

## APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE FOR MARINE WORKS

**Marine Works include, but are not limited to, coast defences, beneficial uses of dredged materials, subsea cables, pontoons, jetties, land reclamation, grab samples and outfall pipes under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009**

Please read the notes carefully before completing the form.

- The Marine Licensing Team (MLT) administers Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 on behalf of the Licensing Authority, the Welsh Ministers.
- The completed application form must be accompanied by a location plan and, where appropriate, descriptive drawing(s) and any supporting environmental assessments.
- Please submit applications to the **Permit Receipt Centre** via the details at the top of this form. For applications larger than 20MB, we would advise that you contact us to determine the most appropriate method for submitting your application.
- Please submit marine licence applications, including this form and all supporting documents, **at least 4 months before the licence is required.**

**Some projects may raise matters that require a significantly longer time for consideration.**

These are most likely to be:

- Projects that fall **within** The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 – as amended requiring an Environmental Statement
- Large scale projects with substantial volumes of material being deposited or excavated
- Works requiring an Appropriate Assessment to be conducted under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.
- Information should be provided about the anticipated **duration of the entire project** in respect of works below/seaward of Mean High Water Spring (MHWS). Where appropriate, planned phasing of the work for which consent is sought must be detailed. For projects lasting more than one calendar year, planned phasing details must be given for each 12 month period.

A licence fee is payable in respect of an application. Details of fees can be found on our web pages.

**Please note applications will not be processed without the correct relevant fee or invoicing details.**

- Payments can be made via Cheque, BACS or credit/debit card.
  - Cheques should be crossed and made payable to **Natural Resources Wales.**
  - For BACS payments ensure you provide the reference number (not remittance number)

Further information on payment methods can be found on our web pages.

- **All activities need to comply with the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The framework and guidance can be found on the Natural Resources Wales website,**

<http://naturalresources.wales>. The results of your WFD assessment must be attached to your marine licence application.

- Please answer all questions. If any information is not available at the time of application please indicate in the relevant section, giving reasoning in a covering letter. Outstanding details must be submitted as soon as possible. Any delay in forwarding details is likely to result in delays in determining your application.

**Your application may not be considered complete and therefore not processed until key information has been submitted. Your application may be returned if you fail to submit outstanding information within given timescales.**

- Please note any licence may have conditions that must be discharged before works can commence. This will take additional time.
- If you have any queries with regards to completing this application please contact the MLT: [marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk)

### How your application will be processed by the MLT:

- Submit all application to the **Permit Receipt Centre** via the details at the top of this form.
- Checked and acknowledged by the MLT within 21 days of receipt of application and payment
- If the application is complete and no further information is needed at this time, your application will be placed in a work queue to be assigned a permitting officer
- If the application is not complete, further information will be request and need to be provided before the application can be considered as complete
- Our **4 months** service level for determining non-EIA applications will begin from the date the **completed** application is received (*Please note some projects may take significantly longer than 4 months to determine due to their nature*)
- EIA projects may take significantly longer due to their scale and complexity. Therefore we encourage early engagement with the MLT
- Your application and supporting documents will be sent to for an initial consultation period of 28 days (*42 days for EIA projects*)
- For the majority of projects, a public notice must be advertised. Public consultation will be 28 days (*49 days for EIA projects*). For EIA projects a second public notice will be required. The MLT will advise on how this should be done.
- Responses to consultation will be considered and additional information requested at this time, if necessary.
- A decision on your Marine Licence Application will be made

All information submitted may be referred to within a licence, therefore all works must be in accordance with this information, unless otherwise agreed with NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority during the determination process.

