

WFD Compliance Assessment

OGN 72 Appendix 2 WFD Compliance Assessment template

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Figure 1: Stage 1 Screening

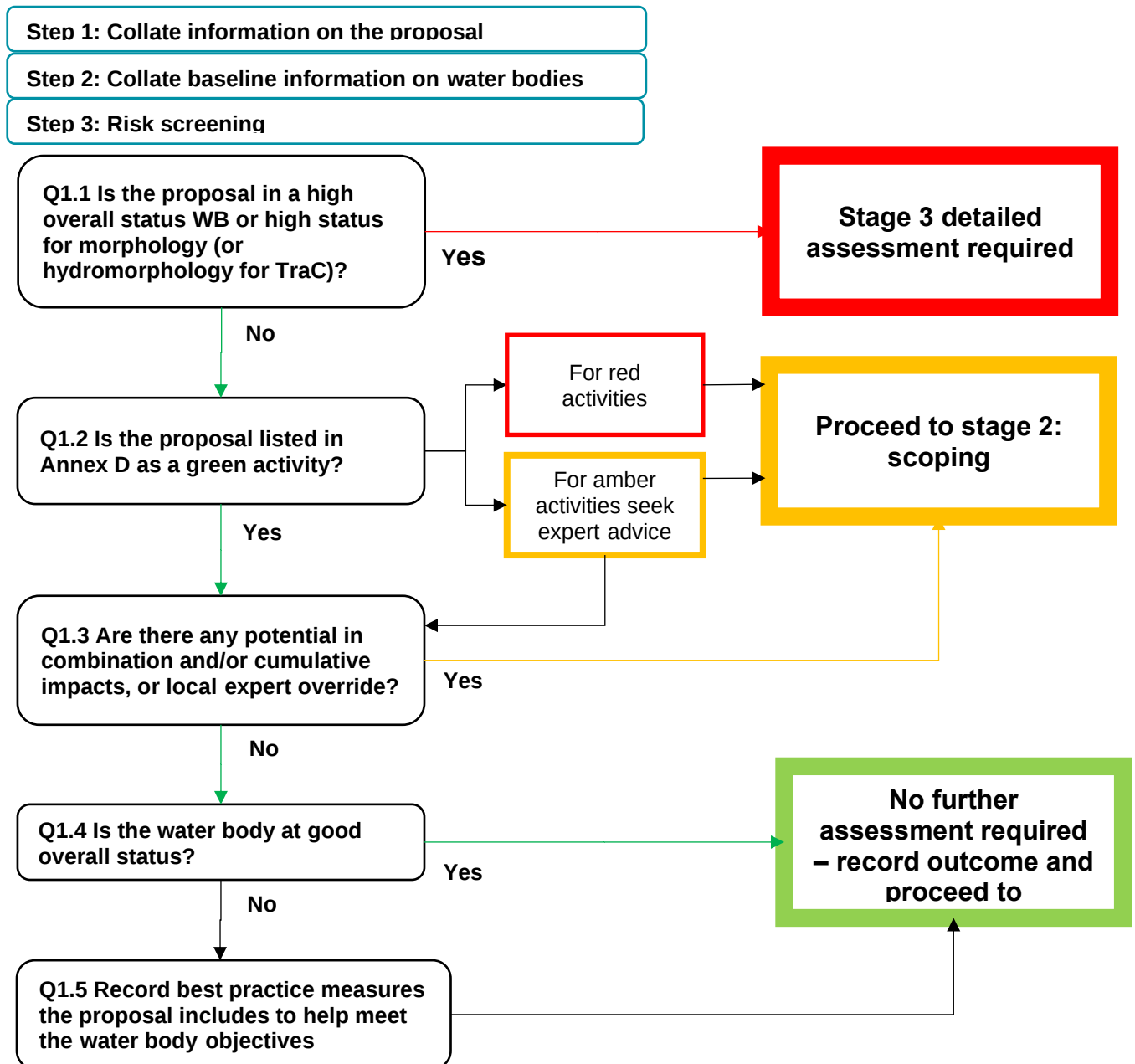
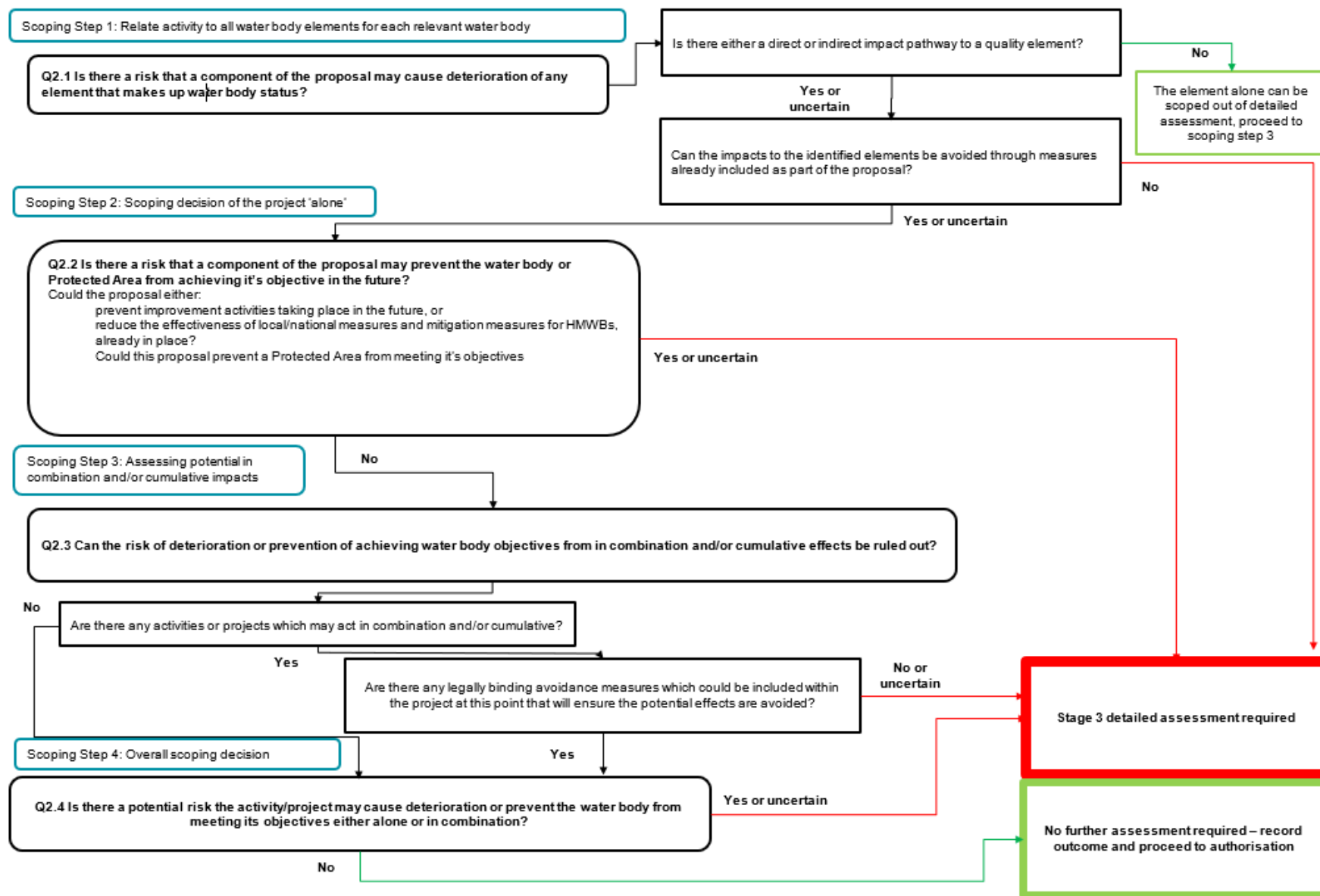


