

Marine Licensing Decision

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Applicant: Carmarthenshire County Council
Application reference no: DML2562

**Disposal of dredged material from Burry Port Harbour
at Burry Port Foreshore (LU146) disposal site**

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OUR DECISION

Based on all the information available, and having regard to all relevant considerations, NRW has decided to grant the marine licence sought by the Application subject to the conditions set out in Annex 1.

This decision document:

- explains how the Application has been determined, having regard to the relevant legal framework outlined in section 4;
- explains how relevant considerations have been taken into account and how each of the legal requirements have been considered in determining the Application;
- provides a record of the decision-making process; and
- sets out the reasons for any conditions imposed in connection with any marine licence granted pursuant to the Application.

1. APPLICATION DETAILS

1.1. The Application

Applicant Name and Address	The Applicant is the organisation set out below: Organisation name: Carmarthenshire County Council Address: County Hall, Carmarthen, Dyfed SA31 1JP
Application Reference Number	DML2562
Date Application was duly made	07 November 2025
Proposal[s] covered by the Application	Disposal of dredged material from Burry Port Harbour at Burry Port Foreshore (LU146) disposal site (the Project)
Licensable marine activities	Carmarthenshire County Council have statutory powers to dredge the harbour under the Burry Port Harbour Revision Order 2000. Excavators will be used to remove the material which will then be deposited using dumper / tipper trucks. The Licensable activities consist of the subsequent disposal of maintenance dredging material from the Approach Channel and Outer Harbour areas of Burry Port Harbour at Burry Port Foreshore (LU146) disposal site. (the Proposed Activities)

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Marine Plan Area	Welsh inshore region and Welsh offshore region	
Application documents:	Title/Description of Document	Date Submitted
	DML2562 NRW Results Template MAR02686 Burry Port 2025 v3	07 November 2025
	DML2562 Burry Port Dredge and Disposal_Biosecurity Risk Assessment_FINAL	07 November 2025
	DML2562 Burry Port Maintenance Dredge WNMP_2025_11_05	07 November 2025
	DML2562 - Outer Harbour Licence Area.dbf	21 October 2025
	DML2562 - Outer Harbour Licence Area.shp	21 October 2025
	DML2562 - Outer Harbour Licence Area.shx	21 October 2025
	DML2562 - Burry Port Harbour eng-marine-dredge-and-disposal-licence-application 2025_09_29	21 October 2025
	DML2562 - Approach Channel Licence Area.dbf	21 October 2025
	DML2562 - Approach Channel Licence Area.shp	21 October 2025
	DML2562 - Approach Channel Licence Area.shx	21 October 2025
	DML2562 - 2025-09-11 Burry Port Dredge and Disposal_WFD Assessment_FINAL	21 October 2025
	DML2562 - 2025-08-29 Burry Port Dredge and Disposal_Coastal Processes Assessment_FINAL	21 October 2025
	DML2562 Area.png	06 November 2025
	DML2562 - Burry Port harbour Phase 1 sediment deposition	30 January 2026
	DML2562 - 2026-03-18 Burry Port Dredge and Disposal_Habs Regs Assessment_UPDATED FINAL	19 March 2026
	DML2562 - 2026-03-18 Burry Port Dredge and Disposal_Habs Regs Assessment_APPENDIX 8	19 March 2026
	DML2562 - 2026-03-18 Burry Port Dredge and Disposal_Habs Regs Assessment_APPENDIX 9	19 March 2026

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	DML2562 Burry Port Disposal Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan R2 2026_06_10	10 June 2026	
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2. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

2.1. The Application

The Application was accepted by Natural Resources Wales (**NRW**) considered duly made on 07 November 2025. This means we considered it was in the correct form and contained sufficient information for us to begin our determination, but not that it necessarily contained all the information we needed to complete that determination, and the documents considered may therefore include documents provided after the Application was first made.

2.2. Documents considered

In reaching its decision, NRW has considered the documents listed in section 1 of this decision document along with such other information provided by the Applicant or received by consultees as NRW considered relevant.

2.3. Commercial Confidentiality

The Applicant made no claim that any information forming part of the Application was subject to commercial confidentiality and we have not received any information in relation to the Application that appears to be commercially confidential.

