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Dear Mr Davies,

**SCREENING OPINION UNDER THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2007 (as amended)**

**Fishguard Replacement Linkspan**

Thank you for submission of your Application submitted on 22 April 2026.

We note that the Project has changed since a Screening and Scoping Opinion was previously issued by us (reference SC2402). We have therefore screened your Application in accordance with The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) ("The Regulations").

The purpose of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening procedure is to determine whether the proposed works require an Environmental Impact Assessment and submission of an Environmental Statement (ES).

In reaching our Screening Opinion we have considered the proposed works against Schedule A1 and A2 of the above regulations.

**Screening Opinion**

It is our opinion that the works fall within the categories of project listed within Schedule A2, paragraphs 63 and 69 of the above regulations:

**63. Construction of harbours and port installations including fishing harbours (unless included in Schedule A1).**

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

Therefore the project must be considered in terms of its size, nature and location having regard to the relevant criteria listed in Schedule 1 of the above regulations.

We note that an Environmental Statement under the EIA Regulations has been submitted as part of the Marine Licence Application on 22 April 2026 which also details that an Environmental Impact Assessment has been undertaken for the Project.

We have considered your Application dated 22 April 2026, and **have determined that the Project requires Environmental Impact Assessment**. We consider that this decision has been reached in agreement between Stena Line Limited, in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Marine Works Regulations.

This Screening Opinion will be available on our Public Register.

If you have any questions about your permits or licenses and/or site management, please contact our Customer Care Centre on 03000 653 000.

Yours sincerely

**Emma Lowe**

Marine Licensing Team  
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Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emmer Litt', written in a cursive style.

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