

Saysom, Will

From: navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 January 2024 11:41
To: Saysom, Will; Hawkins, Christopher
Subject: RE: Q20072 Brockweir bridge repairs, River Wye - Response

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Dear Will,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Brockweir bridge repairs, River Wye, where the works comprise a continuation of painting from the means of a temporary modular floating pontoon and will take place in May/June 2024.

Representatives from the MCA's UK Services Navigation team have considered the request and would like to comment as follows:

On this occasion, the MCA has no objection provided all maritime safety legislation is followed and the original conditions of consent are adhered to.

Please note that item 2 contact details remain as zone27@hmcg.gov.uk as per 19th August 2022 response.

Can you please confirm that the risk mitigations are accepted?
Kind regards,

Jo Cooke

Policy Advisor

Marine Licensing and Consenting

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From: Saysom, Will <Will.Saysom@atkinsrealis.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 9:42 AM
To: navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>
Cc: Hawkins, Christopher <Christopher.Hawkins@atkinsrealis.com>
Subject: RE: Q20072 Brockweir bridge repairs, River Wye

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Good morning,

I am picking up from previous consultations undertaken with yourselves for the maintenance works to this structure. We are due to return to complete the repainting of the piers at Brockweir Bridge in the summer (24/05/2024 to 07/06/2024) as this was unable to go ahead last year. The method of works will remain the same as previous and will require modular pontoons to be erected around the piers to act as a working platform, see attached sketch for pontoon dimensions.

Can you confirm that you would still have no objections to us undertaking the remaining works this year, and whether any of the previous provisions previously issued by yourselves would change?

Kind Regards

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From: navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Dragojlovic, Mladen <Mladen.Dragojlovic@atkinsglobal.com>
Subject: RE: Q20072 Brockweir bridge repairs, River Wye

Dear Mladen,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Brockweir bridge repairs, River Wye.

Representatives from the MCA's UK Services Navigation team have considered the request and would like to comment as follows:

On this occasion, the MCA has no objection provided all maritime safety legislation is followed and the original conditions of consent are adhered to.

For your information can you change the email address in point 2 to zone27@hmcg.gov.uk

Kind Regards

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From: Dragojlovic, Mladen <Mladen.Dragojlovic@atkinsglobal.com>
Sent: 12 August 2022 14:22
To: navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>
Cc: PANCHAL, Gauravkumar <gauravkumar.panchal@gloucestershire.gov.uk>; Rich, Anthony <Anthony.Rich@atkinsglobal.com>
Subject: RE: Q20072 Brockweir bridge repairs, River Wye

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Hi,

Just picking up on the previous consultation undertaken with yourselves for the maintenance works to this structure. We are due to return this year (as soon as reapplication of permits allow) to complete repainting works to the piers. This will require modular pontoons to be erected around the piers to act as a working platform, see attached sketch for pontoon dimensions. There will be a cutwater to add to the pontoons which isn't currently shown.

Can you confirm that you would still have no objections to us undertaking the remaining works this year, and whether any of the previous provisions previously issued by yourselves would change?

Do let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards

Mladen Dragojlovic CEng MICE
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From: navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 26 August 2020 14:38
To: Varga, Peter <Peter.Varga@atkinsglobal.com>
Subject: RE: Q20072 Brockweir bridge repairs, River Wye

Good Afternoon Peter,

Thank you for your email, in support of your Band 1 (Low Risk Activity) Marine Licence application to Natural Resources Wales. I note that the proposed works are to repaint the Brockweir bridge over the River Wye, and also some minor repair work.

I confirm that the MCA Navigation Safety Branch have no objections with the works going ahead, on the understanding that all maritime safety legislation is followed, and that the following risk mitigation measures are adopted;

1. The Licencee must issue local notification to marine users - including fisherman's organisations, neighbouring port authorities and other local stakeholders - to ensure that they are made fully aware of the activity.
2. The Licencee must ensure that HM Coastguard, in this case nmoccontroller@hmcg.gov.uk, The National Maritime Operations Centre is made aware of the works prior to commencement.

