

APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE FOR MARINE WORKS

Marine Works include, but are not limited to, coast defences, beneficial uses of dredged materials, subsea cables, pontoons, jetties, land reclamation, grab samples and outfall pipes under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

Please read the notes carefully before completing the form.

- The Marine Licensing Team (MLT) administers Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 on behalf of the Licensing Authority, the Welsh Ministers.
- The completed application form must be accompanied by a location plan and, where appropriate, descriptive drawing(s) and any supporting environmental assessments.
- Please submit applications to the **Permit Receipt Centre** via the details at the top of this form. For applications larger than 20MB, we would advise that you contact us to determine the most appropriate method for submitting your application.
- Please submit marine licence applications, including this form and all supporting documents, **at least 4 months before the licence is required**.

Some projects may raise matters that require a significantly longer time for consideration. These are most likely to be:

- Projects that fall **within** The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 – as amended requiring an Environmental Statement
 - Large scale projects with substantial volumes of material being deposited or excavated
 - Works requiring an Appropriate Assessment to be conducted under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.
- Information should be provided about the anticipated **duration of the entire project** in respect of works below/seaward of Mean High Water Spring (MHWS). Where appropriate, planned phasing of the work for which consent is sought must be detailed. For projects lasting more than one calendar year, planned phasing details must be given for each 12 month period.

A licence fee is payable in respect of an application. Details of fees can be found on our web pages.

Please note applications will not be processed without the correct relevant fee or invoicing details.

- Payments can be made via Cheque, BACS or credit/debit card.
 - Cheques should be crossed and made payable to **Natural Resources Wales**.
 - For BACS payments ensure you provide the reference number (not remittance number)

Further information on payment methods can be found on our web pages.

- **All activities need to comply with the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The framework and guidance can be found on the Natural Resources Wales website,**

<http://naturalresources.wales>. The results of your WFD assessment must be attached to your marine licence application.

- Please answer all questions. If any information is not available at the time of application please indicate in the relevant section, giving reasoning in a covering letter. Outstanding details must be submitted as soon as possible. Any delay in forwarding details is likely to result in delays in determining your application.

Your application may not be considered complete and therefore not processed until key information has been submitted. Your application may be returned if you fail to submit outstanding information within given timescales.

- Please note any licence may have conditions that must be discharged before works can commence. This will take additional time.
- If you have any queries with regards to completing this application please contact the MLT: marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

How your application will be processed by the MLT:

- Submit all application to the **Permit Receipt Centre** via the details at the top of this form.
- Checked and acknowledged by the MLT within 21 days of receipt of application and payment
- If the application is complete and no further information is needed at this time, your application will be placed in a work queue to be assigned a permitting officer
- If the application is not complete, further information will be request and need to be provided before the application can be considered as complete
- Our **4 months** service level for determining non-EIA applications will begin from the date the **completed** application is received (*Please note some projects may take significantly longer than 4 months to determine due to their nature*)
- EIA projects may take significantly longer due to their scale and complexity. Therefore we encourage early engagement with the MLT
- Your application and supporting documents will be sent to for an initial consultation period of 28 days (*42 days for EIA projects*)
- For the majority of projects, a public notice must be advertised. Public consultation will be 28 days (*49 days for EIA projects*). For EIA projects a second public notice will be required. The MLT will advise on how this should be done.
- Responses to consultation will be considered and additional information requested at this time, if necessary.
- A decision on your Marine Licence Application will be made

All information submitted may be referred to within a licence, therefore all works must be in accordance with this information, unless otherwise agreed with NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority during the determination process.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other consents/authorisations that may be required.

Application Form Structure

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Check List

Please ensure that you have included all the necessary information before you submit your application. **If any of the below are not completed in the application form, the application is likely to be considered incomplete and may be returned to you**

Item	Yes (✓)
The applicant is a legal entity?	
The declaration is signed by the applicant?	
Is the application fee correct?	
Are the grid references/coordinates correct?	
Do the coordinates match map locations?	
Have all the relevant supporting documents been submitted?	
Has a clear methodology been provided in the application form?	
Has Protected sites information been included?	
Has a Water Framework Directive (WFD) assessment been submitted?	
Are all the continuation sheets for application questions appended with correct corresponding numbers?	

