

Record of a Habitats Regulations Assessment of a project or spatially-specific plan

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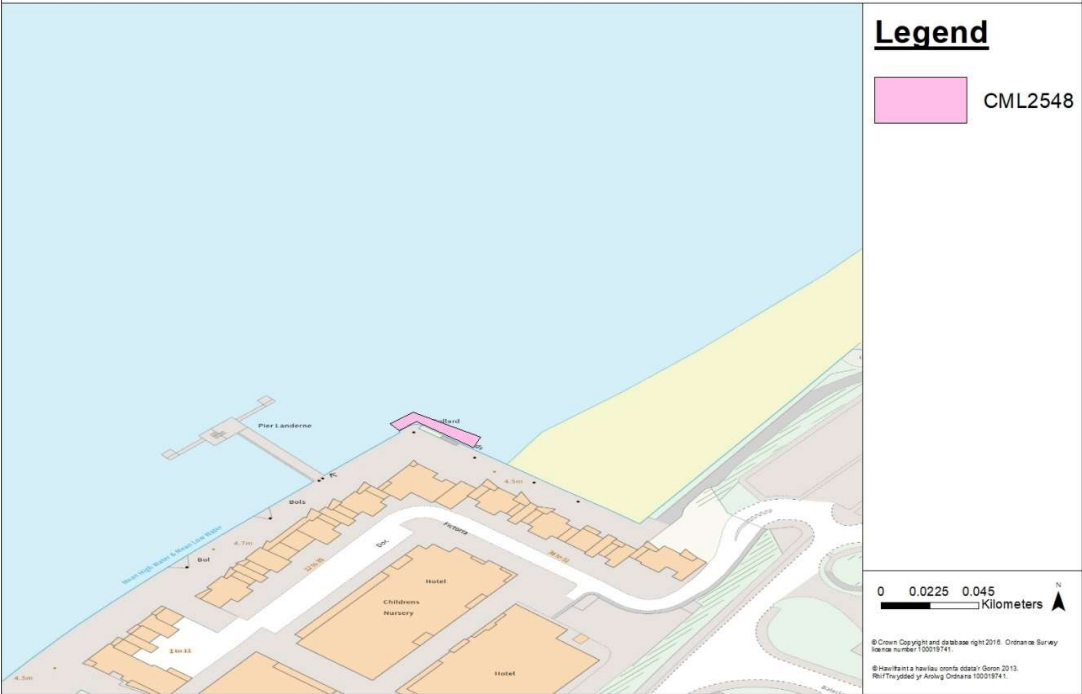
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Record of a Habitats Regulations Assessment

Plan or project name, brief description or application reference number	CML2548 - Victoria Dock, Caernarfon Wall Void Investigation & Repairs
HRA iteration/version	Version 1.0

1. Plan or Project Details

Information about the plan or project		
1	Date application received	24 September 2025
2	Applicant details	Beresford Adams Commercial Limited, First Floor, The Foundation Herons Way, Chester Business Park, Chester, CH4 9GB
3	NRW team responsible for carrying out, or requiring to be carried out, the plan or project, and name of lead officer	N/A
4	Activity/ies proposed	Investigations & mortar repointing repairs to voids in the wall at Victoria Dock, Caernarfon
5	Relevant legislation or statutory basis	Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

6	Location	Victoria Dock, Caernarfon Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru Natural Resources Wales CML2548 Victoria Dock, Caernarfon Wall Void Investigation & Mortar Repairs 
7	Plan or project documents, including any application documents	• CML2548 Application Form • CML2548 - BA Commercial - Victoria Dock Mortar Repairs • CML2548 - 16663 Doc Fictoria_Site Plans • CML2548 - 16663 Doc Fictoria_Vessel Delivery • CML2548 SHA Correspondence • CML2548 - Navigation Safety Email 15.08.25 • CML2548 - Trinity House Email 15.08.25

8	Environmental Statement	N/A
9	Pre-application correspondence	Q25072
10	NRW team responsible for preparing this HRA report, and lead officer	Dylan Morgan - Marine Licensing Officer - Marine Licensing Team
11	Team or person responsible for approving the plan or project (competent authority role)	As row 10

2. Determining the need for a Habitats Regulations Assessment

2.1 Is there any possibility that the plan or project could negatively affect any European sites?	YES
2.2 Is the whole of the plan or project directly and only connected with or necessary to the management of one or more European sites, for the purposes of conserving the habitats or species for which the European site(s) is/are designated?	NO
2.3 Is there a possibility that the plan or project could affect any other feature of the European site(s) concerned, or of another European site, in a way that would undermine that feature's conservation objectives?	

