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Dear Consultee,

MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2007 (AS AMENDED)

REQUEST FOR SCREENING OPINION – HOLYHEAD BREAKWATER REFURBISHMENT SCHEME

The Natural Resources Wales Permitting Service (NRW PS) has received a request for a screening opinion from Royal HaskoningDHV, on behalf of Isle of Anglesey County Council to ascertain whether the above proposal, will require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the submission of an Environmental Statement.

I have attached a copy of the screening request and supporting information as required by Schedule 2, Paragraph 1 of the above Regulations for your review.

Procedure for reaching screening opinion

In accordance with Schedule 2, Paragraph 4 of the above Regulations, the NRW PS, on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, is consulting with each organisation that we believe may have an interest in the proposal, by reason of their specific environmental responsibilities, in order to inform the Welsh Ministers' screening opinion.

For your information, an EIA is required in relation to certain activities carried out in the course of projects listed in Schedule A1 and A2 of the above Regulations. Schedule A1 projects will always require an EIA, whereas Schedule A2 projects will only require an EIA if the project is likely to have significant effects on the environment due to its size, nature or location.

From our preliminary review of the documents, we consider that the proposed works fall within Schedule A2, under paragraph 69 or 89 as set out below:

"69. Coastal work to combat erosion and maritime works capable of altering the coast through the construction, for example, of dykes, moles, jetties and other sea defence works, excluding the maintenance and reconstruction of such works".

"89. Any change to or extension of development of a description listed in paragraphs 1 to 87 of this Schedule where that development is already authorised, executed or in the process of being executed".

In order to assess whether EIA is required for this project, the NRW PS must consider the matters relevant to consideration of whether or not a Schedule A2 project is likely to have significant effects on the environment, as outlined in Schedule 1 of the above Regulations.

Request for comments

I would be grateful therefore if you would consider the information attached, and provide a view, with clear reasoning, as to whether this proposal should be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment, on the basis of the potential for likely significant effects on the environment. These significant effects could be on the basis of the characterisitics of the project, location of the project and types of the potential impacts

It would also be helpful if you could give your view as to whether the proposed works are likely to have a significant effect (either alone or in combination with any other plans or projects) on a European site(s) or European Protected Species, and therefore whether an Appropriate Assessment is required under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

A response to this consultation is required within **28 days** from the date of this letter, this being **25 September 2019**. If I do not hear from you by this date I shall assume you have no comments to make on this screening request. However, please note you will be consulted on any formal application that may follow.

You will be provided with a copy of our Screening Decision once issued.

Should you have any queries regarding this screening request please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference: **SC1903.**

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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