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Subject: RE: Scoping - A494 River Dee Bridge Replacement Scheme (Scoping) - NRW Response NRW:01115243 - Fisheries

Good morning Jon,

Thank you for your email below.

The key issue for us for both applications is the potential for underwater noise and vibration to cause disturbance and potential disruption of fish features migration on the Dee.

A difference is that the earlier application was for repair works to the existing bridge, while this application is for an entirely new bridge with two new in-river piers. Only very limited information has been provided (within the Scoping Report) regarding how the piers are to be constructed and whether any piling will be required.

If so, the following list of information will be required to understand the risk to migrating fish species:

- The working hours proposed for the piling;
- The number of piles to be installed per day;
- The amount of non-piling time between each pile installation;
- The duration of the full piling programme;
- The number of days piling will occur over the installation period;
- The amount of non-piling time during the installation period;
- The size of the piles; and
- The sound source levels for the piling methods proposed.

We would be happy to discuss if more information is required.

Kind regards,

Siôn M. Williams

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Good afternoon Mid Planning/Siôn,

Thank you for your response to the Scoping Report.

We are in the process of reviewing the various topics covered in your response. We will be responding to each of the points progressively on a subject-by-subject basis.

We have particular concerns over some issues that you have raised including those relating to fisheries and restrictive practices for some of the '*in river*' construction operations. In previous consultations with NRW (Marine Licensing 06/05/2022) we had agreed that the '*in river*' working using a jack up barge or pontoons could be done at any time of the year subject to the following restrictions:

- Working hours restricted to between 8am and 5 pm
- No piling work to take place in the 3 hours leading up to high tide at Chester weir

If the above are not achievable, then we would be restricted to no in river working between early March and November, which is obviously a major constraint on construction operations that could potentially lead to significant risk of delays to the construction programme and that should be avoided.

We are very concerned about the latest response and potential restrictions and seek to clarify the position of NRW on this as a matter of some urgency.

Please advise on how we can take this forward, a Teams call on this matter would be appreciated.

Many thanks

Regards

Jon

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Annwyl Jon,

Amgaeaf ein hymateb i'r cais uchod, ac os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau, mae croeso i chi gysylltu â mi.

Cofion Cynnes

Dear Jon,

Please find attached our response to the above application, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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