Should you have any queries regarding your application please contact the MLT via marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

1. Project Description and Cost

1 (a). Project Name

Stena Salt Island Bridge Replacement Works

1(b). Please provide a brief description of the proposed project, including location

Replacement of the existing northern section of the Salt Island Bridge at Holyhead Port with a modern prefabricated bridge on a like for like basis. The existing section of bridge must be demolished prior to the construction of new. The installation of bridge and all major works will be carried out from the dry. Piling works will be carried out from the dry to reinforce the abutments. Debris that has accumulated and embedded in the bed under the bridge will also be cleared as part of the scheme.

This project is an element of work that is already approved as part of the Holyhead Port Expansion Marine Licence (CML1931), but is seeking to be undertaken under a separate individual licence due to the urgency of the work.

An outline method statement is included as part of this application.

1(c). Please provide an estimated gross cost of the project (Inc. materials and labour) for works that fall below/seaward of Mean High Water Springs (MHWS)

Approx. £700,000

2. Applicant Details

To whom the licence will be issued. *This must be a legal entity such as an individual, registered company/ charity or public body.*

Title	Mr	Full Name	Nick Morley
Company or Trading Name	Stena Line Port Limited		
Company Registration Number (if applicable)	01593558		
Name of Contact or individual (if different)			
Position in Company	Project Manager		
Address inc. postcode (provide registered Company address if applicable)	78 Buckingham Gate, Buckingham Court, London England SW1E 6PE		

Telephone Number

Email Address

3. Details of Agent, Contractor, Vehicles and/or Vessels used to carry out works

3(a). Agent Details

This is who we will correspond with unless otherwise informed. If no agent we will contact the applicant.

Title Full Name

Company or Trading Name

Company Registration Number (if applicable)

Name of Contact or individual (if different)

Position in Company

Address (Inc. postcode)

Telephone Number

Email Address

3(b). Does the Applicant wish to be included in all correspondence? Yes ☐ No ☒

3(c). Contractor Details

In order for contractors to benefit from the licence permission, details must be provided.
Any details not provided with application must be confirmed before operations commence.

Contractor Company or Trading Name	Address
Jennings Building and Civil Engineering Ltd	Plas Eirias Business Centre, Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL29 8BF.

3(d). Will the works require the use of vessels?

Yes ☐

No



3(d) (i). Vessel Details (if applicable and available)

In order for contractors to benefit from the licence permission, details must be provided.

Any details not provided with application must be confirmed before operations commence.

Operator	Name of Vessel	Type of Vessel	Vessel Registration Number	Country of Registration

3(e). Will the works require the use of vehicle?

Yes ☒

No



3(e) (i). Vehicle Details (if applicable and available) to be used below MHWS

In order for contractors to benefit from the licence permission, details must be provided.

Any details not provided with application must be confirmed before operations commence.

Operator	Type/Description of Vehicle
TBC	

3(f). If the contractor or vessels or vehicles are not known at the application stage, when do you expect to provide these details?

These details will need to be confirmed prior to the licence and operations commencement

Details have not yet been confirmed but will be updated prior to the commencement of works.

Certain projects, due to their scale, location and/or nature, may require an EIA under the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended). If a

project qualifies under EIA, an Environmental Statement (ES) must be prepared and submitted with the application.

Projects that fall within Annex I of the Directive automatically require an EIA. Projects that fall within Annex II of the Directive are assessed on a case-by-case basis for the requirement for an EIA to be undertaken.

4(a). Do you consider the works to be under the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended)? Yes ☐ No ☒

4(a) (i) If Yes, which Annex does the proposal fall under? Annex I ☐ Annex II ☐

4(a) (ii) Which number(s) within the Annex does the proposal relate to?

4(b). Have you applied for a screening or scoping opinion from the MLT under the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended)? Yes ☐ No ☒

4(b) (i). If Yes, please provide the reference number

4(c). Has an Environmental Impact Assessment been undertaken? Yes ☐ No ☒

4(c)(i). If Yes, has an Environmental Statement been submitted to support this Marine Licence application? Yes ☐ No ☒

As explained in 1(b) this project is an element supporting the wider scheme at Holyhead Port, which has already been approved as part of Marine Licence CML1931. Although individually this project does not reach the above Environmental threshold, the impacts of this project has already been assessed in the wider scheme context with all environmental assessments, including ES available as supporting documents of the approved CML1931 Marine Licence.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

5. Licensable Period

Determination of applications will be based on the works taking place during these dates. Please ensure you have included an adequate contingency period. If works are not completed by the Requested Licence Expiry Date you may be required to submit a new application. *Including a contingency period within your original application does not impact on Licence Fee*

Start Date 01/02/2026

Requested Licence Expiry Date 01/02/2027

*Please ensure you submit your application for a Marine Licence **at least 4 months** prior to the intended start date. Some projects, such as EIA projects, will take significantly longer to determine.*

6. Project Description

6(a). Please give a description of the proposed project.

