

# Marine Licence with introductory note

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

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Licence Holder: **Cyngor Gwynedd**

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LL53 5AA

**Traeth Abermaw and Barmouth  
Promenade Ground Investigations**

Licence Number:

**RML2527**

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## **Introductory note**

### **This introductory note does not form a part of the marine licence**

The main features of the marine licence are as follows.

Ground Investigations at Traeth Abermaw and Barmouth Promenade to support the Barmouth North Promenade Flood Alleviation Scheme. The investigation includes 4 boreholes and 8 Cone penetration testing along the beach and 8 trial pits adjacent to existing sheet piles. Some groynes will be temporarily removed and subsequently replaced during the works to permit access to the testing areas.

The status log of the marine licence sets out the marine licence history, including any subsequent marine licence variation(s)

<b>Status log of this marine licence</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Application	12 May 2025	Application received and considered to be duly made
Date licence determined	08 July 2025	Determination date

### **Related marine licences or applications under determination**

*Not applicable*

End of introductory note.

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## **MARINE LICENCE, NUMBER RML2527**

### **1 LICENCE DETAILS**

#### **1.1 Marine Licence**

This is a licence granted by the Licensing Authority in respect of an application numbered **RML2527** and duly made on **12 May 2025** and authorises the Licence Holder to carry out activities for which a licence is required under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, (2009 Act). This licence should be interpreted in accordance with **Section 4**.

#### **1.2 Licence Holder**

The Licence Holder is the organisation set out below:

Organisation: Cyngor Gwynedd  
Address: Swyddfa'r Cyngor, Ffordd y Cob, Pwllheli,  
Gwynedd. LL53 5AA

#### **1.3 Licence Validity**

<b>Licence Start Date</b>	<b>08 July 2025</b>
<b>Licence End Date</b>	<b>01 October 2025</b>
<b>Licence Issue Date</b>	<b>08 July 2025</b>

#### **1.4 Conditions**

This licence is subject to the conditions set out in **Section 3**.

**Signed:**



**Dr. Emmer Litt – Marine Licensing Team Leader**

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

## 2 LICENSED ACTIVITIES

### 2.1 Project

#### **Traeth Abermaw and Barmouth Promenade Ground Investigations**

The following Licensed Activities can be conducted within the Licence Period, within the Licensed Area and in accordance with the Approved Application and the Approved Supporting Documents:

**Table 1 Licensed Activities**

<b>Activity 1 Boreholes</b>	
Type of Licensed Activity	Removal
Description	4 Boreholes (window sample or cable percussive)
Material types to be removed or deposited	Stone, rock, gravel, cobbles
Quantities/Dimensions	4 Boreholes to a depth not exceeding 6 meters below ground level and not exceeding 300mm diameter
<b>Activity 2 Cone penetration testing</b>	
Type of Licensed Activity	Removal
Description	8 Cone penetration testing boreholes, including the removal and reinstatement of ground material associated with the preparation of testing equipment
Material types to be removed or deposited	Stone, rock, gravel, cobbles
Quantities/Dimensions	8 Cone penetration testing boreholes, to approximately 15 meters below ground level and not exceeding 50mm diameter
<b>Activity 3 Trial Pits</b>	
Type of Licensed Activity	Removal
Description	8 Machine Dug trial pits
Material types to be removed or deposited	Stone, rock, gravel, cobbles
Quantities/Dimensions	8 trial pits to excavated to a depth of 4 meters below ground level, with a surface area not exceeding 8 meters by 8 meters

<b>Activity 4      Removal and reinstatement of groynes and groyne boards</b>	
Type of Licensed Activity	Removal and redeposit
Description	Removal and reinstatement of groynes and groyne boards required to access testing areas within the Licensed Area
Material types to be removed or deposited	Wood, metal
Quantities/Dimensions	Groynes and groyne boards at the upper end of the beach, to provide access for vehicles and testing equipment, in line with the method statement

## 2.2      Licensed Area

The Licence Holder is authorised to conduct the activities described in Table 1 in the vicinity of Barmouth beach bounded by the coordinates specified in Table 2 and as indicated in the plan attached at Appendix 1:

**Table 2              Coordinates**

<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
52.7371620	-4.0734141
52.7351290	-4.0713772
52.7347310	-4.0710028
52.7346280	-4.0712497
52.7339280	-4.0706389
52.7331760	-4.0699811
52.7324580	-4.0693546
52.7316960	-4.0686964
52.7309060	-4.0681406
52.7301060	-4.0676140
52.7292610	-4.0670705
52.7284420	-4.0666022
52.7277490	-4.0661251
52.7270410	-4.0654992
52.7261620	-4.0648505
52.7253980	-4.0643257
52.7245980	-4.0637844
52.7238180	-4.0631404
52.7236000	-4.0637965
52.7239130	-4.0649515
52.7271750	-4.0670754
52.7310120	-4.0692713
52.7369600	-4.0741452

