

Re: Newgale Borehole Survey

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To: Chris Munro chris.munro@brmusl.co.uk

Sent: Wednesday, 13 November at 17:41

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Hi Chris,

No. No problem at all in that regard.

Julian



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Subject: Re: Newgale Borehole Survey

Hi Julian,

We are after your approval again sorry, the actual works that you approved hasn't changed but the form of transportation has due to the issues with getting access over the shingle flood defence bank at Newgale.

We are now re-applying for a new band 1 marine licence to complete the same works but using a landing vessel to sail the equipment to the beach, the vessel will then beach itself on 4 legs. Once the sea has receded enough the drill rig will stay on the vessel and operate from the vessel drilling through a moon pool between the cat decks.

We are looking at drilling in the day light,

So to confirm, the borehole works stays the same but we are bringing in the equipment via the sea, can you confirm or raise any concerns you have regarding this please, your confirmation will be used again in the marine licence application.

Thank you.

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Cc: Lucy Haywood-Bates, Vodafone <lucy.bridge@vodafone.com>

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Thanks Chris,

All understood.

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Subject: Re: Newgale Borehole Survey

Good morning Julian,

So sorry to mess you around, we are having some issues getting the drill rig on the beach due to the shingle bank. The weekend of the 16th/17th Nov has been cancelled.

We do have another provisional date yet to be confirmed of 30th Nov and 1st Dec. As soon as I have this confirmed I will let you know, thank you for your patience and speak to you soon.

Kind regards.

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Hi Chris,

Thanks for the update. I should be around that weekend as noted previously, I am only up the road in St Davids. So if things go ahead then I would certainly like to pop down and take a look at operations.

Julian



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Cc: Lucy Haywood-Bates, Vodafone <lucy.bridge@vodafone.com>
Subject: Re: Newgale Borehole Survey

Hi Julian,

We have finally got our marine licence to conduct the bore hole on the beach. We have a provisional date of Nov 16th & 17th due to the tide times for the bore hole drill.

We are just confirming if we have a geologist attending or if he can't attend on those dates the core samples will be taken back to the lab for analysis the following week which we will share with you.

I will confirm if we are going ahead with these dates as we need to construct a temporary road over the shingle bank for access so you can attend if you so wish.

Kind regards.

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Date: Thursday, 26 September 2024 at 12:37

To: Dr Julian Whitewright <julian.whitewright@rcahmw.gov.uk>

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Hi Julian,

No worries at all, I will let you know when we have the beach borehole booked in.

Thank you.

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Hi Chris,

I'll not make it in that case, I've a meeting already in the diary for 9.30, but will aim to get down there once the work starts. In the meantime, if you want to discuss anything archaeological related then just let me know.

Julian



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Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 16:47
To: Dr Julian Whitewright <julian.whitewright@rcahmw.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Newgale Borehole Survey

Hi Julian,

I will be in Newgale from 9:30, it is only a site visit the beach works won't happen for probably 8 weeks due to the marine licence.

If you are around I will see you tomorrow.

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Hi Chris,

I have some potential for coming down to Newgale tomorrow, what sort of time are you going to be there? No worries if you don't pick this up in time, I'll aim to pop along when the work starts and we can have a chat then.

Julian



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To: Dr Julian Whitewright <julian.whitewright@rcahmw.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Newgale Borehole Survey

Hi Julian,

Sorry I haven't been in touch, the intrusive surveying works got postponed and now start on Mon 7th Oct for 2 weeks.

I will be on site for those 2 weeks apart from Fri 11th.

I am meeting the bore hole company tomorrow for a site walk over to discuss the bore hole on the beach. I know this is short notice but was only arranged yesterday so feel free to come along if you want to otherwise, I will wait for a date in Oct from you.

Thank you.

Chris Munro



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Hi Chris,

Just checking in to see if you still want to have a meeting on friday morning to discuss the Newgale borehole. I have a note from the email below that we were going to have a chat then, but nothing firmly scheduled as yet.

Julian



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To: Dr Julian Whitewright <julian.whitewright@rcahmw.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Newgale Borehole Survey

Morning Julian,

No worries I will get an invite out to you, yes when we are completing the land intrusive surveying I can meet you there. We were planned in for WC 16th Sept but this is currently on hold so I will let you know when I am down there.

Thanks again for your help.

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Hi Chris,

Of course, no problem with using the email.

Friday 27th at 10am is fine with me.

Not sure if its helpful at all. But I live about 15 minutes away from Newgale, so can meet at the site as well when the land survey is being done, if that works for you, or anyone else on the project - might be easier to visualise everything.

Julian



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To: Dr Julian Whitewright <julian.whitewright@rcahmw.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Newgale Borehole Survey

Hi Julian,

Ok no worries, can I take your previous email as confirmation that you are happy for us to proceed with the marine licence with NRW based on receiving the geologists report for the single bore hole?