This should include the purpose of the project, estimated timescales of construction and operation, and broken down by the phases of works, if applicable.

Details should include, but not be limited to, dimensions of project, quantity of material being deposited and removed.

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing northern (or as referenced in some documents western) section of the Salt Island Bridge at Holyhead Port with a modern prefabricated bridge on a like for like basis. The existing section of bridge must be demolished prior to the construction of new. The installation of bridge and all major works will be carried out from the dry. Debris that has accumulated and embedded in the bed under the bridge will also be cleared as part of the scheme. Piling works will also be carried out from the dry to reinforce the abutments.

The structure measures an overall length of 25.5m with a width of 12m.

At present, the full usage of the bridge has been ceased due to poor condition of the northern section of the bridge. A recent Principal Bridge Inspection (PBI) identified high levels of corrosion on the metal work, damage to the concrete and poor standard construction work to the structure. Traffic have been diverted through alternative routes, thus making daily port activities and movement less efficient and very restricted.

It is expected that the duration of work will be: 6 months. Programme is not yet finalised therefore requesting a one year licence period.

An outline method statement for the work has been included as a supporting document to this application.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

6(b). Please detail the location of the proposed construction project.

These should be Latitude and Longitude coordinates (WGS84) in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places (e.g. Lat 52.12345 Long -4.12345), defining the extent of the project.

A polygon of the working area is included as a supporting document to this application:

- Point 1: Lat 53.31451 Long -4.62753
- Point 2: Lat 53.31444 Long -4.62747
- Point 3: Lat 53.31439 Long -4.62729
- Point 4: Lat 53.31444 Long -4.62729
- Point 5: Lat 53.31449 Long -4.62734
- Point 6: Lat 53.31455 Long -4.62740

6(c). The following must be provided with the completed application form:

- (i) a suitably scaled extract of an Ordnance Survey Map or Admiralty Chart with location of project, complete with **North Arrow** and **Scale**
- (ii) construction plans and sectional drawings showing those proposed works below/seaward of MHWS, which should give details of the materials to be used

(for beach replenishment the quantity, particle size and source of material to be deposited and deposit location is also required).

- (iii) a descriptive schematic drawing and suitably scaled location plan which show the full extent of the project clearly in relation to the surrounding area and features.

Please list below **all supporting documents** that have been submitted with this application, including suitable documents/maps/drawing titles and reference numbers

15008_Salt Island_Location plan (PDF)
15008_Licencable Area Polygon (PNG)
15008_Salt Island_Outline Method Statement (site specific drawings included in MS) (PDF)
15008_Stena WNMP_V0.01 (Excel)
15008_Salt Island Bridge_WFD (PDF)
15008_Salt Island Bridge_PEA (PDF)
15008_Salt Island Bridge_HRA (PDF)

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

The applicant should note that these drawings/plans may be copied to others as part of the MLT's consultation procedures. If they are subject to copyright, it is the **responsibility of the applicant to obtain the necessary approvals to reproduce the documents.**

7. Methods Statement

7(a). Please provide a detailed method statement for the works

This must include methods for all works including temporary structures or deposits such as jetties, cofferdams, moorings or landing stages to be constructed seaward of MHWS

Please find method statement as supporting document reference: 15008_Salt Island_Outline Method Statement.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

7(b). Do you intend to undertake activities that could generate underwater noise?

This include piling, use of explosives, geophysical, acoustic deterrent devices and multibeam echosounders.

Yes ☐ No ☒

7(b) (i). If Yes, what type(s) of activities will be undertaken?

The piling element in support of the scheme, although carried out from dry land could generate underwater noise. Details on piling and mitigation will be available in the method statement and CEMP.

Underwater noise modelling from the greater approved scheme has been carried out and is available as part of Marine Licence CML1931. The ES for the wider project concluded that with the implementation of best practice measures that noise and vibration impacts would be reduced to negligible.

