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**Cc:** Nick O'Brien  
**Subject:** Re: P14505 Newport Connect Site Investigation Surveys

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Dear Ambar,

Thanks for your email relating to the Band 1 license for the Newport Connect pre-construction survey work.

Happily, we have had plenty of pre-application engagement with Coracle Archaeology on this, so from a marine archaeology perspective we have no objection/comment to make at this stage, and are happy to confirm that we do not foresee any impact on marine archaeological features as a result of the Band 1 work.

A standard caveat is that there is always the potential, albeit small, for previously unknown archaeological material to be encountered during this type of work. If this does happen, we would appreciate being informed.

Yours

Julian



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**From:** Ambar Villanueva-Brackley <A.Villanueva-Brackley@apemltd.co.uk>  
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Good afternoon,

We are in the process of applying for marine licences with National Resources Wales (NRW) and the MMO, and we are required to consult with you prior to submission of our applications to ensure no impact on archaeological features in the area.

The marine licence application is to enable pre-construction survey works to support the proposed installation of a new subsea fibre optic cable system, Newport Connect, which will cross the Bristol Channel from a landfall near Westin-Super-Mare, England to a landfall near Newport, Wales.

Works carried out in Welsh waters are being considered in the marine license application to NRW and works carried out in English waters will be covered by the MMO through a second application.

The Band 1 licence activities include:

- Seabed CPT's to 3m (offshore);
- Grab samples (2 per location) (offshore); and
- Vibrocore/gravity core (120mm diameter) to 3m (offshore).

The exact locations of the works are not yet known (they will be informed by a preceding geophysical survey), however the survey route is shown in the attached figure.

The duration of the proposed works is expected to take less than 4 weeks in total and should be completed over a 3-month period, with all works due to be completed during daylight hours.

I have attached the copy of the Newport Connect Marine Archaeological Desk-based assessment has been prepared in support of the marine licence application for initial marine surveys and site investigations. Overall, the assessment concludes that there are no designated or protected wrecks, nor any scheduled monuments, located within the Cable route survey corridor.

Please would you verify whether you have enough information to consider any impact to archaeological features in the area?

Many thanks,

Ambar

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