

WFD Compliance Assessment

OGN 72 Appendix 2 WFD Compliance Assessment template

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Figure 1: Stage 1 Screening

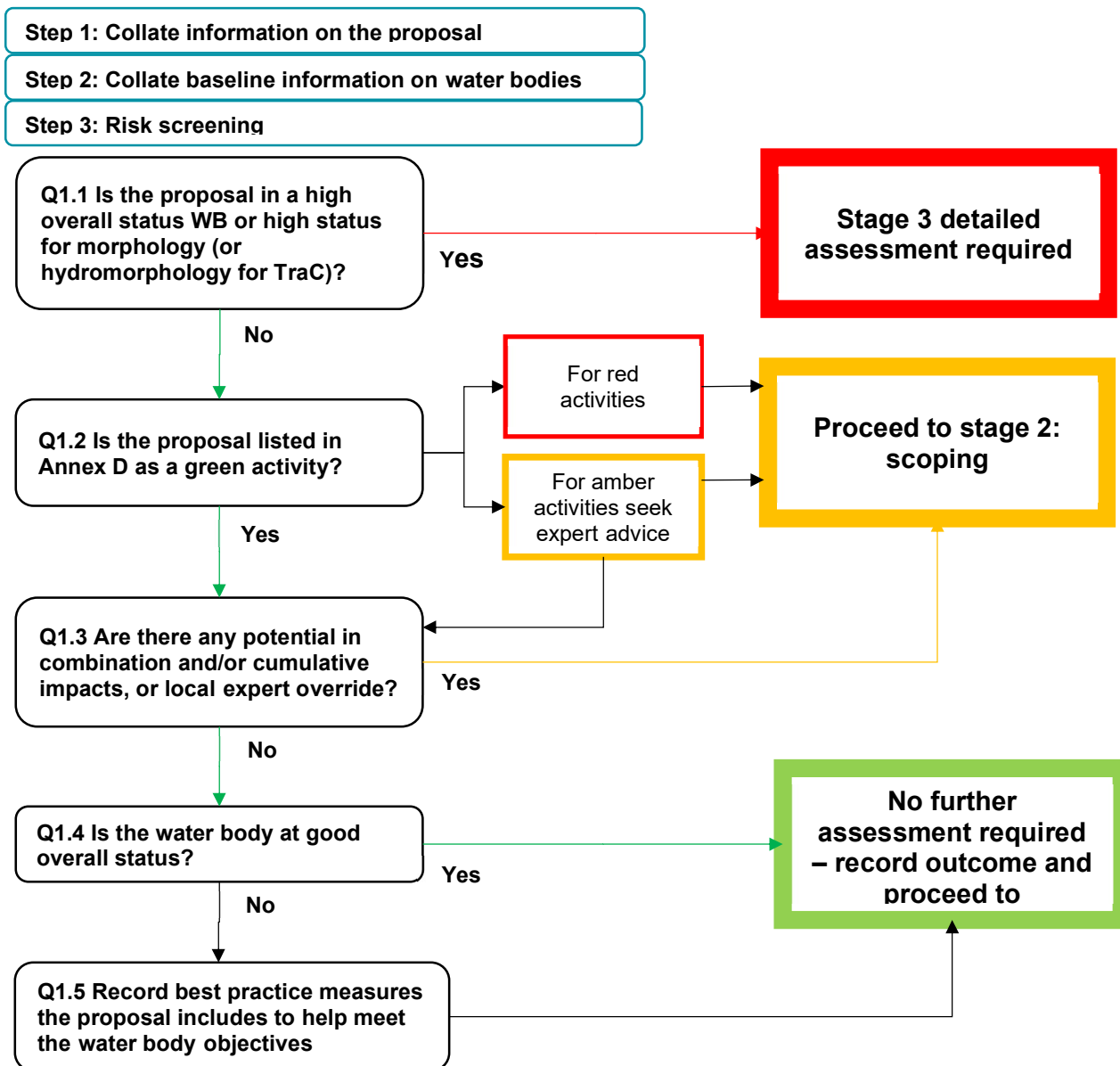
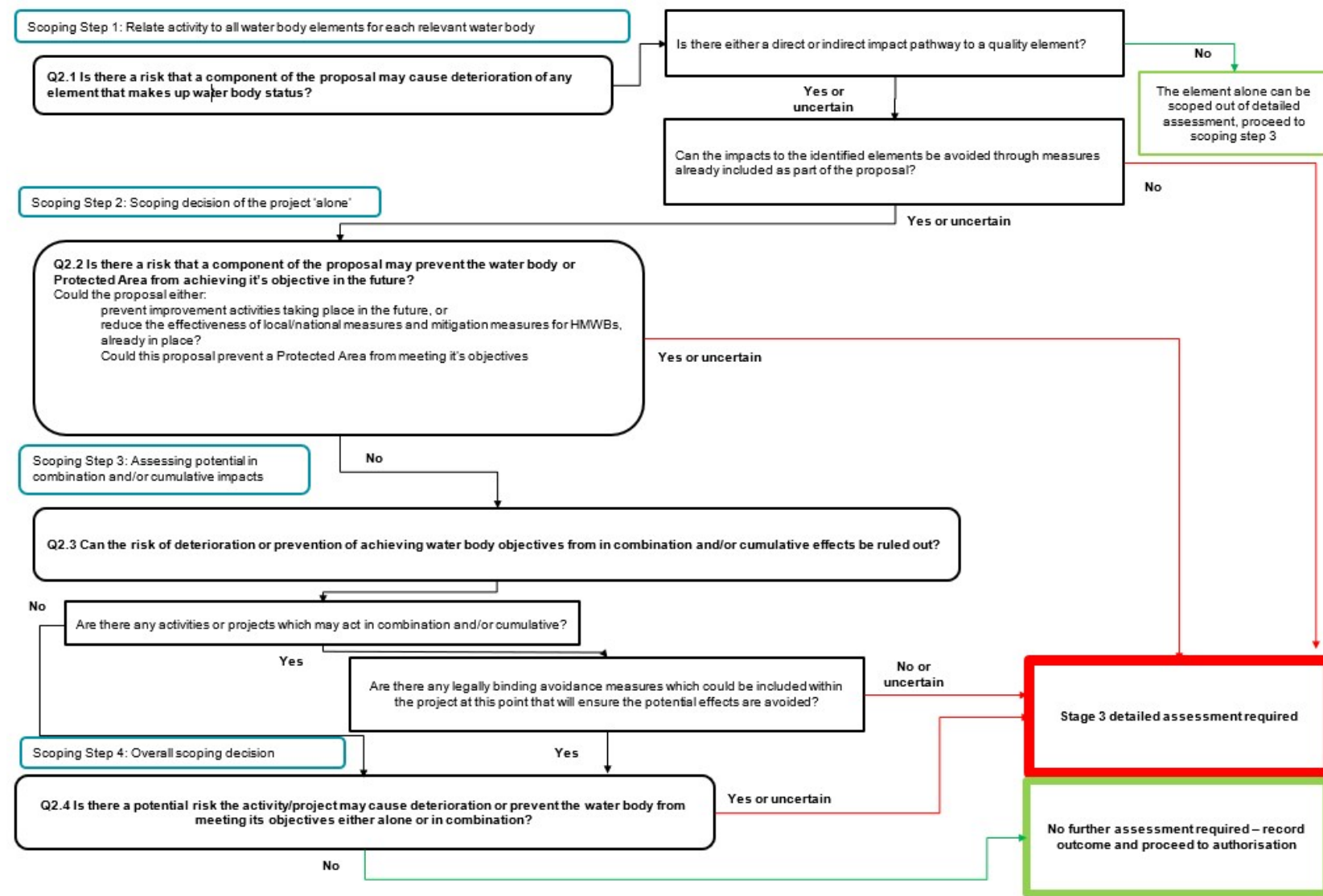