**It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other consents/authorisations that may be required.**

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### Check List

Please ensure that you have included all the necessary information before you submit your application. **If any of the below are not completed in the application form, the application is likely to be considered incomplete and may be returned to you**

Item	Yes (✓)
The applicant is a legal entity?	✓
The declaration is signed by the applicant?	✓
Is the application fee correct?	✓
Are the grid references/coordinates correct?	✓
Do the coordinates match map locations?	✓
Have all the relevant supporting documents been submitted?	✓
Has a clear methodology been provided in the application form?	✓
Has Protected sites information been included?	✓
Has a Water Framework Directive (WFD) assessment been submitted?	✓
Are all the continuation sheets for application questions appended with correct corresponding numbers?	✓

**Should you have any queries regarding you application please contact the MLT via [marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk)**

## 1. Project Description and Cost

### 1 (a). Project Name

Western Link 2

### 1(b). Please provide a brief description of the proposed project, including location

National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) are planning to undertake a marine routing survey for a potential HVDC transmission link referred to as Western Link 2.

To inform the development of the project, geotechnical surveys are required within the proposed routing corridor to gather baseline data (see included map for location). These works will include grab samples, vibrocores, and cone penetration tests (CPT).

There will also be associated geophysical works (e.g. MBES, SSS, SBP etc), for which a EPS licence is being applied for.

### 1(c). Please provide an estimated gross cost of the project (Inc. materials and labour) for works that fall below/seaward of Mean High Water Springs (MHWS)

£1,000,000

## 2. Applicant Details

To whom the licence will be issued. *This must be a legal entity such as an individual, registered company/ charity or public body.*

Title

Mr

Full Name

James Malone

Company or Trading Name

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc.

Company Registration Number (if applicable)

Name of Contact or individual (if different)

Position in Company

Marine Consents Officer

Address inc. postcode (provide registered Company address if applicable)

1 – 3 The Strand, London, WC2N 5EH

Telephone Number

07709847933

Email Address

### 3. Details of Agent, Contractor, Vehicles and/or Vessels used to carry out works

#### 3(a). Agent Details

*This is who we will correspond with unless otherwise informed. If no agent we will contact the applicant.*

Title  Full Name

Company or Trading Name

Company Registration Number (if applicable)

Name of Contact or individual (if different)

Position in Company

Address (Inc. postcode)

Telephone Number

Email Address

3(b). Does the Applicant wish to be included in all correspondence? Yes  No

#### 3(c). Contractor Details

In order for contractors to benefit from the licence permission, details must be provided. Any details not provided with application must be confirmed before operations commence.

Contractor Company or Trading Name	Address
GEOXYZ UK LIMITED	5 Carden Place, Aberdeen, Scotland, AB10 1UT
CAUSEWAY GEOTECH LIMITED	8 Drumahiskey Road, Bendooragh, Ballymoney, County Antrim, BT53 7QL


3(d). Will the works require the use of vessels?

Yes  No

**3(d) (i). Vessel Details (if applicable and available)**

In order for contractors to benefit from the licence permission, details must be provided.

*Any details not provided with application must be confirmed before operations commence.*

Operator	Name of Vessel	Type of Vessel	Vessel Registration Number	Country of Registration
Geoxyz UK Limited	Geo Ocean VI	Survey Vessel	IMO: 9666716	Luxembourg
Causeway Geotech Limited	Ocean Battler	Survey Vessel	IMO: 9157959	United Kingdom
Causeway Geotech Limited	Causeway Giant 1	Jack-up Barge	MMSI: 232064802	United Kingdom
Causeway Geotech Limited	SBS Guardian	Support vessel	MMSI: 232051094	United Kingdom
Unknown at this time, details to follow once contractor is assigned	Unknown at this time, details to follow once contractor is assigned	Survey vessel	Unknown at this time, details to follow once contractor is assigned	Unknown at this time, details to follow once contractor is assigned
Unknown at this time, details to follow once contractor is assigned	Unknown at this time, details to follow once contractor is assigned	Jack-up barge	Unknown at this time, details to follow once contractor is assigned	Unknown at this time, details to follow once contractor is assigned
Unknown at this time, details to follow once contractor is assigned	Unknown at this time, details to follow once contractor is assigned	Support vessel	Unknown at this time, details to follow once contractor is assigned	Unknown at this time, details to follow once contractor is assigned
Unknown at this time,	Unknown at this time,	Vessels	Unknown at this time,	Unknown at this time,

details to follow once contractor is assigned	details to follow once contractor is assigned		details to follow once contractor is assigned	details to follow once contractor is assigned
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**3(e). Will the works require the use of vehicle?** Yes  No