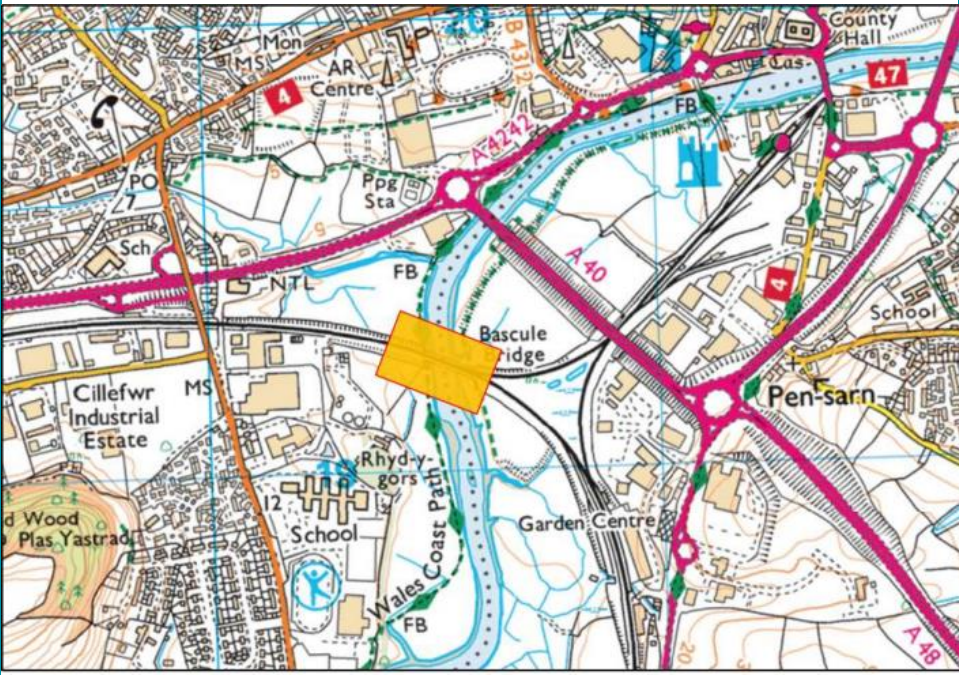
Figure 2: Stage 2 Scoping



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Stage 1 step 1: proposal details.

a): Project details where an external party has applied to NRW for any form of authorisation													
Project details	Application reference number (if applicable)	CML2458											
	Date application duly made	03 September 2024											
	Applicant details	Dyer and Butler Ltd											
	Activity proposed	Carmarthen Swing Bridge Fender Removal											
	Relevant legislation	Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017											
	List other permissions that may be required where known	N/A											
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Application documents Include: Project purpose and background, site map, scaled plan, site photographs and working method statement.	CML2458 - marine-works-application-form-updated - Carmarthen Swing Bridge - RA2490 - 2024.pdf CML2458 - Carmarthen Swing Bridge - RA2490 - EV000991-AA-HRA-2024.pdf CML2458 - Carmarthen Swing Bridge - RA2490 - EV000991-WFD-2024.pdf CML2458 - Appendix A - Carmarthen Swing Bridge -RA2490 - Biosecurity Management Plan & Risk Assessment - 2024 - Rev 1.pdf CML2458 - Appendix B - Carmarthen Swing Bridge - RA2490 - WNMP SIGNPOST DOCUMENT.xlsx CML2458 - Appendix C - Carmarthen Bridge - Fender Removal Method Statement - May 2024.pdf CML2458 Updated Coordinates.msg
Environmental Statement	N/A
List ongoing maintenance requirements. All structures will require maintenance	N/A
Timing of works	Works expected to take 4-5 weeks.
Pre-application correspondence	N/A
Are the works located within a WFD waterbody? Or do they have the potential to	The works are located within the Tywi & Taf & Gwendraeth - Three Rivers Estuary waterbody.

	impact upon a WFD water body? Waterbodies include surface waters (rivers, lakes, transitional waters, and coastal waters out to 1 nautical mile) and groundwaters	
	NRW team responsible for drafting this WFD Compliance Assessment report, and name of lead officer	Jack Thompson – Marine Licensing Team
	Date of assessment	12 September 2024

Stage 1, step 2: Collate baseline information on all water bodies at risk from the proposal.