Figure 2: Stage 2 Scoping

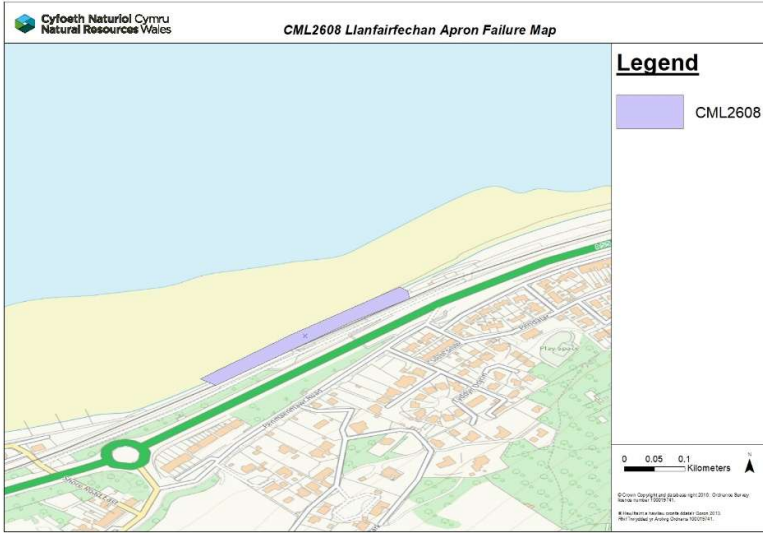


WFD Compliance Assessment of Llanfairfechan Seawall Apron Failure

Stage 1 step 1: proposal details.

a): Project details where an external party has applied to NRW for any form of authorisation

Project details (Permitting officer to complete)	Application reference number (if applicable)	CML2608
	Date application received	18/03/2026
	Applicant details	M Group Transport (Rail & Aviation) Limited
	Activity proposed	Llanfairfechan Seawall Apron Failure - Remedial works on up to 40m of seawall Recent significant damage has been sustained to the lower concrete apron below the Sea Defence Wall at Llanfairfechan. Resulting in exposed voiding with the outer sea defence alignment. Timely remedial measures have been requested by Network Rail asset teams. MGroup have been commissioned to undertake the repairs at the earliest opportunity. The failure currently affects roughly a 30m of the sea defence, but the working area may extend up to 40m to ensure a secure repair. The proposed works are planned to fill the void space with pumped concrete to reinstate the defence. A small excavator will be lifted from the rail, into position below the void on or close to beach level, in order to removed broken away material. Envisaged sequence of works is as follows: • Removal of failed material, • Infilling and placement of clean stone material which has been scoured from the void, • Concrete backfill and cap of the void (similar to previous designs implemented on this defence alignment), Full details of the proposed repairs are detailed on drawings: • Appendix B - CNH3 W2300484 Llanfairfechan_28012026 • Appendix B - CNH3 Llanfairfechan Spec Notes Rev
	Relevant legislation	<i>Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy</i> <i>The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017</i>
	List other permissions that may be required where known	N/A

	Location (include map where appropriate)	Llanfairfechan Seawall Apron Failure 
	Application documents <i>Include: Project purpose and background, site map, scaled plan, site photographs and working method statement.</i>	CML2608 - 1025A - Llanfairfechan Apron (002) Application Form.pdf CML2608 - 1025A - Llanfairfechan Apron - OS Map - Rev1.pdf CML2608 - 1025A - Llanfairfechan Apron - AA - 2026 - MGroup - Rev1.pdf CML2608 - Appendix A - Llanfairfechan Apron - Biosecurity Management Plan Risk Assessment - 2026.pdf CML2608 - Appendix B - CNH3 Llanfairfechan Spec Notes Rev1.pdf CML2608 - Appendix B - CNH3 W2300484 Llanfairfechan_28012026.pdf CML2608 - Copy of 1025A - Llanfairfechan Apron - WNMP Signposting Document_Completed.xlsx CML2608 - 1025A - Llanfairfechan Apron - WFD-001 - 2026.pdf
	Environmental Statement	N/A
	List ongoing maintenance requirements. All structures will require maintenance	Application is for the remedial construction works to repair the apron.
	Timing of works	Proposed to occur circa 26/06/2026 to 10/10/2026, which is outside of the important peak wintering period of bird species. Working hours of 07:00 –19:00, accounting for tidal constraints (low tide working).
	Pre-application correspondence	Yes – but reference not stated in application form, possibly Q26019 Conwy Rail Sea Defence Damage
	Are the works located within a WFD waterbody? Or do they have the potential to impact upon a	Yes