7(b) (ii). If Yes, approximately how many days will the activity be undertaken for?

12 days

If Yes, you will be required to complete an additional form that will be provided.

7(c). Please state the measures to be taken to:

(i) Minimise risk to the marine environment

Please find supporting Habitats Regulations Assessments (HRA), Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) and Water Framework Directive (WFD) for details on minimising the risk to the marine and wider environment.

(ii) Prevent undue interference to others

The location of the site is already considered highly busy therefore it is considered that in comparison, the impact of this proposal is negligible. The construction of the new Salt Island Bridge will reduce pressure on the port and surrounding area as all traffic lanes to the terminals can be reinstated following completion.

(iii) Maintain navigational safety, including marking and lighting of works

Please refer to method statement. Stena Line Ports Ltd, as the owner of Holyhead Port have a duty to maintain navigational safety, marking and lighting of works as the Statutory and Competent Harbour Authority. Notice to Mariners will be issued prior to commencement of works.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

8. Materials of Project

8(a). Description of materials to be deposited seaward of MHWS (Please tick all that apply)

Timber	☐	Iron/Steel	☒	Concrete	☒	Biocides/other chemicals	☐
Silt	☐	Stone/Rock	☒	Gravel	☐	Plastic/Synthetics	☐
Sand	☐	Other	☐				

If other, please provide a description of materials.

8(b). Delivery method of materials to site

If sea delivery, please include details of vessels to be used with a chart of proposed route and transshipment area. If vehicle delivery, please provide the proposed access route.

N/A

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

8(c). Will the works involve removals seaward of MHWS? Yes ☒ No ☐

8(c) (i). Description of materials to be removed seaward of MHWS (Please tick all that apply)

Timber	☐	Iron/Steel	☐	Concrete	☒	Biocides/other chemicals	☐
Silt	☐	Stone/Rock	☐	Gravel	☒	Plastic/Synthetics	☐
Sand	☐	Other	☒				

8(c) (ii). Description of objects/materials to be removed seaward of MHWS

Including quantities to be removed.

There is an accumulation of debris under the existing bridge. As part of the project there is a proposal to clear this build up. It is anticipated to be minimal and exact quantities will be confirmed prior to commencement of works.

9. Beach Replenishment, Land Reclamation or Salt Marsh Feeding

For works involving any of the above, please provide the following information

9(a). Is the material to be deposited like for like to existing material? Yes ☐ No ☒

9(a)(i) If No for Beach Replenishment please provide justification why?

9(b). Description of material to be deposited

Please provide the grading specification of materials to be used, if using a range of grain sizes please state the percentage by weight passing. *If unsure, please refer to the Wentworth Scale*

N/A

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

9(c). Source of the material to be deposited

Including dredged or land based stating the origin of material

Not applicable.

9(d). Has the material been chemically analysed?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If material has been analysed, we may request this information to determine the application

9(d) (i) If Yes, is the analysis data been included with the application? Yes ☐ No ☐

10. Temporary Works

10(a). Will there be any temporary deposits below MHWS?

Yes ☒ No ☐

This includes construction materials, removed objects/material, jetties or cofferdams

If **Yes**, please continue with section **10**

10(b). Please provide the location of temporary deposits

Please include a map/chart displaying the location of temporary deposits, if necessary.

Please refer to 8(c)(ii) and method statement. Any temporary deposits occurring during demolition will be directly under the bridge and would be removed before the next incoming tide. Any works under the bridge structure will be undertaken at low water in dry conditions, allowing materials to be removed.

10(c). Description of temporary deposits

Full details of any temporary deposits will be available in the full construction method statement.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

11. Dredge and Disposal of Dredge Material

If you are undertaking Dredge and Disposal activities please also complete the Dredge and Disposal application form and submit together.

- 11(a). Do you intend to apply for a marine licence to dispose of dredged material to sea as part of the works in this application? Yes ☐ No ☒

12. Protected Sites

Licensing Authorities have a duty to ensure that projects will **not have significant adverse environmental impact**, particularly on any designated **European Site of Conservation Importance - Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA)**, listed under the Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/42/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora). In addition, it is Government Policy that Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar sites) are also considered as European Sites. There is a duty to take reasonable steps to further the conservation and enhancement of nationally designated sites (Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).