3. The Consent Holder should ensure suitable bunding, storage facilities are employed to prevent the release of fuel oils, lubricating fluids associated with the plant and equipment into the marine environment.
4. Any jack up barges / vessels utilised during the works/laying of the cable, when jacked up, should exhibit signals in accordance with the UK Standard Marking Schedule for Offshore Installations.
5. Efforts should be made to ensure that any objects or personnel suspended from the bridge is properly secured so as not to pose a hazard to safety of marine users transiting below.

Finally, If in the opinion of the Secretary of State the assistance of a Government Department, including the broadcast of navigational warnings, is required in connection with the works or to deal with any emergency arising from the failure to mark and light the works as required by the consent or to maintain the works in good order or from the drifting or wreck of the works, the owner of the works shall be liable for any expense incurred in securing such assistance.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Best Regards,

Tom

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From: Varga, Peter <Peter.Varga@atkinsglobal.com>

Sent: 24 August 2020 16:43

To: navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>

Subject: Q20072 Brockweir bridge repairs, River Wye

Dear Maritime and Coastguard Agency,

I am contacting you regarding a project I was tasked to design on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council.

The project's main scope is to repaint the Brockweir bridge over the River Wye. The bridge is located at OS grid reference: 353873, 201131

As per below email chain I started to liaise with Natural Resources Wales and I am applying for a Band 1 marine licence to carry out the works. They informed me to contact you to confirm if the activity is likely to have an impact on the safety of others at sea. I must have confirmation from the MCA that the proposed works will not pose a risk to others prior to application.

To help understand the proposed work, please find attached a draft General Arrangement drawing and scope of the work below:

The scope of the works is:

- Repainting of the whole bridge (including pier columns and bracings):
 - Bridge to be encapsulated fully to avoid contamination of River Wye or Air pollution (dust)
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Given the above and attached could you please confirm if the proposed works will not pose a risk to others? I would really appreciate it.

Should you have any queries regarding the works please do not hesitate to contact me.

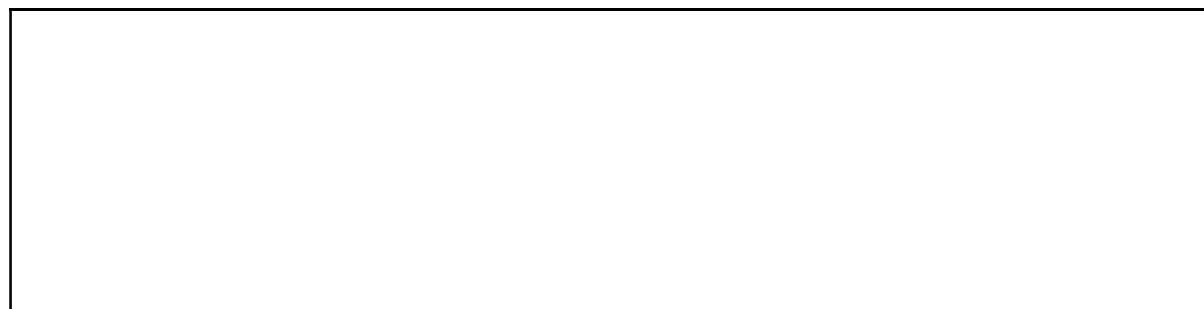
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From: Marine Licensing <marinelicensing@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>

Sent: 30 July 2020 10:06

To: Varga, Peter <Peter.Varga@atkinsglobal.com>

Subject: RE: Q20072 Brockweir bridge repairs, River Wye

Hi Peter,

No problem.

Yes, for the Band 1 marine licence you need to:

- Contact Maritime and Coastguard Agency and send us the email correspondence in support of your marine licence application on submission.
- Contact Crown Estate to see if any permissions are required.
- Submit a Band 1 licence application, method statement (attached) and any other supporting documents such as drawings and send to permit receipt.