	WFD water body? Waterbodies include surface waters (rivers, lakes, transitional waters, and coastal waters out to 1 nautical mile) and groundwaters	
	NRW team responsible for drafting this WFD Compliance Assessment report, and name of lead officer	Dylan Morgan – Marine Licensing Team
	Date of assessment	30 April 2026

Stage 1, step 2: Collate baseline information on all water bodies at risk from the proposal.

Date of classification information: Interim 2024

WB ID	Water body name	WB type	Management catchment	HMWB	Overall water body status	Ecological status	Chemical status	Hydro-morphology status*	Relevance to the proposal
GB681010120000	Menai Strait	Coastal	Western Wales	No	Good	Good	High	Not assessed	The works are located directly adjacent to these waterbodies and therefore, there is the potential for them to be impacted by construction.
GB110065058570	Afon Ddu (river)	River	Western Wales	No	Good	Good	High	Moderate	The works are located directly adjacent to these waterbodies and therefore, there is the potential for them to be impacted by construction.
GB671010400000	Conwy Bay (coastal)	Coastal	Western Wales	Yes	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Not assessed	The works are adjacent to the Menai Strait waterbody, which is a connecting waterbody to Conwy Bay.

**where there is no information, or a null value then assume it is at good status for morphology (or hydromorphology for TraC water bodies)

The potential for the proposal to affect the following water bodies was also initially considered, but can be ruled out without further consideration:

N/A

Stage 1, Step 3: Risk Screening

Question number	Risk screening questions	Name of activity	Screening decision – delete as appropriate
Q1.1	Is the proposal in a water body at high status or high status for morphology or hydromorphology?	N/A	No – go to Q1.2
Q1.2	Is the activity listed in Annex D as a green activity? Complete new row for each activity	Maintenance of existing structures	Yes – go to Q1.3
Q1.3	Are there any potential cumulative/in combination impacts? Or is there Local Expert Override*?	No	No – go to Q1.4
Q1.4	Is the water body at Good overall status?	/No	Yes, no further WFD assessment needed - Go to Authorisation No - Go to Q1.5
Q1.5	Record best practice measures that the works include to help achieve the objectives of the water body.	Include all measures then proceed to Authorisation section A biosecurity plan & risk assessment has been provided by the applicant to ensure the works don't introduce or spread marine and terrestrial Invasive Non-Native Species. Implementation of best practice measures & mitigation as detailed in the applicant's submitted Biosecurity Management Plan & Risk Assessment, HRA & WFD documents.	

**Expert judgement may be required i.e. for complex or cumulative interactions; or a particularly sensitive site/activity (including target water bodies).*

Conclusion of WFD Compliance Assessment & Authorisation

WFD stage 1 screening has been completed and the activity/project have been ruled out as not requiring any further WFD assessment.

Completed by	Dylan Morgan
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Date	14 May 2026

Consultation with technical advisors/specialists

Relevant section of the WFD compliance assessment	Date(s) of correspondence* and any meeting(s) with technical advisor(s) and include the name of the technical advisor	Description of how the comments from technical advisors have been considered
Conclusion	10 June 2026	NRW A agree with the conclusion of this WFD

*Attach a copy of any written correspondence with the WFD assessment for the audit trail

Where there is a dispute on the conclusion the decision should be taken by the Leadership Team member of the team exercising the competent authority role