



Marine Licensing Variation Decision

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Applicant: Ceredigion County Council

Variation application reference no: CML2133v1

Aberaeron, Ceredigion

Coastal defence works at Aberaeron, Ceredigion

01 May 2025

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OUR DECISION

Based on all the information available, and having regard to all relevant considerations NRW has decided to 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 person or organisation set out below: Organisation name: Ceredigion County Council Address: Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron, SA46 0PA
Variation Application reference number	CML2133v1
Existing Marine Licence reference number	CML2133
Date Variation Application was duly made	01 May 2025
Description of variation	Variation to extend the Marine Licence end date to 31 December 2025
Proposal[s] covered by the Variation Application	Coastal defence works at Aberaeron, Ceredigion which comprise of five elements. This includes, construction of a new breakwater extending out for the North Pier, refurbishment and rebuilding of the pier-head of South Pier, flood wall construction, construction of the flood gate and improvements to existing defences on South Beach. (the Project)
Licensable marine activities	Construction works at North Pier, South Pier, Quay Parade, River Aeron, Pwll Cam and South Beach. (the Proposed Activities)
Marine Plan area	Welsh inshore region and Welsh offshore region
Variation Application documents:	CML2133v1 Application Form – Submitted 03 April 2025

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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 01 May 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 CML2133, NRW PS did not consider it appropriate to reconsult on this occasion.

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4 Conclusions and Recommendations

4.1 Based on all the information available, NRW's decision is to grant the variation to the Existing Marine Licence sought by the Variation Application. CML2133v1 is a routine change to extend the expiry date of the licence by **6 months** and as such we refer to section 4 of the decision document for CML2133 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](#) by searching for CML2133.

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

AUTHORISATION

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The licence end date has been extended by **6 months** from **30 June 2025** to **31 December 2025**.

The contact details for Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers in section 5 have been updated from wfmccmpc@gov.wales to MarineLicencingEnforcement@gov.wales