3. Considering the likelihood of a significant effect (LSE)

3.1 Renewal of a project authorisation on the same or more restrictive terms as an extant authorisation

Is this a renewal of an extant authorisation which complies with NRW approved criteria for ruling out significant effects of renewals (see Part 2 of OGN200) without conducting a project-specific LSE test?	NO
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3.2 Likelihood of significant effects (LSE) test

3.2.1 Which European sites might be affected by the plan or project?

(a)	Based on the plan or project specification, or information provided in the application, it is considered that these European sites have features which could be negatively affected by the plan or project	Y Fenai a Bae Conwy/Menai Strait and Conwy Bay SAC [UK0030202]
(b)	The potential for the plan or project to negatively affect these European sites was also initially considered, but can be ruled out without further consideration	• Glannau Mon: Cors heli / Anglesey Coast: Saltmarsh SAC • Y Twyni o Abermenai i Aberffraw / Abermenai to Aberffraw Dunes SAC Very minimal impact pathway(s). Small scale and minimally impactful works are located approximately at least 3km away from these European sites.

3.2.2 Screening for likelihood of significant effect

Table 3.2.2 Screening assessment			
Designated site feature	Relevant conservation objectives	Screening conclusion – ‘SCREEN OUT’, ‘SCREEN IN’ or ‘IN COMB’	Explanation
Y Fenai a Bae Conwy/Menai Strait and Conwy Bay SAC			
Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide Reefs Sandbanks which are slightly covered by seawater all the time	conservation-advice-for-menai-conwy-sac.pdf	IN COMB	The location of works is located in close proximity of Reefs features, however the impact pathway will be minimal as access is via small survey boat. A diver (no diving) will be positioned on the courses of stones arising from the seabed at the base of the dock wall only. Grout is to be mixed from the dock-side and transported to the fill area via tremie/chute. The final 50-100mm of mortar fill will be completed by hand to minimise contamination to surrounding areas. As such there will be no LSE and impact pathway(s) will be minimal. The nearest mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide and sandbanks which are slightly covered by seawater all the time features are located approximately at least 290m from the location of works. Due to the small scale and minimally impactful nature of the CML2548 works, the works do not present an LSE when considered on their own.

Large shallow inlets and bays Submerged or partially submerged sea caves	conservation-advice-for-menai-conwy-sac.pdf	SCREEN OUT	NO IMPACT PATHWAY PREDICTED These features are not located in close proximity to the location of works, due to the small scale and nature of the works and therefore, is no impact pathway.
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TABLE 3.2.3 Screening decision of the plan or project 'alone'	
(a) If the screening conclusion for <u>all</u> features for <u>all</u> sites in Table 3.2.2 is 'SCREEN OUT'	The plan or project is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site, and no further consideration under the Habitats Regulations is required in order to determine the approval/application.
(b) If the conclusion for <u>any</u> features in Table 3.2.2 is 'SCREEN IN'	The plan or project is likely to have a significant effect on one or more European sites and therefore an appropriate assessment is required.
(c) If there are <u>no</u> features in Table 3.2.2 that are 'SCREEN IN' and <u>any</u> features that are 'IN COMB'	The plan or project is not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites when considered alone, but the possibility of significant effects in combination with other plans and projects needs to be considered.

