

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your email for the proposed renewal of a Marine Licence Band 1 for Bangor University, School of Ocean Science.

We note that the works are sediment sample gathering to take place between September and December 2025 for up to 20 days during which 10 samples will be taken per visit. The actual locations of sampling will be decided based on conditions on the day, and the location area as described includes approaches to harbours, being Colwyn Bay and Liverpool, and also includes a TSS and a busy area of vessel traffic. We understand that this is an annual renewal and the activities will be that same as the previous marine licence with no other proposed changes.

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, including Colwyn Bay and Liverpool Harbour 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. Zone31@hmcg.gov.uk and zone32@hmcg.gov.uk must be notified prior to commencement of activities.
4. A notification must be sent to The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) of commencement of the licensed activities, at least 10 days before 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.
5. A risk assessment for operating in the TSS should be undertaken before the works commence, with a process in place for identifying high levels of traffic to avoid;
6. Carry out the surveys in parallel to and in the general direction of traffic flow in the lane.
7. Notify the UKHO (Navwarnings@ukho.gov.uk) for consideration any required navigational warnings;
8. Consider the width of the lanes and whether there is sufficient available sea room for vessels to pass when your vessel is stationary to collect samples etc.
9. Survey vessel to inform any relevant VTS/MRS/MRCC if waiting for any reason.
10. Consider a minimum working limit of horizontal visibility within the traffic lane i.e not less than one (1) nautical mile.

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

Kind regards,

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