

Ambar Villanueva-Brackley

From: Ambar Villanueva-Brackley
Sent: 25 April 2024 10:23
To: 'navigation safety'
Subject: RE: P14643 - Baglan Bay project - Response

Dear Jo,

Apologies for the delayed response.

I can confirm that all risk mitigations mentioned in your email have been accepted and the Neath Port Authority has been contacted.

Kind regards,
Ambar

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From: navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 9:04 AM
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Subject: RE: P14643 - Baglan Bay project - Response

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Dear Ambar,

Thank you for the information regarding the proposed Baglan Bay project.

We note that the works fall within the jurisdiction of a Statutory Harbour Authority (SHA), being Neath Port Authority, and therefore they are responsible for the safety of navigation within their waters.

Therefore, on the understanding that the following takes place, the MCA would have no significant concerns to raise with regards to the safety of navigation and would be satisfied that the risk is relatively low on this occasion:

1. All maritime safety legislation is complied with;
2. The site is within port limits and the applicant should gain the approval/agreement of the responsible local navigation authority or the Harbour Authority/Commissioners/Council. They may wish to issue local warnings to alert those navigating in the vicinity to the presence of the works, as deemed necessary.

Please can you confirm that you accept the above risk mitigations?

Kind regards,

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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 a Band 1 marine licence application with Natural Resources Wales for a gas pipeline repair works project located at Baglan Bay, south Wales. We are required to consult with the MCA prior to submission of our application to ensure no impact on navigational safety in the area.

The proposed project involves cable percussive borehole drilling works at Baglan Bay, adjacent to the River Neath, Wales. One of the proposed boreholes (B3) is located below the Mean High Water line and is within the River Neath Transitional Water body, therefore, falls within the marine licensable area. The project location can be found in the table below and is shown in the attached map 'P14643 Baglan Bay – Boreholes & High Water line.jpeg'. The project details are as follows.

Need for works

Our Client Wales & West Utilities has proposed the need for borehole works located by the River Neath as an existing pipeline has been damaged and requires urgent repair works.

Repair works

Machine excavated trial pits are proposed to investigate near surface soils and cable percussive boring methods will be used to progress three boreholes for recovering samples of the underlying bedrock.

Borehole	Grid ref	Easting	Northing	Latitude	Longitude
B1	SS 72888 92968	272888	192968	51.621136	-3.837535
B2	SS 72323 93081	272323	193081	51.622023	-3.8457331
B3	SS 72356 92962	272356	192962	51.620961	-3.8452133

The Band 1 licence activities include:

- Boreholes.

The works do not involve any in-water activities or use of vessels, all works will be undertaken from by land. Therefore, we do not expect the works to cause navigational impacts.

Please would you verify whether you have enough information to consider any impacts on navigational safety in the area?

Many thanks,
Ambar

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