



Marine Licensing Variation Decision

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Applicant: City and County of Swansea

Variation application reference no: CML2128v1

Mumbles Coastal Protection Project

22 February 2024

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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 1) sought by the Variation Application.

This decision document:

- explains how the Variation Application has been determined,
- 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: City and County of Swansea Address: Room 301 Guildhall, C/O Civic Centre, Swansea SA1 3SN
Variation Application reference number	CML2128v1
Existing Marine Licence reference number	CML2128
Date Variation Application was duly made	14 February 2024
Description of variation	Extend the marine licence expiry date from 30 April 2024 to 31 July 2025.
Proposal[s] covered by the Variation Application	The Mumbles Coastal Protection Project is a flood alleviation scheme designed to manage long-term coastal flood risk in Mumbles. This is to be achieved through the upgrading of the existing coastal infrastructure along the approx. 1.1km long project frontage (the Project).
Licensable marine activities	The project will include: • Installation of sheet pile toe; • Break-up of existing revetment using machine mounted tools and removal or cut down of existing sheet piles; • Excavation and construction of appropriate sub-base to receive reinforced concrete stepped apron using excavator; • Construction of concrete stepped apron complete with connection detail at the sheet pile and kicker for seawall encasement concrete; • Drilling and resin-fixing reinforcement bars into the existing seawall using machine tools; & • Construction of concrete facing for existing seawall. (the Proposed Activities)

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Marine Plan area	Welsh inshore region and Welsh offshore region
Variation Application documents:	CML2128v1 – Application Form - received 14 February 2024

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

The Variation Application was accepted by Natural Resources Wales (**NRW**) considered duly made on 14 February 2024. 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

The application sought to extend the licence end date to allow additional time for the licenced activity to take place. The licenced activities remain the same as within the existing consent therefore 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.

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3 CONSULTATION

3.1 Consultees

As there were no changes to the licensable activities no additional impacts are expected above that which were considered during the determination of **CML2128**, NRW did not consider it appropriate to reconsult on this occasion.

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. **CML2128v1** is a routine change to extend the expiry date of the licence by 15 months from 30 April 2024 to 31 July 2025. No changes to the licensable activities are proposed and no additional impacts are expected above that which were considered during the determination of **CML2128** and as such we refer to section 4 of the decision document for **CML2128** regarding the relevant legal framework and how each of the legal requirements have been considered. The decision document can be found here [Public register - Customer Portal \(naturalresources.wales\)](https://publicregister.naturalresources.wales) by searching for **CML2128**.

NRW has determined that a Marine Licence for the Proposed Activities should be granted.

AUTHORISATION

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The licence end date has been changed in Section 1.3 of the Marine Licence from 30 April 2024 in **CML2128** to 31 July 2025 in **CML2128v1**.