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In the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates set out above and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

### 2.3 Approved Supporting Documents

<b>Title/Description of Document</b>	<b>Date Submitted</b>
RML2527 Appendix A GI Licensable Area Plan v2	08 May 2025
RML2527 Application form v2	08 May 2025
RML2527 Updated coordinates	15 May 2025
RML2527 Applicant and start date details	30 April 2025
RML2527 - Appendix I - NRW Correspondence	31 March 2025
RML2527 - Appendix E - Water Framework Directive Screening	31 March 2025
RML2527 - Appendix H - Risk Assessment and Method Statement	31 March 2025
RML2527 - Appendix F - Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening	31 March 2025
RML2527 - Appendix G - Welsh National Marine Plan Compliance Note	31 March 2025
RML2527 - Appendix C - Preliminary Ecological Appraisal	31 March 2025
RML2527 - Appendix D - Heritage Desk Based Assessment	31 March 2025
RML2527 - Appendix B - Intertidal Biotope Survey Report	31 March 2025

### **3 CONDITIONS**

#### **Notification and Inspection**

##### **3.1 Notification of Commencement**

- 3.1.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.3** The Licence Holder must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the Licensed Activities through local notices to mariners **10 days** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

##### **3.2 Notification of Vessels and/or Vehicles**

The Licence Holder must ensure that the details of the vessels and/or vehicles utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority and Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

##### **3.3 Notification of Agents/Contractors/Sub-contractors**

The Licence Holder must ensure that details of any agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of Licensed Activities.

##### **3.4 Notification of HM Coastguard**

The Licence Holder must ensure that HM Coastguard is made aware of the Licensed Activities at least **24 hours** prior to commencement by contacting The National Maritime Operations Centre at **zone30@hmcg.gov.uk**.

##### **3.5 Inspection of Licensed Activities**

The Licence Holder must allow Marine Enforcement Officers or any other person authorised by the Licensing Authority to inspect the Works at any reasonable time.

##### **3.6 Notification of Completion**

- 3.6.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.
- 3.6.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.



### **3.7 Accident or Emergency**

**3.7.1** If, by reason of force majeure any substances or articles are deposited otherwise than as permitted as part of the Licensed Activities or in the Licensed Area full details of the circumstances shall be notified to the Licensing Authority within **48 hours** of the incident occurring.

**3.7.2** If it is necessary for the Licence Holder to recover or remove any equipment, plant or machinery used to undertake the Licensed Activities that have been dropped as a result of an accident or emergency, the Licence Holder is permitted to do so provided that the methodology for such recovery or removal has been approved by the Licensing Authority.

### **3.8 Distribution of Copies of this Licence**

The Licence Holder is required to ensure that a copy of this Licence is given to:

- All agent(s), contractor(s) and sub-contractor(s) whose names have been provided to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.3 and
- The Masters of any vessels and transport managers responsible for the vehicles employed in accordance with this Licence whose details have been submitted to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.2.

### **3.9 Inspection of Documents**

Copies of this Licence shall be made available at the following locations:

- at the address of the Licence Holder specified in section 1.2;
- at any site office, located at or adjacent to the Licensed Area, used by the Licence Holder or its agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) responsible for the loading transportation or deposit of any substances or articles permitted as part of the Licensed Activities;
- on board each vessel or vehicle carrying out Licensed Activities.

The documents referred to in this Condition shall be available at all reasonable times for inspection by officers appropriately authorised by the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers at the locations stated in that paragraph.

### **Vessels, Plant and Equipment**

#### **3.10 Notified Contractors, Vessels and/or Vehicles only to Carry out Licensed Activities**

Only those agent(s), contractor(s), sub-contractor(s), vessels and/or vehicles whose details have been notified to the Licensing Authority may operate under the terms of this Licence. Any changes must be notified to and be approved by the Licensing Authority in writing prior to any such agent, contractor, subcontractors or vehicles carrying out any Licensed Activities pursuant to or otherwise operating under this Licence.

### **3.11 Refuelling of Plant and Equipment**

The Licence Holder must ensure that plant, vehicles and machinery are not refuelled on the foreshore or in the sea.

### **3.12 Equipment, Structures and Access**

The Licence Holder must ensure that all equipment, temporary structures, access tracks, waste and/or debris associated with the Licensed Activities are removed on completion of the Licensed activities.

## **Safety**

### **3.13 Removal of Deposited Material**

If the Licensing Authority considers it necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, the Licence Holder must remove any deposit specified by the Licensing Authority or Marine Enforcement Officers within one month of notice being given by the Licensing Authority, and shall not replace such material until the Licensing Authority has given its written approval.