You are right that you need to contact the SSSI notices team using the form attached as the works are within the River Wye (Lower) SSSI, also with a method statement and any supporting documentation. It is also worth mentioning that you have applied for a marine licence to the team.

Best wishes,
Jess

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From: Varga, Peter <Peter.Varga@atkinsglobal.com>
Sent: 29 July 2020 18:33
To: Marine Licensing <marinelicensing@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Q20072 Brockweir bridge repairs, River Wye

Hello Jess,

Thank you very much for your email, I really appreciate the help.

I've read the website carefully and I think the works would come under Band 1 as the spot repair works are really small on 4-5 places on the parapet.

Before applying I think I will still need to get in touch with the following departments of yours:

- Maritime and Coastguard Agency navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk (to confirm if this activity is likely to have an impact on the safety of others at sea or not)

- notice to you at SSSI.notices@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk (as the works are within an SSSI, although I am somewhat confused by the notice form which says that the activity is likely intending to damage the sensitive area, which I don't believe the case here as we are carrying out maintenance repair to a structure, no building works or taking up sensitive land)
- The Crown Estate enquiries@thecrownestate.co.uk (as land owner)

Also, as the works are within an SSSI I think I need to submit a method statement as well?

Could you please confirm whether the above list is correct and full for the proposed works? I would really appreciate it.

Could you please also check whether I need to give notice to the SSSI department for the reason I mentioned in brackets above? I attached the form I found on your website which has the confusing title.

Kind Regards,
Peter

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From: Marine Licensing <marinelicensing@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 July 2020 12:28

To: Varga, Peter <Peter.Varga@atkinsglobal.com>; Purnell, Gary <Gary.Purnell@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>

Subject: Q20072 Brockweir bridge repairs, River Wye

Hello Peter,

Thank you for your email. I have assigned in the following query number: Q20072.

I have reviewed the information below regarding the proposed works and as they are located seaward of mean high water springs, it does require a marine licence.

Please see further information on our website regarding licence bands and associated activities (see link [here](#)). Repainting is a band 1 activity and depending on the scale of the repairs, the works could fall under Band 1 or Band 2 (see [here](#) for more information on Band 1 licensable activities).

Once you have determined which licence band the works fall under, please submit a licence application and supporting information including location plans (WFD assessment required for Band 2 applications) to permit receipt at the following email address: permitreceiptcentre@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

More information on how to submit a licence application can be found [here](#).

Best wishes,
Jess

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From: Varga, Peter <Peter.Varga@atkinsglobal.com>
Sent: 29 July 2020 11:25
To: Purnell, Gary <Gary.Purnell@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>; Marine Licensing <marinelicensing@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Cc: Enquiries <enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Brockweir bridge over River Wye

Good Morning Gary,

Thank you very much for the info!

Dear Marine Licenceing Team,

If you need any further info please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much,
Peter

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From: Purnell, Gary <Gary.Purnell@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Sent: 29 July 2020 11:12
To: Varga, Peter <Peter.Varga@atkinsglobal.com>
Cc: Enquiries <enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>; Marine Licensing <marinelicensing@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Brockweir bridge over River Wye

Good Morning Peter

As these works are being undertaken on the Main River Wye above tidal waters, then you may need to apply for a Marine Licence as opposed to a Flood Risk Activity Permit (FRAP).

I have copied in the Marine Licence Team on this email for their views.

Kind Regards
Gary

Gary Purnell
Senior Advisor (Development & Flood Risk)
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If you wish to undertake any work in, over, under or adjacent to a main river you may need to apply for a Flood Risk Activity Permit. Please use the following link for further information
<https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/flood-risk-activities/?lang=en>

From: Varga, Peter <Peter.Varga@atkinsglobal.com>
Sent: 29 July 2020 08:17
To: Purnell, Gary <Gary.Purnell@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Cc: Enquiries <enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Brockweir bridge over River Wye

Dear Gary,

My name is Peter and I work for Atkins and doing the above mentioned scheme on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council.