- 12(a). Have you had pre-application correspondence with NRW, its legacy bodies or Natural England? Yes ☒ No ☐

- 12(a)(i). If Yes, please provide copies of correspondence with application and state which team(s) you have contacted?

As stated in previous sections of the application form, this proposal is part of a pre-approved wider scheme at the Holyhead Port. All previous correspondences are in relation to CML1931.

- 12(b). Are any part of the works located *within or likely to affect* a designated conservation site? (SAC, SPA, SSSI or Ramsar) Yes ☒ No ☐

- 12(b)(i). If Yes, which designated site(s) may be affected?

Anglesey Terns / Morwenoliaid Ynys Môn SPA
North Anglesey Marine / Gogledd Môn Forol SAC
Glannau Ynys Gybi / Holy Island Coast SAC
Glannau Ynys Gybi / Holy Island Coast SPA.
All of the above sites have been assessed in a HRA screening report presented as a supporting document to this application.

- 12(c). Please provide a description of all mitigation measures proposed to avoid any impact on designated conservation sites.

With the application of appropriate mitigation measures it has been concluded that risk of the proposal is reduced to no residual effects on above sites or any of their features. Mitigation measures are available in Table 15 of the supporting HRA.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

12(d). If the works are not located *within* or *likely to affect* a designated conservation site, please indicated the approximate distance to the nearest designated conservation site.

Not applicable.

Please note that if the proposed works are in or within 2km of a European Site of Conservation Importance you will have to provide suitable mitigation measure to avoid any impact on designated conservation sites.

13. Other Consents

Please detail all consents that you have applied for or received for these works

Type of Consent	Applied for	To be applied for	Reference Number	Date of Issue and Expiry
Planning Permission under Town and County Planning Act 1990 – From Local Planning Authority (LPA)				
Name and Address of LPA for location of works				
Land Owners Consent such as The Crown Estate Consent				
Port Authority or Local Harbour permissions				
Other NRW consents <i>such as Flood Defence or SSSI assent</i>				
Details of NRW consent				
Other consents <i>such as Transport and Works Act Order, Section 36 Electricity Act, grant/loan sanction</i>				
Details of other consents				

14. Statutory Powers

14(a). Does the applicant have statutory powers to consent any aspect of the project?
E.g. coast protection authority, dredging powers, statutory undertakers Yes ☒ No ☐

14(a)(i). If Yes, please give details and state the relevant legislation that gives these powers

Stena Line Ports is the Statutory and Competent Harbour Authority for Holyhead Port. The following legislation is applicable to Stena Line Ports Ltd:

- The British Transport Commission Act 1848, Section 4 'Holyhead Harbour'
- Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847
- Pilotage Act 1987
- Merchant Shipping Act 1995
- International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972

15. Public Register

Under The Marine Licensing (Register of Licensing Information)(Wales) Regulations 2011 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended) , all information contained within or provided in support of this application will be placed on the Public Register unless NRW approve of the applicant's reasons for withholding all or part.

15. Is there any information contained within or provided in support of this application that you consider should NOT be included on the Public Register on the grounds that its disclosure:

15(a). Would be contrary to the interest of National Security? Yes ☐ No ☒

15(b). Would prejudice to an unreasonable degree you, or some other person's commercial interest of those of a third party? Yes ☐ No ☒

If **Yes** to either (a) or (b), please provide full justification as to why all or part of the information you have provided should be withheld

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

16. Application Fee

16(a). What are the corresponding fee band for this application? Band 2 ☒ Band 3 ☐

16(b) Band 2 Only

Projects are charged at a fixed fee of £1920. The application will not be processed until the correct fee has been provided.

Please provide the method of payment

Method	Yes (✓)	Reference Number
Cheque		
BACS (not remittance no.)	✓	
World Pay (phone)		

16(c) Band 3 Application only

Band 3 applications are charged at on hourly rate of £120 and are invoiced in arrears. Please complete the details below which will be required for invoicing.

Customer Name	
FAO	
Purchase order number	
Address for invoice	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	

17. Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this application form and supporting documentation is true.

WARNING: It is an offence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, under which this application is made, to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information and can invalidate any licence granted.

Signature ND Morley Date 18/09/2025

Name (in capitals) NICK MORLEY

Position in Company Project Manager

*Applications cannot be processed unless signed by the **Applicant** (not agent), the applicant must have appropriate level of authority within the company.*

Applications will not be processed unless signed