## **Pollution control**

### **3.14 Pollution Prevention**

The Licence Holder must ensure that pollution prevention best practice is adhered to at all times. Any incidents must be reported to the Licensing Authority as soon as possible using the hotline number **0300 065 3000**.

### **3.15 Spillage of Pollutants**

The Licence Holder must employ bunding, storage facilities and spill kits to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils and chemicals associated with the plant, refuelling and construction equipment into the marine environment. Secondary containment must be used with a capacity of **no less than 110%** of the container's storage capacity

### **3.16 Prevention of Disposal of Man-made Debris**

The Licence Holder must ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent the disposal of man-made debris to the marine environment. Such material must be removed immediately and be disposed of appropriately. If it is not possible to prevent manmade debris from entering the marine environment during the Licensed Activities, the Licensed Activities must cease immediately.

### **3.17 Cleanliness of Equipment**

The Licence Holder must ensure that equipment, machinery and PPE are washed with freshwater and/or thoroughly airdried before deployment and before moving between locations.

## **Activity-specific Conditions**

### **3.18 Notification of UKHO**

The Licence Holder must ensure that notification is sent to The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) at least **10 days** prior to commencement of the works. The information supplied must include the start date and end date, a description of the works, positions of the work area (WGS84), and details of any marking arrangements.

### **3.19 Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI)**

**3.19.1** The Licence Holder must submit a WSI to the Licensing Authority for written approval at least **6 weeks** prior to commencement of the Licensed Activities. No Licensed Activities may be undertaken prior to written approval from the Licensing Authority.

**3.19.2** The Licence Holder must ensure that any actions outlined in the documents detailed in condition **3.19.1** are implemented as approved in writing by the Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the documents must be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.

## 4 INTERPRETATION

In this Licence terms are as defined in section 115 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act unless otherwise stated.

- (a) **"2009 Act"** means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;
- (b) **"Approved Application"** means the Marine Licence Application Form together with the Approved Supporting Documents;
- (c) **"Approved Supporting Documents"** means the documents supporting, or supplementary to, the Approved Application, submitted prior to the Licence Issue Date, listed in the Table at paragraph 2.3 above;
- (d) **"Commencement"** means the first undertaking of any Licensed Activities;
- (e) **"Force majeure"** may be deemed to apply when, due to stress of weather or any other cause, the master of a vessel determines that it is necessary to deposit the substances or articles because the safety of human life and/or of the vessel is threatened;
- (f) **"Licensed Activities"** means the activities authorised by this licence as specified in 2.1;
- (g) **"Licensed Area"** means the area within which Licensed Activities are authorised by this licence as specified in section 2.2;
- (h) **"Licence Holder"** means the person(s) or organisation(s) named in section 1.2 to whom this licence is granted;
- (i) **"Licence Period"** means the period beginning with the Licence Start Date and ending on the Licence End Date;
- (j) **"Licensing Authority"** means Natural Resources Wales acting on behalf of the Welsh Ministers;
- (k) **"Marine Enforcement Officers"** means the relevant officers appointed by Welsh Ministers under section 235 of the 2009 Act, contact details for whom are provided in section 5;
- (l) **"Marine Licence Application Form"** means the application form forming part of the application referred to in paragraph 1.1;
- (m) **"Method Statement"** means the Method Statement(s) forming part of the Approved Application or Approved Supporting Documents;

- (n) **“Works”** means any construction activities comprised in the Licensed Activities and, where the context permits, includes any plant, equipment or materials used to carry out those activities or operations but excludes monitoring, minor routine maintenance or other ongoing operational activities following completion of any construction activities;
- (o) all times shall be taken to be the time in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on any given day;
- (p) all co-ordinates shall be taken to be latitude and longitude decimal degree (WGS 84)
- (q) in the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates listed in paragraph 2.2 and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

## **5 CONTACTS**

**Except where otherwise indicated, the primary point of contact with the Licensing Authority and the address for returns, correspondence and requests for variations of the licence is:**

Marine Licensing Team  
Natural Resources Wales  
Welsh Government Offices  
Cathays Park  
King Edward VII Avenue  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ  
Tel: 0300 065 3000  
Email: [marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk)

**Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers may be contacted at:**

Welsh Government  
Suite 3  
Cedar Court  
Haven's Head Business Park  
Milford Haven Pembrokeshire  
SA73 3LS  
  
Tel: 03000253500  
Email: [MarineLicencingEnforcement@gov.wales](mailto:MarineLicencingEnforcement@gov.wales)

## Appendix 1

### *RML2527 Traeth Abermaw and Barmouth Promenade Ground Investigations*