**3(e) (i). Vehicle Details (if applicable and available) to be used below MHWS**

In order for contractors to benefit from the licence permission, details must be provided. Any details not provided with application must be confirmed before operations commence.

Operator	Type/Description of Vehicle
N/A	N/A

**3(f). If the contractor or vessels or vehicles are not known at the application stage, when do you expect to provide these details?**

*These details will need to be confirmed prior to the licence and operations commencement*

Details will be provided approximately 8 weeks before survey commencement

**4. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**

Certain projects, due to their scale, location and/or nature, may require an EIA under the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended). If a project qualifies under EIA, an Environmental Statement (ES) must be prepared and submitted with the application.

Projects that fall within Annex I of the Directive automatically require an EIA. Projects that fall within Annex II of the Directive are assessed on a case-by-case basis for the requirement for an EIA to be undertaken.

**4(a). Do you consider the works to be under the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended)?** Yes  No

**4(a) (i) If Yes, which Annex does the proposal fall under?** Annex I  Annex II

**4(a) (ii) Which number(s) within the Annex does the proposal relate to?**

N/A

4(b). Have you applied for a screening or scoping opinion from the MLT under the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended)? Yes  No

4(b) (i). If Yes, please provide the reference number

N/A

4(c). Has an Environmental Impact Assessment been undertaken? Yes  No

4(c)(i). If Yes, has an Environmental Statement been submitted to support this Marine Licence application? Yes  No

4(d). If an Environmental Impact Assessment has been undertaken, but an ES has not been submitted, please provide an explanation

N/A

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this

## 5. Licensable Period

Determination of applications will be based on the works taking place during these dates. Please ensure you have included an adequate contingency period. If works are not completed by the Requested Licence Expiry Date you may be required to submit a new application. *Including a contingency period within your original application does not impact on Licence Fee*

Start Date

Requested Licence Expiry Date

*Please ensure you submit your application for a Marine Licence **at least 4 months** prior to the intended start date. Some projects, such as EIA projects, will take significantly longer to determine.*

## 6. Project Description

6(a). Please give a description of the proposed project.

This should include the purpose of the project, estimated timescales of construction and operation, and broken down by the phases of works, if applicable.

Details should include, but not be limited to, dimensions of project, quantity of material being deposited and removed.

To inform the development of the project, geotechnical surveys are required to gather baseline data on potential route options. The survey activity will comprise the following:

- sediment grab sampling (0.01 m<sup>2</sup> primary dual Van Veen grab, or secondary Hamon/Day grab):
  - two drops per sample location, increasing to three drops in sensitive areas
  - inshore (<810 m water depth) sampling frequency of every 2 and 5 km, offshore (>610 m water depth) sampling frequency of every 5 and 10 km
  - in sensitive areas sampling will be spaced at 2 km
  - first drop: two replicates for macrobenthic faunal analysis, second drop: two replicates for physio-chemical analysis, additional samples will be stored for sensitive areas
- Cone Penetration Testing (CPT, offshore, >410 m water depth) or T-bar:
  - one sample location per 1 km performed from seabed frame
  - no sample retained
- vibrocore samples (offshore, >410 m water depth):
  - one sample location per 1 km performed from seabed frame
  - full penetration of 6 m, diameter 100 mm
- CPT (nearshore, Mean High Water Springs to 8 m water depth):
  - target depth of up to 40 m below the seabed, no sample retained
  - ~~four nearshore landfall areas (four samples each) to be sampled from a jack-up barge~~
- borehole samples (nearshore, <810 m water depth):
  - full recovery to 4030 m, diameter 100 mm
  - nearshore landfall areas (nine boreholes each, one landfall at Wales, ~~and two in Scotland~~) to be sampled from a jack-up barge.