2.4. Publicity and advertising

As required by s. 68 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (the 2009 Act), notice was given to Carmarthen County Council on 26 November 2025.

As required by s. 68 of the 2009 Act NRW has required the Applicant to publish notice of the Application.

Public notice advertising the Project was placed in the Llanelli Star on 26 November 2025. The application documents were made available to the public at [Public register - Customer Portal](#) and they could also be requested from Natural Resources Wales Marine Licensing Team.

The public were given a period of 28 days from the date of the Public Notice to provide comments on the Application.

One public response was received in response to the Public Notice. All representations have been considered in coming to our decision. Details of our considerations can be found in section 4.

2.5. Environmental impact Assessment

Council Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment aims to protect the environment and the quality of life by ensuring that projects which are likely to have significant environmental effects by virtue of their nature, size or location are subject to an environmental impact assessment (EIA) before permission is granted.

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 ("the Regulations") transpose the EIA Directive in Wales and England for marine licence applications.

Having considered the Application NRW has determined that it does not constitute a development requiring EIA under the Regulations.

3. CONSULTATION**3.1. Consultees**

NRW considered it appropriate to consult the bodies listed in the table below on 26 November 2025, due to their particular expertise. These bodies were consulted for a period of 28 days. For those bodies which responded to the consultation an 'Y' can be found in the response received column, and those which did not respond to the consultation an 'N':

Consultee	Response received (Y/N)	Date(s) of receipt
The Crown Estate	Y	17 December 2025
NRW Advisory (NRW A)	Y	A number of responses were received between 24 December 2025 and 12 June 2026
Ministry of Defence (MoD) - Safeguarding Defence	Y	27 November 2025
Maritime & Coastguard Agency	Y	16 December 2025
Trinity House	Y	22 December 2025
Royal Yachting Association	Y	17 December 2025
Local Biodiversity Officer (Carmarthenshire County Council)	N	
Local Planning Authority (Carmarthenshire County Council)	N	
Local Harbour Authority (Burry Port)	N	
Welsh Fishermen's Association	N	
National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations	N	
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	N	
Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers	N	
Cadw	Y	12 December 2025
Welsh Archaeological Trust	Y	04 December 2025

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Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales	Y	09 December 2025
Public Health Wales	Y	28 November 2025
Department for Transport (DFT)	N	
The Wildlife Trust	N	
Chamber of Shipping	N	
NERL Safeguarding	Y	27 November 2025
Department for Transport (Wrecks)	N	
ABPmer for advice regarding sediment sample analysis	Y	23 November 2025

Consultees who did not provide a response were assumed to have no comment.

NRW has had regard to all consultation responses received in making its decision. Where these have impacted on NRW's decision making, this has been noted in the relevant paragraph in section 4 of this decision document.

4. BASIS FOR OUR DECISION

In determining this application, including the terms on which it was granted, and the conditions attached to it, NRW has had regard to the factors set out in section 4 below in accordance with the 2009 Act.

Under the 2009 Act NRW is required to have regard to the following:

- the need to protect the environment (see section 4.1);
- the need to protect human health (see section 4.2);
- the need to prevent interference with legitimate uses of the sea (see section 4.3);
- in the case of an application for a licence to authorise construction, alteration or improvement of works within the UK marine licensing area, the effects of any use intended to be made of the works in question when constructed, altered or improved (considered, if relevant in sections 4.1 to 4.5 below);
- any representations which it has received from any person having an interest in the outcome of the Application (summarised in section 3 and where relevant considered in sections 4.1 to 4.5 below); and
- such other matters as it thinks relevant (see section 4.5 below).

4.1. The need to protect the environment:

The reference to the “environment” includes the local and global environment; the natural environment; and, by virtue of section 115(2) of the 2009 Act, any site of historic or archaeological interest. The natural environment may include the physical, chemical and biological state of the sea, the seabed and the seashore, and the ecosystems within it, or those that are directly or indirectly affected by an activity, whether within the marine licensing area or otherwise.

In considering the need to protect the environment we have considered the relevant environmental legislation set out below.

