

Marine Licensing Variation Decision

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Applicant: Stena Line Ports Limited

Variation application reference no: CML1931v1

Construction and dredge works associated with the expansion of Holyhead Port, Holy Island, Anglesey

14 February 2025

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OUR DECISION

Based on all the information available, and having regard to all relevant considerations NRW has decided grant the variation to the Existing Marine Licence sought by the Variation Application.

This decision document:

- explains how the Variation Application has been determined,
- provides a record of the decision-making process; and
- sets out the reasons for any conditions imposed in connection with any marine licence granted pursuant to the Variation Application.

1 APPLICATION DETAILS

1.1 The Variation Application

Applicant name and address	The Applicant is the company set out below: Company name: Stena Line Ports Limited Company number (if available): 01593558 Address: 78 Buckingham Gate, Buckingham Court, London, England, SW1E 6PE
Variation Application reference number	CML1931v1
Existing Marine Licence reference number	CML1931
Date Variation Application was duly made	04 February 2025
Description of variation	Marine licence varied to extend the licensable activities period by 24 months
Proposal[s] covered by the Variation Application	Construction and dredge works associated with the expansion of Holyhead Port, Holy Island. (the Project)
Licensable marine activities	Creation of 9ha of new quay storage and handling space together with two berths: a 370m deep-water berth (Salt Island Expansion) and a 280m berth (Pelham Patch Development). The schemes comprises the following; - reclamation of two intertidal/subtidal areas (the Salt Island Expansion and the Pelham Patch Development); - dredging of an approach channel to the new berths at 10m bCD; - dredging of the new berth at Pelham Patch; - dredging at the base of quay walls on Salt Island to accommodate the installation of scour protection;

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	- additional dredging where required for installation of caissons at the new quay walls; and - disposal of dredged material at Holyhead North disposal site (IS043). (the Proposed Activities)
Marine Plan area	Welsh inshore region and Welsh offshore region
Variation Application documents:	• Dredge and Disposal Application Form • Marine Works Application Form • Holyhead Port Expansion Environmental Statement • Holyhead Port Expansion ES NTS • Holyhead Port Expansion_ES_Appendices_Volume I • Holyhead Port Expansion_ES_Appendices_Volume II • ES Addendum • Signposting Document • WNMP Assessment • HPE Response to ES Addendum Comments • Figure 1 - HolyheadMarineApp_RH_20190801 • CML1931v1 - Application Form

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2 VARIATION APPLICATION PROCEDURE

2.1 The Variation Application

The Variation Application was accepted by Natural Resources Wales (**NRW**) considered duly made on 04 February 2025. This means we considered it was in the correct form and contained sufficient information for us to begin our determination, but not that it necessarily contained all the information we needed to complete that determination, and the documents considered may therefore include documents provided after the Variation Application was first made.

2.2 Documents considered

In reaching its decision, NRW has considered the documents listed in section 1 of this decision document along with such other information provided by the Applicant or received during any consultation, that NRW considered relevant.

2.3 Commercial Confidentiality

The Applicant made no claim that any information forming part of the Variation Application was subject to commercial confidentiality and we have not received any information in relation to the Variation Application that appears to be commercially confidential

2.4 Publicity and advertising

The application sought to extend the licence end date to allow additional time for the licenced activity to take place. The licenced activities remain the same as within the existing consent therefore no notice was given to Local Authorities and no Public Notice was advertised for this Marine Licence variation.

2.5 Environmental impact Assessment

Council Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment aims to protect the environment and the quality of life by ensuring that projects which are likely to have significant environmental effects by virtue of their nature, size or location are subject to an environmental impact assessment (EIA) before permission is granted.

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 ("the Regulations") transpose the EIA Directive in Wales and England for marine licence applications.

Having considered the Variation Application NRW has determined that it does not constitute a development requiring EIA under the Regulations.

3 CONSULTATION

3.1 Consultees

As there were no changes to the licensable activities no additional impacts are expected above that which were considering during the determination of CML1931, NRW did not consider it appropriate to reconsult on this occasion.

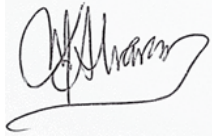
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4 Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on all the information available, NRW's decision is to grant the variation to the Existing Marine Licence sought by the Variation Application. CML1931v1 is a routine change to extend the expiry date of the licence by 24 months. No changes to the licensable activities are proposed and no additional impacts are expected above that which were considered during the determination of CML1931 and as such we refer the decision document for CML1931 regarding the relevant legal framework and how each of the legal requirements have been considered. The decision document can be found here [Public register - Customer Portal \(naturalresources.wales\)](#) by searching for CML1931.

NRW has determined that a Marine Licence for the Proposed Activities should be granted.

AUTHORISATION

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ANNEX 1 – Variation to the Marine Licence

The licence end date has been changed in Section 1.3 of the Marine Licence from 31 March 2025 in CML1931 to 31 March 2027 in CML1931v1

The contact details for Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers have been updated from wfmccmpc@gov.wales to MarineLicencingEnforcement@gov.wales

Condition 3.24.1 – Sediment Sampling – has been amended to remove reference that a sample plan must be requested prior to 1 February 2023 as this date has now passed. Sediment Sampling is still required to take place prior to any dredge activity, a sample plan request should be submitted prior to sampling taking place, to ensure any sampling that is undertaken is suitable.