Drop down video transects (Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)) will also take place in 10 km intervals with a minimum length of 200 m, increasing to 500 m in sensitive areas.

Geophysical surveys are also proposed to take place as part of the wider survey campaign of the project. A separate European Protected Species (EPS) risk assessment and licence has been prepared for the geophysical survey

The survey is expected to take place between 1 March 2026 to 31 March 2027 over an anticipated duration of 3 months.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this

**6(b). Please detail the location of the proposed construction project.**

These should be Latitude and Longitude coordinates (WGS84) in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places (e.g. Lat 52.12345 Long -4.12345), defining the extent of the project.

*Please see attached excel sheet for survey corridor coordinates.*

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this

**6(c). The following must be provided with the completed application form:**

- (i) a suitably scaled extract of an Ordnance Survey Map or Admiralty Chart with location of project, complete with **North Arrow** and **Scale**
- (ii) construction plans and sectional drawings showing those proposed works below/seaward of MHWS, which should give details of the materials to be used (for beach replenishment the quantity, particle size and source of material to be deposited and deposit location is also required).
- (iii) a descriptive schematic drawing and suitably scaled location plan which show the full extent of the project clearly in relation to the surrounding area and features.

Please list below **all supporting documents** that have been submitted with this application, including suitable documents/maps/drawing titles and reference numbers

- Application form for a Marine Licence for Marine Works
- Admiralty Chart of survey route corridor
- Excel worksheet with the coordinates of the survey corridor
- Natural Resources Wales Geotechnical Survey Technical Note (Includes detail on the proposed methodology, designated site consideration, and WFD assessment)
- INNS Biosecurity Risk Assessment and Management Plan
- Welsh National Marine Plan signposting excel document

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this

The applicant should note that these drawings/plans may be copied to others as part of the MLT's consultation procedures. If they are subject to copyright, it is the **responsibility of the applicant to obtain the necessary approvals to reproduce the documents.**

## 7. Methods Statement

### 7(a). Please provide a detailed method statement for the works

This must include methods for all works including temporary structures or deposits such as jetties, cofferdams, moorings or landing stages to be constructed seaward of MHWS

- sediment grab sampling (0.01 m<sup>2</sup> primary dual Van Veen grab, or secondary Hamon/Day grab):
  - two drops per sample location, increasing to three drops in sensitive areas
  - inshore (<840 m water depth) sampling frequency of every 2 and 5 km, offshore (>640 m water depth) sampling frequency of every 5 and 10 km
  - in sensitive areas sampling will be spaced at 2 km
  - first drop: two replicates for macrobenthic faunal analysis, second drop: two replicates for physio-chemical analysis, additional samples will be stored for sensitive areas
- Cone Penetration Testing (CPT, offshore, >440 m water depth) or T-bar:
  - one sample location per 1 km performed from seabed frame
  - no sample retained
- vibrocore samples (offshore, >440 m water depth):
  - one sample location per 1 km performed from seabed frame
  - full penetration of 6 m, diameter 100 mm
- CPT (nearshore, Mean High Water Springs to 8 m water depth):
  - target depth of up to 40 m below the seabed, no sample retained
  - ~~four nearshore landfall areas (four samples each) to be sampled from a jack-up barge~~
- borehole samples (nearshore, <840 m water depth):
  - full recovery to 4030 m, diameter 100 mm
  - nearshore landfall areas (nine boreholes each, one landfall at Wales, ~~and two in Scotland~~) to be sampled from a jack-up barge.