John Foulds from the EA recommended to get in touch with you about this scheme as per his below email. From that email I understand that the River Wye is under the jurisdiction of Natural Resources Wales hence my email to you. If it isn't something you deal with could you please point me the right direction who to contact (just in case I cc'd the main enquiry email address of NRW). I would really appreciate it.

Please find below my original message to John Foulds explaining the scheme. I also re-attached the documents originally sent with the email. Also, as the bridge is within a SSSI would I need to consult Natural England or would this be dealt with yourself as well?

"The reason I am contacting you is that I was tasked by GCC with a project to design a scheme to refurbish the Brockweir Bridge over the River Wye. This is a main river therefore I would really appreciate if you could advise on whether I have to apply for any consent or are there any restrictions on the work regarding when these can be carried out?

To give you some detail about the scheme please find attached a draft GA and the below scope:

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Bridge location:

OS Grid reference: 353873, 201132

Nearest postcode: NP16 7NH

I hope the above is sufficient but should you need further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me. "

Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Kind Regards,

Peter

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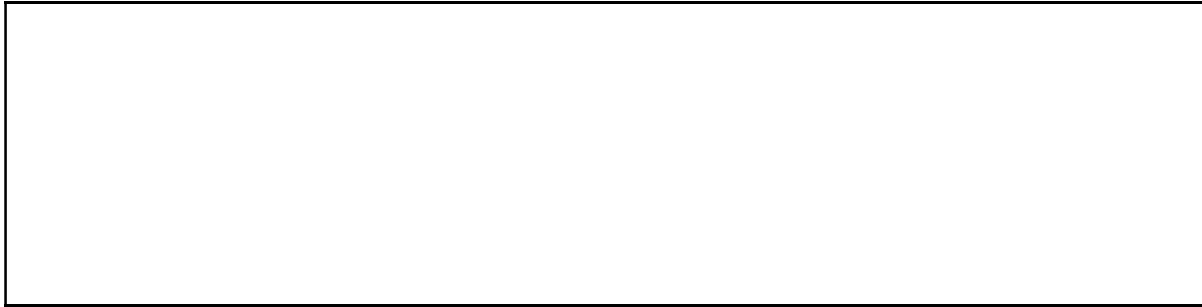
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From: Foulds, John <john.foulds@environment-agency.gov.uk>

Sent: 28 July 2020 16:19

To: Varga, Peter <Peter.Varga@atkinsglobal.com>

Cc: gary.purnell@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Brockweir bridge over River Wye

Hi Peter

Hope all is good.

This is quite a tricky one.

The process of maintenance on the bridge and like for like replacement of specific elements of the parapet is not considered as a flood risk activity in England under the Environmental Permitting Regulations.

However whole width of the watercourse appears to lie under the jurisdiction of Natural Resources Wales from a Partnership & Strategic Overview perspective in relation to permitting. Hence they would need to advise you on this aspect of the works, though my understanding is the permit system is the same as that in England.

The only contact I have dredged up from memory is their Technical Specialist Gary Purnell, who I have hopefully copied into this email, if I have got his name spelt right.

The River Wye at this point is designated a SSSI so any application will need to be consulted upon with Natural England or their equivalent in Wales (which may be NRW), if you have not already contacted them it would be worth doing.

Hope the above makes sense.

Regards

John

John Foulds BSc (Hons)

Partnership & Strategic Overview Officer | West Midlands

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From: Varga, Peter [<mailto:Peter.Varga@atkinsglobal.com>]

Sent: 24 July 2020 10:50

To: Foulds, John <john.foulds@environment-agency.gov.uk>

Subject: Brockweir bridge over River Wye

Dear John,

I hope you are safe and well.

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