

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

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## Record of a Habitats Regulations Assessment

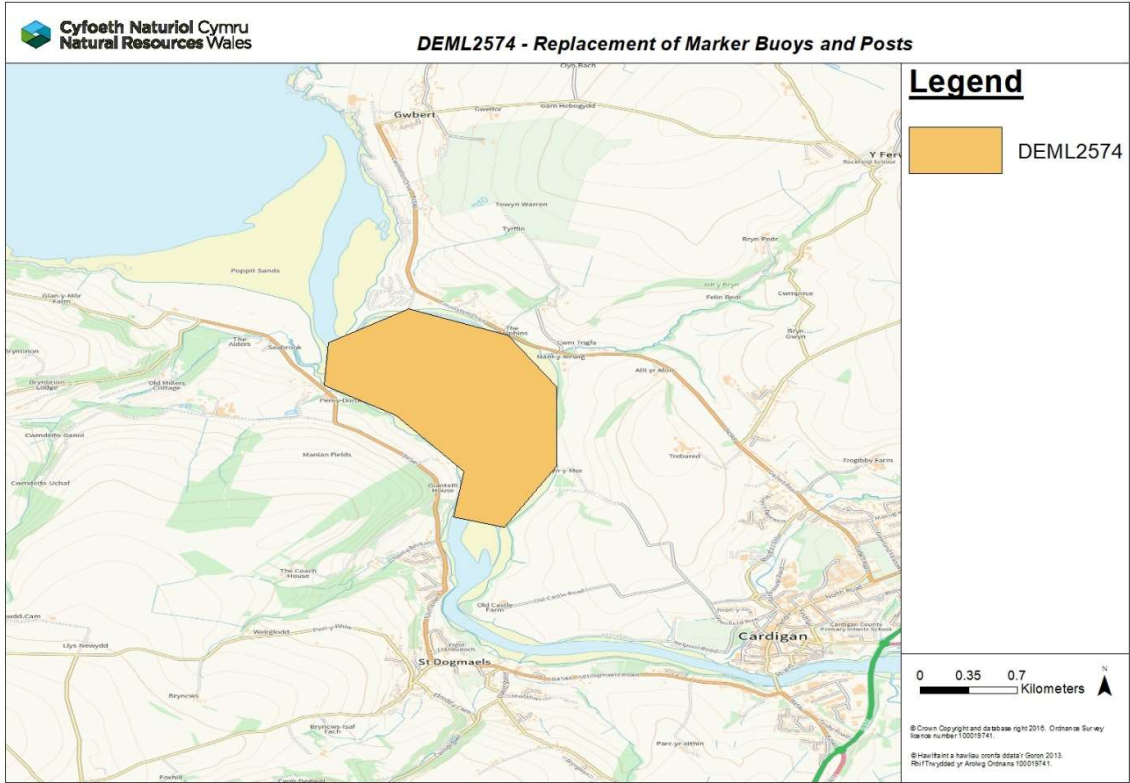
<b>Plan or project name, brief description or application reference number</b>	DEML2574 - Maintaining The Fairway - deposit & removal of marker buoys and removal of posts
<b>HRA iteration/version</b>	1.0

### 1. Plan or Project Details

Information about the plan or project		
<b>1</b>	<b>Date application received</b>	15 December 2025
<b>2</b>	<b>Applicant details</b>	Afon Teifi Fairways Limited, Broyan House, Priory Street, Cardigan, Ceredigion, SA43 1BZ
<b>3</b>	<b>NRW team responsible for carrying out, or requiring to be carried out, the plan or project, and name of lead officer</b>	N/A
<b>4</b>	<b>Activity/ies proposed</b>	Deposit & removal of marker buoys and removal of posts for navigation
<b>5</b>	<b>Relevant legislation or statutory basis</b>	Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

6 Location

Afon Teifi Fairway



7 Plan or project documents, including any application documents

- DEML2574 - Confirmation from Maritime and Coastguard Agency.pdf.docx
- DEML2574 - Confirmation from Trinity House.docx
- DEML2574 MoD Consultation Response.msg
- DEML2574 - Application Form.pdf
- DEML2574 - Ordnance survey map.pdf
- DEML2574 - Vessel Delivery Route.png.pdf
- DEML2574 Coordinates and Map.docx