Drop down video transects (Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)) will also take place in 10 km intervals with a minimum length of 200 m, increasing to 500 m in sensitive areas.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this

**7(b). Do you intend to undertake activities that could generate underwater noise?**  
This include piling, use of explosives, geophysical, acoustic deterrent devices and multibeam echosounders. Yes  No

**7(b) (i). If Yes, what type(s) of activities will be undertaken?**

Geotechnical survey works will generate underwater noise from the following activities:

- Drilling of boreholes which will be carried out using one of three methods (or a combination) - cable percussive drilling, rotary drilling and/or sonic drilling;
- Collection of samples using vibrocores; and
- Movement of vessels and jack-up barges.

Geophysical survey works, including the use of the following:

- Multi-beam Echosounder (MBES)
- Ultra Short BaseLine (USBL) Underwater Positioning
- Sidescan Sonar (SSS)
- Sub bottom profiler (SBP)
- Synthetic Aperture Sonar (SAS)
- eBOSS (Sub-Bottom Sonar)
- 40 and 60 cu/in Mini-G Gun, Multi-channel Analysis of Surface Waves (MASW)

A separate EPS Licence application has been submitted for geophysical works. For further detail of the associated decibel levels from geophysical survey works, please see the associated EPS Licence application.

If Yes, you will be required to complete an additional form that will be provided.

**7(c). Please state the measures to be taken to:**

- (i) Minimise risk to the marine environment

The proposed works will traverse Anglesey Terns SPA, North Anglesey Marine SAC, and Irish Sea Front SPA. As detailed in the supporting information documentation, mitigation measures will be implemented to minimise physical damage to sensitive habitats, to prevent the spread of invasive non-native species (INNS) and to avoid disturbance of breeding birds, and avoid disturbance from underwater noise.

Additional works will be undertaken to de-risk navigational impacts and protocols will be developed for archaeological discoveries.

- (ii) Prevent undue interference to others

Works will be carried out in line with best practice to inform fisheries and other sea users of the works prior to commencement.

(iii) **Maintain navigational safety, including marking and lighting of works**

Survey vessels will display appropriate lighting and day marks. A Fisheries Liaison Officer will also be on board. The survey vessel will adhere to the IMO convention on the international regulations for prevention of a collision at sea at all times. The survey works are not expected to impact or pose any specific risk to the safety of navigation.

Local fishing fleets will be engaged by the FLO in advance of the works and provided with details of the planned survey activities and timelines. FLOs will actively engage with any vessels engaged in fishing activity while the survey works are underway.

Consultation with Caernarfon Harbour will be undertaken as proposed survey works will occur within the harbour limit.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this

## 8. Materials of Project

**8(a). Description of materials to be deposited seaward of MHWS (Please tick all that apply)**

Timber	<input type="checkbox"/>	Iron/Steel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biocides/other chemicals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stone/Rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plastic/Synthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sand	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>				

If other, please provide a description of materials.

N/A

**8(b). Delivery method of materials to site**

If sea delivery, please include details of vessels to be used with a chart of proposed route and transshipment area. If vehicle delivery, please provide the proposed access route.

N/A

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this

**8(c). Will the works involve removals seaward of MHWS? Yes  No**

**8(c) (i). Description of materials to be removed seaward of MHWS (Please tick all that apply)**

Timber	<input type="checkbox"/>	Iron/Steel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biocides/other chemicals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stone/Rock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gravel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plastic/Synthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sand  Other

**8(c) (ii). Description of objects/materials to be removed seaward of MHWS**  
Including quantities to be removed.

Total number of samples anticipated to be: 405 samples (295 if using dual Van Veen grab) in Welsh waters based on the below.

