

Marine Licensing Variation Decision

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Applicant: Centregreat Rail Ltd

Application reference no: CML2171v1

Brindley Road,
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Refurbishment of River Neath Swing Bridge, Neath

07 March 2023

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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 (see Annex 2) 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 organisation set out below: Company/organisation name: Centregreat Rail Ltd Company number: 02904587 Address: Brindley Road, Cardiff, CF11 8TL
Variation Application reference number	CML2171v1
Existing Marine Licence reference number	CML2171
Date Variation Application was duly made	27 February 2023
Description of variation	Marine Licence has been varied to extend the end date from 15 April 2023 until 27 October 2023.
Proposal[s] covered by the Variation Application	Refurbishment of River Neath Swing bridge.
Licensable marine activities	Construction activities including: • Swing span bearing repairs • Re-painting of the steel superstructure steelwork to provide a surface protection system with a minimum 15-year design life for trackside areas and 25 years for the remaining superstructure. • Steelwork repairs to the cylindrical piers • Waterproofing of the swing span • Masonry repairs to both abutments • Removal of redundant fenders to swing span • Replacement of corroded gutters and downpipes Vegetation clearance within 3m of the structure. (the Proposed Activities)

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Marine Plan area	Welsh inshore region and Welsh offshore region
Variation Application documents:	CML2171-V01-Vary a marine licence.

2 VARIATION APPLICATION PROCEDURE**2.1 The Variation Application**

The Variation Application was accepted by Natural Resources Wales (**NRW**) considered duly made on 27 February 2023. 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 relatively 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**

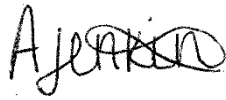
Due to the minor nature of the change to the licence and that no additional impacts are expected above that which were considering during the determination of CML2171, NRW did not consider it appropriate to reconsult on this occasion.

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4 Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on all the information available, NRW's decision is to grant the variation to the Existing Marine Licence sought by the Variation Application. CML2171v1 is an administrative change to the licence end date and as such we refer to section 4 of the decision document for CML2171 regarding the relevant legal framework and how each of the legal requirements have been considered. NRW has determined that a Marine Licence for the Proposed Activities should be granted.

AUTHORISATION

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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 15 April 2023 detailed in CML2171 to 27 October 2023 in CML2171v1