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To whom it may concern,

Re: Marine License Application: River Clydach, NGR SS737971.

Thank you for consulting us on this application. We have reviewed the area against the information in the regional Historic Environment Record (HER), aerial photographs and LiDAR coverage which shows as follows:

The HER shows that there are **5 core records** within the immediate area of the location plan. The proposed works are within an area of industrial Post-medieval activity, and some Medieval activity. The Cheadle Works Bridge noted below is a Grade II Listed Building (Cadw ref. 82340). The dock, as well as other marine features at this site, were constructed and owned by the Neath Abbey Iron, Engineering and Foundry Co during the mid to late 19th century.

The individual sites are listed below:

PRN	Site Name	NGR
10447w	Cheadle Works Bridge	SS7382397198
08838w	Dry Dock, Cheadle Works, Neath Abbey	SS7371397148
08826w	Wharf, Cheadle Works, Neath Abbey	SS7363597116
02915w	Neath Abbey Shipbuilding Dock	SS73729715
02305.0w	Cheadle Works Branch Canal	SS7362797178

The application is for boreholes along the banks of the river Clydach near Neath Abbey. With our understanding of the historic environment, there is some potential that significant buried





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archaeological remains will be encountered, or features will be disturbed. However, much of the area has been altered throughout its history and has likely been disturbed with the construction of the modern road and bridge. Therefore, it is recommended that the works be undertaken with great care. Please note, operational works including heavy machinery should not be used across any surviving earthworks or structures.

The historic environment is not definite, and it is possible that unrecorded sites may be present or encountered during the works. Therefore, we advise that the proposed works avoid damage to any historic environment features that may be extant in the area including structures, earthworks, boundaries, ditches, banks, or other landscape and historic woodland management features. Should any other remains be encountered in the process, please contact this division of the Trust and we would be pleased to offer further advice.

If you have any questions or require further advice on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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