- sediment grab sampling (0.01 m<sup>2</sup> primary dual Van Veen grab, or secondary Hamon/Day grab):
  - two drops per sample location, increasing to three drops in sensitive areas
  - inshore (<840 m water depth) sampling frequency of every 2 and 5 km, offshore (>640 m water depth) sampling frequency of every 5 and 10 km
  - in sensitive areas sampling will be spaced at 2 km
  - first drop: two replicates for macrobenthic faunal analysis, second drop: two replicates for physio-chemical analysis, additional samples will be stored for sensitive areas
  - estimated area disturbed 2.240 m<sup>2</sup> (assuming 0.01 m<sup>2</sup> sample), assuming conservative estimate of 2240 replicates in Welsh waters (if dual Van Veen used 11005 replicates)
- vibrocore samples (offshore, >440 m water depth):
  - one sample location per 1 km performed from seabed frame
  - full penetration of 6 m, diameter 100 mm
  - estimated total sample volume of 8.29 m<sup>3</sup> in Welsh waters, assuming conservative estimate of 176 samples taken in Welsh waters
- borehole samples (nearshore, <440 m water depth):
  - full recovery to 4030-m, diameter 100 mm
  - nearshore landfall areas (nine boreholes each, one landfall at Wales, and two in Scotland) to be sampled from a jack-up barge – 9 samples taken in Welsh waters.
  - estimated total sample volume of 2.79 m<sup>3</sup> in Welsh waters.

**9. Beach Replenishment, Land Reclamation or Salt Marsh Feeding**

For works involving any of the above, please provide the following information

**9(a). Is the material to be deposited like for like to existing material?** Yes  No

**9(a)(i) If No for Beach Replenishment please provide justification why?**

N/A

**9(b). Description of material to be deposited**

Please provide the grading specification of materials to be used, if using a range of grain sizes please state the percentage by weight passing. *If unsure, please refer to the Wentworth Scale*

N/A

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this

**9(c). Source of the material to be deposited**

Including dredged or land based stating the origin of material

N/A

**9(d) (i) If Yes, is the analysis data been included with the application? Yes  No**

**10. Temporary Works**

**10(a). Will there be any temporary deposits below MHWS?**

Yes  No

This includes construction materials, removed objects/material, jetties or cofferdams

If **Yes**, please continue with section **10**

**10(b). Please provide the location of temporary deposits**

Please include a map/chart displaying the location of temporary deposits, if necessary.

N/A

**10(c). Description of temporary deposits**

N/A

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this

**11. Dredge and Disposal of Dredge Material**

If you are undertaking Dredge and Disposal activities please also complete the Dredge and Disposal application form and submit together.

11(a). Do you intend to apply for a marine licence to dispose of dredged material to sea as part of the works in this application? Yes  No

## 12. Protected Sites

Licensing Authorities have a duty to ensure that projects will **not have significant adverse environmental impact**, particularly on any designated **European Site of Conservation Importance - Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA), listed under the Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/42/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora)**. In addition, it is Government Policy that Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar sites) are also considered as European Sites. There is a duty to take reasonable steps to further the conservation and enhancement of nationally designated sites (Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)).

12(a). Have you had pre-application correspondence with NRW, its legacy bodies or Natural England? Yes  No

12(a)(i). If Yes, please provide copies of correspondence with application and state which team(s) you have contacted?

The following meetings have been held:

- Call with the NRW Marine Licensing Team (Maria Alvarez) on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to introduce Western Link 2
- Call with NRW Marine Licensing Team (Maria Alvarez, Rowland Sharp, and Rebekah Newstead) on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 to follow up on routeing developments
- Call with the NRW Marine Licensing Team (Maria Alvarez) on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 to discuss the proposed works for 2026 and marine licensing approach.

12(b)(i). If Yes, which designated site(s) may be affected?

The proposed works will traverse Anglesey Terns SPA and North Anglesey Marine SAC.

Potential for effects was considered in relation to the following sites in Wales: North Anglesey Marine SAC, Anglesey Terns SPA, Abermanai to Aberffraw Dunes SAC, Menai Strait and Conwy Bay SAC, Afon Gwyrfai a Llyn Cwellyn SAC, Anglesey Coast Saltmarsh SAC, and Holy Island Coast SAC. Please see the '*NRW Geotechnical Survey Technical Note*' included within the application document pack for further information.

12(c). Please provide a description of all mitigation measures proposed to avoid any impact on designated conservation sites.

