

Apply to discharge condition(s) and/or monitoring approvals required by your marine licence

Who is completing this form?

Indicate who is completing this form

Licence holder

Your project

What is the name of your project?

Chapel Reen Outfall Repairs

Give us your marine licence reference number (this can be found on the front of your marine licence):

CML2422v1

Licence holder details

Please complete the licence holder details

First name: David
Last name: Jenkins
Position in company: Project Manager
Company or trading name: Natural Resources Wales
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Agent details:

Does the licence holder wish to be included in all correspondence?

Yes

List the condition(s) of your marine licence

List the condition(s) of your marine licence that you are looking to discharge, including any monitoring reports. Please include the condition number and condition text.

3.21.1

The Licence Holder must ensure that no works take place between 01 November and 31 March inclusive, without prior written approval from the Licensing Authority.

Please provide a description of your request e.g. Construction Environment Management Plan submitted for approval prior to commencement of works/ submission of annual monitoring report for approval

Requesting written approval to work within January - March (inclusive). The below mitigation (extract from HRA) will be implemented during this period.

Watching Brief:

Objective

To ensure that construction activities at Chapel Reen do not cause disturbance to qualifying bird species associated with the Severn Estuary / Bristol Channel SPA and Ramsar site. Works will only proceed when bird numbers are below agreed disturbance thresholds.

Procedure

An ornithologist will undertake a 2 hour watching brief either side of the high tide.

Observations will cover the 0–300 m area surrounding the working zone and will focus on the key SPA/Ramsar bird species and significant aggregations of waterfowl.

Key Qualifying Species – Severn Estuary / Bristol Channel SPA

Non-breeding waterfowl (wintering populations):

- Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*)
- Gadwall (*Mareca strepera*)
- Teal (*Anas crecca*)
- Pintail (*Anas acuta*)
- Shoveler (*Spatula clypeata*)
- Pochard (*Aythya ferina*)
- Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*)
- Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*)
- Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)
- Dunlin (*Calidris alpina alpina*)
- Knot (*Calidris canutus*)
- Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)
- Redshank (*Tringa totanus*)

Assemblage feature:

The SPA supports >20,000 waterfowl during the non-breeding season, with the above species forming part of this functional assemblage.

Population Thresholds for Watching Brief

Species Mean SPA population (non-breeding) 1% threshold (0–100 m zone) 2% threshold (0–300 m zone)

Shelduck 2,892 29 birds 58 birds

Gadwall 330 3 birds 7 birds

Pintail 838 8 birds 17 birds

Teal 2,059 21 birds 41 birds

Shoveler 136 1–2 birds 3 birds

Pochard 246 2–3 birds 5 birds

Tufted Duck 1,028 10 birds 21 birds

Wigeon 4,255 43 birds 85 birds

Mallard 1,850 19 birds 37 birds

Dunlin 41,683 417 birds 834 birds

Knot 3,320 33 birds 66 birds

Curlew 3,008 30 birds 60 birds

Redshank 2,013 20 birds 40 birds

Total waterfowl assemblage 68,026 680 birds 1,361 birds

Sources: Natural Resources Wales (2009) Severn Estuary SAC/SPA/Ramsar Regulation 33 Advice, Devon & Severn IFCA (2023) Birds and Intertidal Activities Report, and WeBS SPA citation data.

Action Thresholds

- 0–100 m zone: No works to start if $\geq 1\%$ of the SPA population of any listed species (or 1% of total waterfowl assemblage) is present.
- 0–300 m zone: No works to start if $\geq 2\%$ of the SPA population of any listed species (or 2% of total waterfowl assemblage) is present.

If thresholds are exceeded:

1. Works will not commence.
2. The ornithologist will continue monitoring until birds have:
 - o Moved off naturally, or
 - o Reduced to below 1% (0–100 m) and 2% (0–300 m).
3. The ornithologist will then confirm when it is acceptable for works to proceed.

In addition to the watching brief the below shall be implemented:

- A cold weather construction restriction (cessation of works) shall be implemented following seven consecutive days of freezing (zero or sub-zero temperature) weather conditions.
- No heavy machinery movement within the marine environment when the tide levels exceed 7m AOD.

This mitigation is supported by the Ornithological Summary & Working Mitigation Measures document provided in Appendix B.

List all supporting information submitted for this request

Ornithological Summary
Habitat Regulations Assessment(HRA)
HRA Form 2

Upload your supporting information

- File: Chapel Reen HRA - December 2025 .docx - [Download](#)
- File: OGN 200 FORM 2 - PROTECTED SITES RESPONSE Repairs to Chapel Reen outfall (December 2025).doc - [Download](#)
- File: Ornithological Summary and Working Mitigation V3 - Chapel Reen .pdf - [Download](#)

Public Register

We will normally put all the information in your submission on a public register unless NRW approve of the reasons for withholding all or part.

Do you consider any of the information provided should not be placed on the public register for reasons of being commercially sensitive or in the interest of National Security?

No

Application fee

Does your submission contain monitoring related work? This could include looking to get approval for monitoring specification prior to commencement of monitoring work, or submission of monitoring reports for approval. All requests including monitoring work packages will be charged at an hourly rate and invoiced in arrears.

No

Application fee part 2

Is your application related to a band 3 licence?

If you are unsure please review your application form or contact the Marine Licensing Team at marinelicensing@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk (opens in new tab) – for all band 3 licences you will be charged at an hourly rate and invoiced in arrears.

No

Payment for band 2 discharges of band 2 marine licences

There is a one-off fixed fee of £480 to discharge all conditions on the marine licence. This is Payable upfront on the submission of the first condition to be discharged.

Have you previously submitted payment?

No

Provide payment method

Please provide method of payment.

Further information on payment methods can be found on our web pages (opens in new tab).

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Declaration by licence holder

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

Complete declaration name and date

First name: David

Last name: Jenkins

Position in company: Project Manager

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): 16/12/2025

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, to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information.

Yes

Submit your application

Enter the email address you'd like a copy of your application sent to:

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