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From: Dr Julian Whitewright <julian.whitewright@rcahmw.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 February 2025 13:24
To: Craig Thomas
Cc: Greg Jones; William Morgan
Subject: River Clydach Boreholes - BAND1 License Enquiry

Dear Craig,

I was forwarded your email regarding the NRW Band 1 Marine License enquiry for some boreholes on the river Clydach. I can confirm that RCAHMW has no objection to this work on the basis of any potential impact to marine archaeology, arising from the work.

Yours

Julian



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From: Craig Thomas
Sent: 10 February 2025 15:44
To: navigation safety
Subject: RE: Marine Licence. Boreholes at River Clydach.

Dear Jo,

Thank you for the response. We will comply with the instructions below to notify local users and Zone 27, before starting any works.

Kind regards

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Project Manager

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From: navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 February 2025 14:15
To: Craig Thomas <craig.thomas@centregreat.net>
Subject: RE: Marine Licence. Boreholes at River Clydach.

Dear Craig,

Thank you for the information regarding the proposed boreholes at River Clydach.

We note that the works are to undertake boreholes along the banks of the river Clydach near Neath Abbey under the A465 bridge, using a tracked drilling rig on the riverbank. These works will take place in April 2025 and will take 2 days to complete.

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. Local notification is issued to marine users, including fishermen's organisations, relevant authorities and other local stakeholders, to ensure that they are made fully aware of the activity at least five days before commencement of the works;
3. Zone27@hmcg.gov.uk must be notified prior to commencement of activities.

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

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From: Craig Thomas <craig.thomas@centregreat.net>

Sent: 03 February 2025 16:35

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Subject: Marine Licence. Boreholes at River Clydach.

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We are applying for a Marine Licence to complete some ground investigation works on the banks of the River Clydach.

To satisfy the application process can you confirm that our works will not pose a risk to others?

1. **Location.** We will be doing boreholes along the banks of the river Clydach near Neath Abbey. Attachment "A465 River Clydach GI.pdf"
2. **Timing/Duration.** The works are expected to begin in April of 2025 and would be completed in 2, day shifts. Works will not be done at night.
3. **Work Activities.** A small rig will be used for boreholes, Dando Terrier tracked drilling rig for dynamic sampling purposes (also known as window or windowless sampling). This method of forming a borehole utilises a drop weight to percussively drive sampling tubes of decreasing diameters (typically between 116mm and 66mm) into superficial and weathered deposits. Scaffolding is not required. The work will take place on land, on the riverbank. No vessels will be used.
 - a. **Picture of proposed rig #**



4. **Impacts on Navigation.** There are no impacts on the safety of navigation.
 a. **Phot of Clydach river beneath A465**



5. **Harbour Authority.** No harbour or marina in vicinity.

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