We could have a call Friday 27th at 10am, this should be post land survey stage so we should have an idea of a plan of works. We wouldn't have done the beach borehole due to

the time it takes to gain a licence unfortunately, but we can discuss the project in more detail as to the installation of the subsea fibre optic cable.

Thank you.

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Hi Chris,

Thanks, that is really helpful. I think at this stage then we'd be happy just to receive a copy of the geologist's report. This will help understand the potential impact of any subsequent work, while also adding to what we know about the extent of the submerged forest remains at Newgale. It seems unreasonable at this stage to ask for anything further, on the basis of a single borehole.

In terms of a call. What sort of deadline are you on at present. I have pretty limited availability for the next two weeks, but then get much freer from the week of the 23rd September onwards. Exceptions that week are Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th first thing, and last thing.

Its probably just me on the call from our end. If there are any archaeological contractors already involved from the wider project then it might be good to involve them at this stage as well.

Julian



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From: Chris Munro <chris.munro@brmusl.co.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:04
To: Dr Julian Whitewright <julian.whitewright@rcahmw.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Newgale Borehole Survey

Julian,

Thank you for your response, we will be taking a sample of the geological ground make and will have a geologist on site to record this with depths and ground type like rock, peat etc up due to future proposed works.

You are correct this is for the subsea cable landing and the proposed works are for us to instal a concrete foot 2m below the beach level with x4 150mm internal diameter ducts from there up to a beach manhole location proposed to be in the layby outside of the hard ware store/coffee shop.

Please see below the answers to your queries.

On this basis, I have a couple of questions that will dictate the overall response.

1. How many boreholes are being proposed? Is it just the one marked on the map, or are more planned as part of the work. **Yes correct currently just one at the marked location.**
2. Is this part of a wider scheme? e.g. I know there are plans for a fibre optic cable to be brought ashore at Newgale? **Yes this is part of a wider scheme for the subsea fibre optic cable, this is for surveying works for feasibility of the future proposed works which we would like to discuss with you.**

We think it would be a good idea to have a call with you to discuss the future works post surveying stage so you have a clear understanding of what we are proposing to complete based off the boreholes and trial holes we are planning. You can then see dependant on the borehole investigation what samples you would like to collect etc and how we can proceed.

I am looking to set up a teams call with ourselves the tier 1 contractor BRM and our client Vodafone with yourself and anyone else you would like on the call so we can present the proposed works and get your input so we can all be clear on where we stand.

What dates/times would you be able to attend a teams call?

Thanks,

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Dear Chris,

I was forwarded your email by our library and enquiries team in relation to a Band 1 Marine licence application for borehole investigation of Newgale Beach in Pembrokeshire. Apologies for my delay in replying, I was on leave last week.

In general terms, there is normally no objection to this type of work on the basis of any archaeological impact because the area of the borehole is very small.

However, in this case, Newgale Beach is an area of known submerged prehistoric forest, the commentary on which dates back some 800 years. At the same, although its one of the most

historically documented submerged prehistoric forests in Wales, very little scientific analysis has been done, with just a single C14 date from the beach from a sample collected by the RCAHMW in 2021. This dated the section of exposed forest at the southern end of the beach to c. 4,000BC.

Submerged forest exposures have been observed all along the beach at various intervals in the last 150 years. Including at the north end where the borehole is.

A general entry within the National Monuments Record is here:

<https://coflein.gov.uk/en/site/524759/>

And a more specific one for the south end, which the RCAHMW worked on in 2021 is here

<https://coflein.gov.uk/en/site/544148/>

which will give you a better idea of things.

As such, the proposed work has considerable potential to greatly enhance our knowledge and understanding of this particular piece of prehistoric landscape, which itself is of National Significance, albeit poorly understood. Enhancement of knowledge of a historic asset is a key part of Policy Soc5 which covers Historic Assets under the Welsh National Marine Plan.

On this basis, I have a couple of questions that will dictate the overall response.

- 1) How many boreholes are being proposed? Is it just the one marked on the map, or are more planned as part of the work.
- 2) Is this part of a wider scheme? e.g. I know there are plans for a fibre optic cable to be brought ashore at Newgale?

As a minimum we would probably require that any reports arising from the work are shared with us as a means to inform on aspects such as presence/depth of peat desposits in the area of the proposed borehole? But if the work is more substantial than a single borehole, part of a much larger project, etc. then its likely that some form of formal geoaarchaeological analysis would need to be undertaken as part of the analysis of the boreholes themselves, which would in turn come under the overall project, budget, etc.

I'd be more than happy to talk this all through directly if its helpful. And also to emphasise the potential usefulness of the proposed work from an archaeological potential, so from the position of wanting to know more about the submerged forest, I'm at a starting point of being very keen to see the work go ahead, its mainly a case of arriving at an appropriate response from our perspective as a statutory consultee.

Yours

Julian



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