8 Environmental Statement

N/A

9	Pre-application correspondence	N/A
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
<del>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?</del>	

### 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 <a href="#">OGN200</a> ) 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	Afon Teifi / River Teifi SAC - UK0012670 Cardigan Bay/Bae Ceredigion SAC West Wales Marine SAC
(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	N/A

### 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
<b>European site name: Afon Teifi / River Teifi SAC</b>			
Sea lamprey <i>Petromyzon marinus</i> (EU Species Code:1095);	<a href="#">CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR N2K SITES</a>	SCREEN OUT	Considering the limited scope of the project and a vessel used to deposit and remove; posts & marker buoys, there is no credible impact pathway from the project to cause an LSE upon the SAC features within the marine licensable area. This is due to the short-term, low impact and small scale nature of the works to aid with navigation in the Afon Teifi fairway.
Brook lamprey <i>Lampetra planeri</i> (EU Species Code:1096)			
River lamprey <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> (EU Species Code:1099)			
Atlantic salmon <i>Salmo salar</i> (EU Species Code:1106);			
Bullhead <i>Cottus gobio</i> (EU Species Code:1163)			
European otter <i>Lutra lutra</i>			

(EU Species Code:1355)			
Floating water-plantain <i>Luronium natans</i> (EU Species Code: 1831)			
Water courses of plain to montane levels with the <i>Ranunculion fluitantis</i> and <i>Callitriche-Batrachion</i> vegetation (EU Habitat Code: 3260)			
Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or of the <i>Isoëto-Nanojuncetea</i> (EU Habitat Code: 3130)			
<b>Cardigan Bay/Bae Ceredigion SAC</b>			
Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time			
Reefs			


Submerged or partially submerged sea caves	NRW conservation objectives: <a href="#">conservation-advice-for-cardigan-bay-sac.pdf</a>	SCREEN OUT	The location of works are located approximately 160m from the boundary of Cardigan Bay/Bae Ceredigion SAC. No perceived impact pathway and as such no LSE to the SAC features due to the short-term, low impact and small scale nature of the works.
Bottlenose dolphin <i>Tursiops truncatus</i>			
Sea lamprey <i>Petromyzon marinus</i>			
River lamprey <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i>			
Grey seal <i>Halichoerus grypus</i>			
<b>West Wales Marine SAC</b>			
Harbour porpoise <i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	NRW conservation objectives: <a href="#">West Wales Marine pSAC: Draft Conservation Objectives And Advice On Activities (naturalresources.wales)</a>	SCREEN OUT	The location of works are located approximately 820m from the boundary of West Wales Marine SAC. No perceived impact pathway and as such no LSE to the SAC feature due to the short-term, low impact and small scale nature of the works.

<b>TABLE 3.2.3 Screening decision of the plan or project 'alone'</b>	
<b>(a) If the screening conclusion for <u>all</u> features for all sites in Table 3.2.2 is 'SCREEN OUT'</b>	<b>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>
<b>(b) If the conclusion for <u>any</u> features in Table 3.2.2 is 'SCREEN IN'</b>	<b><del>The plan or project is likely to have a significant effect on one or more European sites and therefore an appropriate assessment is required.</del></b>

~~(c) If there are no features in Table 3.2.2 that are 'SCREEN IN' and any 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.~~

## 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>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</li> </ul> (*SSSI consents cannot be given as derogations)	
Signed:  Name: Dylan Morgan Position: Marine Licensing Officer Date: 23 January 2026	
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.**

<b>Relevant section of the HRA report</b>	<b>Correspondence and/or meetings with the ANCB</b>	<b>Description of how the comments from the ANCB have been taken into account</b>
2		
3		NRW (A) agree with the conclusion of this HRA
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## 8. Countersignature

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

This form should be completed by the team or individual providing the ANCB advice to the competent authority team


**TO:** Dylan Morgan, Marine Licensing Officer, Marine Licensing Team

**FROM:** Siân Cuthbertson, Senior Marine Advisor, Marine Area Advice and Management Team

**SUBJECT:** Habitats Regulations Assessment of **DEML2574 Maintaining the Afon Teifi Fairway - deposit & removal of marker buoys and removal of posts.**

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

NRW(A) agree with the conclusion of the HRA that the project is not likely to have a significant effect on any protected European site.

Signed: 

Date: 27-01-2026

## 9. Appendix - Supporting information

