

Minutes

Project title	Newport Transporter Bridge- River Wall Works Marine Licence	
Job number	271411	
Meeting name & number	Newport Transporter Bridge-WFD Mitigation Requirements Discussion	
File ref		
Time and date	16:00 to 17:00	18 October 2023
Location	Teams Meeting	
Purpose of meeting		
Present	Paige Minahan-NRW Ben Wray-NRW Susana Jackson -NRW Leyre Nieva- NRW Anna Ntasiou- Arup Louise Bingham- Arup James Bilham-TACP	
Apologies		
Circulation	Those present Paige Minahan, Ben Wray, Susana Jackson, Leyre Nieva, James Bilham, Louise Bingham	

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1. Introductions - Paige Minahan- NRW case officer of marine area advice team - Ben Wray-NRW- Specialist Marine Ecology Advisor - Suzana Jackson- NRW- Marine Specialist Advisor-Marine and coastal physical processes - Leyre Nieva, NRW- Specialist Marine Ecology Advisor - Anna Ntasiou- Arup- Maritime Engineer - Louise Bingham- Arup -WFD specialist - James Bilham- TACP- Ecologist	
2. Project Background AN gave a project background update.	
3. WFD Assessment LB gave brief of the WFD assessment findings and key mitigation measures and issues arising. LB posed key questions to NRW:	

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- Quantify the footprint area of mitigation-NRW to confirm. - What mitigation measures NRW would accept?	
BW (NRW) confirmed that: - no compensation/mitigation is required from WFD assessment. BW referred to Elena's (NRW) comments that the sheet pile wall footprint inflicts small losses of the foreshore, and the project area does not fall within the marine SAC. - The NRW Environment Team assessed that Mudflats not required. Mudflats are a lot of effort, and not much improving the situation. their ecological value is questionable. - Section 7 habitat -not feature of SAC (marine ecologist NRW)-.	HRA to be updated as per NRW guidance by either previous consultant or Arup-TBC with Client
SJ (NRW) suggested: - Maintain good practice during construction. - Reduce sediment plumes, work when tide is out.	Coastal Squeeze Assessment to be undertaken by Arup or another Consultant-TBC with Client
4. HRA SJ stated that: - HRA needs to assess the potential for production of suspended sediment plumes as a result of the proposed construction works. We also advise mitigation to minimise suspended sediment agitation. - HRA Updates required: marine side and impacts to fish, reduce sediment plumes, work when tide is out, piling will need to be considered. features within the estuary that are sensitive, seagrass etc to assess secondary impact.	Arup to contact Newport City Council to inform them regarding the new River Wall Works and confirm no effect on the Flood embankment asset
5. Coastal Squeeze Assessment PM(NRW) confirmed that a Coastal Squeeze Assessment is required and has sent guidance on how to undertake Coastal Squeeze Assessment.	
6. Flood Defence Embankment Newport City Council is the owner of the embankment asset. NRW suggested Arup contact the Council to inform them about the intention to undertake river wall works.	

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