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To whom it may concern,

Re: Marine License Application – Neath River Bridge Pier 7 Scour Protection Works
NGR SS7532987665. Ref. CML2568

Thank you for consulting us on this application. We have reviewed the area against the information in the regional Historic Environment Record (HER), aerial photographs and LiDAR coverage which shows as follows:

The HER shows that there are **2 core records** within the immediate area of the location plan. The proposed works are within an area of extensive Medieval and Post-medieval activity. A review of 1st – 4th Edition (1882; 1899; 1918; 1941) historic Ordnance Survey maps show no additional archaeological features within the vicinity of the works.

The individual sites are detailed below:

PRN	Site Name	NGR
08842w	Briton Ferry, West of Warren Hill	SS7332294140
11193w	Stage, Briton Ferry	SS7340194139

The application is for installing a sheet piled wall approximately 1 metre in front of the existing pile-cap to prevent further scour of the surrounding material and protect the long-term structural integrity of the bridge. The area between the sheet piled wall and the existing pile-cap is to be backfilled with marine grade cementitious grout at the Neath River Bridge Pier 7. With our understanding of the historic environment, there is some potential that significant buried archaeological remains will be encountered, or features will be disturbed along the riverbanks or riverbed. The proposed operations have the capacity to affect any such features if appropriate care is not taken. It is therefore





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recommended that all works are undertaken with due caution. Please note, operational works including heavy machinery should not be used across any surviving earthworks or structures.

The historic environment is not definite, and it is possible that unrecorded sites may be present or encountered during the works. Therefore, we advise that the proposed works avoid damage to any historic environment features that may be extant in the area including structures, earthworks, boundaries, ditches, banks, or other landscape and historic woodland management features. Should any other remains be encountered in the process, please contact this division of the Trust and we would be pleased to offer further advice.

If you have any questions or require further advice on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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