The potential for Likely Significant Effects (LSE) could not be ruled out for the following sites: North Anglesey Marine SAC and Anglesey Terns SPA. This was largely attributed to sampling overlapping directly with these designated sites and associated vessel presence and underwater noise impacts.

It is proposed that embedded mitigation measures such as the use of predefined survey corridors, working speeds of less than 4 knots and a transit speed of 10 knots would be implemented. Where appropriate, relevant marine wildlife codes and other best practice would be followed (e.g. Wild Seas Wales marine code etc.). Please see the '*NRW Geotechnical Survey Technical Note*' included within the application document pack for further information.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this

**12(d). If the works are not located *within* or *likely to affect* a designated conservation site, please indicated the approximate distance to the nearest designated conservation site.**

N/A
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Please note that if the proposed works are in or within 2km of a European Site of Conservation Importance you will have to provide suitable mitigation measure to avoid any impact on designated conservation sites.

**13. Other Consents**

**Please detail all consents that you have applied for or received for these works**

Type of Consent	Applied for	To be applied for	Reference Number	Date of Issue and Expiry
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<b>Planning Permission under Town and County Planning Act 1990 – From Local Planning Authority (LPA)</b>	N/A			
<b>Name and Address of LPA for location of works</b>	N/A			
<b>Land Owners Consent</b> such as The Crown Estate Consent		We intend to apply for Crown Estate consent		
<b>Port Authority or Local Harbour permissions</b>		We intend to engage with Caernarfon Harbour Authority		
<b>Other NRW consents</b> such as Flood Defence or SSSI assent	N/A			
<b>Details of NRW consent</b>				
<b>Other consents</b> such as Transport and Works Act Order, Section 36 Electricity Act, grant/loan sanction	N/A			
<b>Details of other consents</b>	N/A			

#### 14. Statutory Powers

**14(a).Does the applicant have statutory powers to consent any aspect of the project?**  
E.g. coast protection authority, dredging powers, statutory undertakers    Yes  No

**14(a)(i).If Yes, please give details and state the relevant legislation that gives these powers**

Under The Marine Licensing (Register of Licensing Information)(Wales) Regulations 2011 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended) , all information contained within or provided in support of this application will be placed on the Public Register unless NRW approve of the applicant’s reasons for withholding all or part.

15. Is there any information contained within or provided in support of this application that you consider should NOT be included on the Public Register on the grounds that its disclosure:

15(a). Would be contrary to the interest of National Security? Yes  No

15(b). Would prejudice to an unreasonable degree you, or some other person’s commercial interest of those of a third party? Yes  No

If **Yes** to either (a) or (b), please provide full justification as to why all or part of the information you have provided should be withheld

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this

### 16. Application Fee

16(a). What are the corresponding fee band for this application? Band 2  Band 3

#### 16(b) Band 2 Only

Projects are charged at a fixed fee of £1920. The application will not be processed until the correct fee has been provided.

Please provide the method of payment

Method	Yes (✓)	Reference Number
Cheque		
BACS (not remittance no.)		

<b>World Pay (phone)</b>		

**16(c) Band 3 Application only**

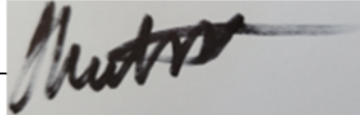
**Band 3 applications are charged at on hourly rate of £120 and are invoiced in arrears. Please complete the details below which will be required for invoicing.**

Customer Name	James Malone
FAO	Emma Lowe
Purchase order number	PO #1000446682
Address for invoice	National Grid House Warwick Technology Park Gallows Hill Warwick CV34 6DA
Telephone Number	07709847933
Email Address	James.Malone@nationalgrid.com

## 17. Declaration

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, under which this application is made, to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information and can invalidate any licence granted.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ Date 13/05/26

Name (in capitals) JAMES MALONE

Position in Company Marine Consents Officer

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

**Applications will not be processed unless signed**