5. In combination assessment

Table 5.1 Identification and assessment of in combination effects				
European site name: Y Fenai a Bae Conwy/Menai Strait and Conwy Bay SAC				
'INCOMB' impacts from screening Table 3.2.2 and/or residual effect from appropriate assessment in section 4	European site feature(s) concerned	Other plans or projects with effects that might interact with the effects of the plan or project to render its effects significant/adverse (if any)	Nature of the in combination effect (if any) and assessment in view of conservation objectives	Can significant or adverse in combination effects be ruled out for all features?
Loss of habitat Disturbance INNS Contaminants	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide Reefs Sandbanks which are slightly covered by seawater all the time	CML2441 – Living sea walls installation, Menai Strait CML2558 - Caernarfon Harbour Pontoons	Given the small scale and short timeframe of the mortar repair works, it is very unlikely for there to be an in-combination effect to these features. As such, the works are not likely to have a significant effect on, or will not adversely affect the integrity of, Y Fenai a Bae Conwy/Menai Strait and Conwy Bay SAC . Whilst in close proximity to Reefs features, interaction with the features will be little to none. The working area (base of dock wall) is to be kept tidy and the grout is to be poured and mixed in small quantities to avoid spills, a spill kit will also be available on site.	YES
(a) If the right hand column is 'YES' for all rows		The plan or project, when considered in combination with other plans and projects, is either not likely to have a significant effect on, or will not adversely affect the integrity of, any European site.		
(b) If any rows in the right hand column are 'NO'		The plan or project is likely to have a significant effect on, or an adverse effect on, European site/s in combination with other plans or projects.		

6. Conclusion

HRA is not required because there is no conceivable impact on any European sites. (As documented in section 2.1)	
HRA is not required because the whole of the plan or project is directly connected with or necessary to the management of one or more European sites, for the purposes of conserving the habitats or species for which the site(s) is/are designated, <u>and</u> the plan or project is not likely to have a significant effect on any other European sites. (As documented in section 2.2 and 2.3)	
This project is a renewal of a current permission which complies with NRW agreed criteria for ruling out likely significant effects of a renewal without conducting a project-specific LSE test. Therefore, it is considered not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites, either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects. (As documented in section 3.1 of this form)	
The plan or project has been screened for likelihood of significant effects and is considered not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites. (As documented in section 3.2 of this form, and section 5 if applicable)	X
In light of the conclusions of an appropriate assessment it has been established that the plan or project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites, taking into account any conditions or restrictions as applicable, either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects. (As documented in section 4 of this form, and section 5 if applicable)	
In light of the conclusions of the appropriate assessment, it has <u>not</u> been ascertained that the plan or project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites, as documented in section 4 of this form, and section 5 if applicable. Approval for the plan or project <u>cannot</u> be given unless either: - the plan or project specification, and/or the terms under which it might be approved, are modified so as to remove the risk of adverse effects, and a revised HRA is prepared, or - the plan or project (not being an SSSI consent*) satisfies the requirements for a derogation and a Derogation Notice is prepared and submitted for consideration by the appropriate authority, normally Welsh Ministers (*SSSI consents cannot be given as derogations)	
Signed:  Name: Dylan Morgan Position: Marine Licensing Officer Date: 03/10/2025	
Was this HRA conclusion an escalated decision? YES or NO	NO

7. Consultation with the ANCB and how sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this HRA report (as applicable) take into account that advice.

Relevant section of the HRA report	Correspondence and/or meetings with the ANCB	Description of how the comments from the ANCB have been taken into account
6	NRW A – 17 October 2025	NRW Advisory agree with the conclusions of this HRA.

8. Appropriate nature conservation body (ANCB) response to an internal HRA consultation

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TO: Dylan Morgan, Marine Licensing Officer

FROM: Delyth Rowlands, Marine Area Advice and Management Team

SUBJECT: Habitats Regulations Assessment of CML2548 Victoria Dock Wall Investigation and Repairs

Thank you for consulting the Marine Area Advice and Management Team on the above. Our comments are as follows:

We agree with the conclusions of the HRA that the project is not likely to have a significant effect on any European Sites.

Signed: *Delyth Wyn Rowlands*

Date: 17th October 2025

9. Appendix - Supporting information

