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Dear Eloïse Boblin,

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

SC2603 Pwllheli Harbour Disposal of Dredged Material

I am writing further to your request for a screening opinion, dated **20 May 2026**, made 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.

It is our opinion that the works fall within the categories of project listed within Schedule A2, (paragraph 83) of the above regulations, and therefore 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 have carefully considered the criteria as set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations, and have determined, based on the information provided; that **the project does not require a statutory Environmental Impact Assessment**.

We have come to this conclusion on the basis of the likely significant impacts of the project. Given that the quantity of dredge material is comparatively low, and will be taken from a harbour area that has previously been dredged and considered maintenance works, we don't consider the project to be of significant scale to constitute an EIA development.

We do however acknowledge that the disposal is proposed to take place within the Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau / Llyn Pensinsula and the Sarnau Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and consider that the potential impacts on the site must be appropriately assessed.

We would encourage you to contact Natural Resources Wales's Marine Area Advice Team (marine.advice@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk) to receive further pre-application advice regarding this.

This Screening Opinion will be publicised on the Natural Resources Wales website and Public Register.

Yours sincerely,

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Approved by:

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