Date of classification information: 2021 Cycle 3

WB ID	Water body name	WB type	Management catchment	HMWB	Overall water body status	Ecological status	Chemical status	Hydro-morphology status*	Relevance to the proposal
GB531006013400	Tywi & Taf & Gwendraeth - Three Rivers Estuary	Transitional	Western Wales	No	Moderate	Moderate	High	Not high	Proposal is: in the water body

**where there is no information, or a null value then assume it is at good status for morphology (or hydromorphology for TraC water bodies)

The potential for the proposal to affect the following water bodies was also initially considered, but can be ruled out without further consideration:

N/A

Stage 1, Step 3: Risk Screening

Question number	Risk screening questions	Name of activity	Screening decision – delete as appropriate
Q1.1	Is the proposal in a water body at high status or high status for morphology or hydromorphology?	N/A	No – go to Q1.2
Q1.2	Is the activity listed in Annex D as a green activity? Complete new row for each activity	Blockage/obstruction removal at a structure or within 10 m of that structure.	Yes – go to Q1.3

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Q1.3	Are there any potential cumulative/in combination impacts? Or is there Local Expert Override*?	No	No – go to Q1.4
Q1.4	Is the water body at Good overall status?	No	No - Go to Q1.5
Q1.5	Record best practice measures that the works include to help achieve the objectives of the water body.	Include all measures then proceed to Authorisation section All works set up and audited on a regular basis by the Environmental Clerk of Works (ECOW). A refuelling procedure will be implemented, whereby plant nappies will be placed beneath fuelling apertures during fuelling and refuelling will only be undertaken by designated, trained individuals. National Rail have a spillage plan and specialised contractor in place to respond to and clean up spills. An Emergency Awareness and Response Plan will also be implemented. The plan will appoint an Incident Coordinator, define roles and responsibilities during an incident, detail response procedures and contain an inventory of response equipment to be maintained on site. GPP5 Guidance for Pollution Prevention - Works and maintenance in or near water, will be implemented. This includes: ☐ GPP 5 - Works and maintenance in or near water ☐ GPP 7 - Safe storage – The safe operation of refuelling facilities, ☐ GPP 21 - Pollution incident response planning, ☐ GPP 22 - Dealing with spills All sections of the fender, along with any debris trapped within the fender, will as far as reasonably practicable be retrieved and placed within the working platform for offsite removal. The fender will be cut incrementally. The above water elements will be cut first, followed by the lower elements. The lower elements will be cut during a falling tide. Maintenance work will result in a period of noise and visual disturbance	

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			for approximately 4-5 weeks. Noise levels are unlikely to exceed those currently generated by rail traffic and nearby human activity, although the temporary source will be of a different output. Works will only occur during daytime hours, when background noises created by normal human activity is most prominent. Night time working will be avoided. Best practice will be used in terms of the construction methodology to limit noise i.e., modern well silenced vessel propulsion. Wildlife will be habituated to activity within the river due to the adjacent rowing club and other leisure activities. The works will only work on one section of an individual fender at a given time, ensuring that there is ample opportunity for migrating fish species to avoid the location of works and utilise another section of the flowing river. Toolbox talks will be provided by the Environmental Clerk of Works prior to works commencing. This will identify potential impacts and direct localised mitigation where required. Otter populations are known to be present near Ferryside North embankment. Toolbox Talks (TBTs) will inform site personnel on identifying the Annex II Species. No otter holts have been noted to date within proximity to the structure and are unlikely to be found during works on the seaward facing wall sections. No equipment will be left in such a manner that an animal could become snared and trapped within the working area. Should an Otter be encountered during works, personnel will temporarily stand down until the animal has vacated the immediate area under its own volition. The contractor will abide by the Gwynedd Marine Code of Conduct. Salmon and other species of the assemblage, which are a prey of Otter, will not be prevented from travelling up the estuary during the project.

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			Although there will be an elevated human presence around the structure, it is unlikely that this will present a significant determinantal impact to salmon and other species of fish migrating to spawn during the coming winter months, as working hours will be limited.

**Expert judgement may be required i.e. for complex or cumulative interactions; or a particularly sensitive site/activity (including target water bodies).*

Conclusion of WFD Compliance Assessment & Authorisation

WFD stage 1 screening has been completed and the activity/project have been ruled out as not requiring any further WFD assessment.

Completed by	Jack Thompson
Job title	Marine Licensing Officer
Date	12 September 2024

Consultation with technical advisors/specialists

Relevant section of the WFD compliance assessment	Date(s) of correspondence* and any meeting(s) with technical advisor(s) and include the name of the technical advisor	Description of how the comments from technical advisors have been considered
All	N/A	No comments received.

*Attach a copy of any written correspondence with the WFD assessment for the audit trail

Where there is a dispute on the conclusion the decision should be taken by the Leadership Team member of the team exercising the competent authority role