variation Application was duly made	29 November 2022
Description of variation	Marine licence was varied to extend the expiry date by 6 months, to the 30 June 2023 from 31 December 2022.
Proposal[s] covered by the Variation Application	Tintern Wireworks Bridge Refurbishment (the Project)
Licensable marine activities	Refurbishment works includes mobilisation and set up, enabling works (including excavation of abutment, backfill and installation of the pattress plate/rod system to the west abutment and wingwalls). Also, installation of suspended temporary works platform and encapsulation of bridge, removal of existing deck, preparation of abutment/piers and installation of bearings. Installation of new steel beams, grit blasting and painting work, installation of timber panels, masonry repairs and repointing. (the Proposed Activities)
Marine Plan area	Welsh inshore region and Welsh offshore region
Variation Application documents:	• <i>CML2201v1 Variation Application Form</i>

2 VARIATION APPLICATION PROCEDURE

2.1 The Variation Application

The Variation Application was accepted by Natural Resources Wales (**NRW**) considered duly made on 29 November 2022. This means we considered it was in the correct form and contained sufficient information for us to begin our determination, but not that it necessarily contained all the information we needed to complete that determination, and the documents considered may therefore include documents provided after the Variation Application was first made.

2.2 Documents considered

In reaching its decision, NRW has considered the documents listed in section 1 of this decision document along with such other information provided by the Applicant or received during any consultation, that NRW considered relevant.

2.3 Commercial Confidentiality

The Applicant made no claim that any information forming part of the Variation Application was subject to commercial confidentiality and we have not received any information in relation to the Variation Application that appears to be commercially confidential.

2.4 Publicity and advertising

Due to the minor change to the licence which extends the ongoing activity for a short period of time, no notice was given to Local Authorities and no Public Notice was advertised for this Marine Licence variation.

2.5 Environmental impact Assessment

Council Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment aims to protect the environment and the quality of life by ensuring that projects which are likely to have significant environmental effects by virtue of their nature, size or location are subject to an environmental impact assessment (EIA) before permission is granted.

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 ("the Regulations") transpose the EIA Directive in Wales and England for marine licence applications.

Having considered the Variation Application NRW has determined that it does not constitute a development requiring EIA under the Regulations.

3 CONSULTATION

3.1 Consultees

Due to the minor nature of the change to the licence and that no additional impacts are expected above that which were considering during the determination of CML2202, NRW did not consider it appropriate to reconsult on this occasion.

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4 Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on all the information available, and having regard to all relevant considerations including consultation responses, NRW's decision is to grant the variation to the Existing Marine Licence sought by the Variation Application. We have reached this decision having had regard to the relevant legal framework outlined in section 4 and have also explained in section 4 how each of the legal requirements have been considered. NRW has determined that a Marine Licence for the Proposed Activities should be granted.

Conditions have been attached to the Marine Licence as set out in Annex 1. The reason for the inclusion of each condition is set out with the conditions.

AUTHORISATION

Report by: Jodie Pullen Position: Permitting Officer	Date: 13 December 2022	Signed: 
Authorised by: Emmer Litt Position: Permitting Team Leader	Date: 13 December 2022	Signed: 

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ANNEX 1 - Variation to the Marine Licence

Licence End date has been changed in section 1.3 of the Marine Licence from 31 December 2022 detailed in CML2202 to 30 June 2023 in CML2202v1.

No other changes have been made.