4.1.1. Water Framework Directive, Groundwater Directive and Water Environment Regulations

a) The legal framework

The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017 (**Water Environment Regulations**) implement the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (**WFD**) (Directive 2000/60/EC) which requires consideration as to whether that proposals for development may cause deterioration or prevent a water body from achieving ‘good status’. Proposals likely to cause deterioration or prevent a waterbody from achieving good status should be rejected, unless derogation procedures have been applied.

Under the Water Environment Regulations, NRW must exercise its relevant functions to ensure compliance with the requirements of the WFD, the Environmental Quality Standards Directive (Directive 2008/105/EC) and the Groundwater Directive (Directive 2006/118/EEC).

b) Factors relevant to our determination

NRW has considered the potential effect of the Proposed Activities on the following WFD waterbodies:

- Burry Inlet Outer - GB641008180000

A Water Framework Directive Compliance Assessment has been undertaken for the Proposed Activities and taken into account in this decision. This assessment identified that due to changes in beach height arising from the deposit of dredge material, the works have the potential to affect morphological conditions.

Additionally, as plant will be operating on the foreshore, there is potential for the gradient or slope of the beach to be changed, thus affecting local wave behaviour or hydromorphology. As such, it is considered necessary to secure conditions to the marine licence ensuring that the material is deposited evenly across the disposal site and the area is returned to as close as reasonably practicable to the original profile (see condition 3.22 and 3.26 of the Marine Licence).

There is a risk of oil and chemical contamination to the intertidal and marine environment from the land-based mechanical excavator while disposing of the dredge material. NRW consider this can be mitigated through the adherence to pollution prevention best practices that can be secured through marine licence conditions.

Based on this assessment it is considered that the Proposed Activities when considered alone and in combination, will not pose a risk to deterioration in the status of any of the above listed waterbodies or jeopardise their attainment of good surface water status when undertaken in accordance with appropriate conditions (see Annex 1).

Further details are described within the Water Framework Directive Compliance Assessment.

4.1.2. Biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty

a) The legal framework

Section 6 of the Environment Wales Act 2016 requires that we seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of our functions, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems, in a manner that is consistent with the proper exercise of our functions.

b) Factors relevant to our determination

A number of section 7 species and habitats have also been considered within the project HRA as a number of relevant section 7 habitat and species are also a feature of the European Designated Sites in the vicinity and as such have been considered within the HRA accordingly.

NRW is satisfied we have taken into account and had due regard to this duty in so far as it is consistent with the function of determining an application for a Marine Licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

4.1.3. European Protected Sites and Ramsar Sites

a) The legal framework

European sites are those designated under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (**Habitats Regulations 2017**) and the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species

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Regulations 2017 (**Offshore Habitats Regulations 2017**) as Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs).

The Habitats Regulations 2017 and the Offshore Habitats Regulations 2017 require that any project that is likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) must be subject to an appropriate assessment. NRW undertakes a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) to establish whether an appropriate assessment is required.

In addition, NRW must exercise its functions under the 2009 Act so as to secure compliance with the requirements of the relevant European Directives. NRW also has a duty under the Habitats Regulations 2017 to support wild birds by protecting habitats and avoiding pollution.

A Ramsar site is a wetland which has been designated under the Ramsar Convention. The Ramsar Convention does not place specific legal requirements on its parties (though Ramsar sites are often SSSIs or SPAs, considered below), however Ramsar status is considered by NRW as matter of policy in its decision making.

b) Factors relevant to our determination

The Project is located in the following Protected Site(s):

- Burry Inlet SPA
- Burry Inlet Ramsar
- Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries / Bae Caerfyrddin ac Aberoedd SAC

A Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Proposed Activities has been undertaken, and NRW Advisory (as Statutory Nature Conservation Body) consulted on the HRA.

The HRA concluded that the plan or project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites when undertaken in accordance with appropriate conditions.

The works lie within the Bae Caerfyrddin ac Aberodd SAC. The applicant has committed within *DML2562 - Burry Port Disposal Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan 2026_05_2* monitor the disposal site and proposed adaptive management measures that could take place if results of the monitoring indicate impact on the mudflats and sandflats features of the site. NRW are satisfied that adherence to the Monitoring and Management Plan can be secured through Marine Licence condition (see condition 3.20).

The impacts on specific receptors have been detailed in Section 4.1.8.

NRW are satisfied that potential impacts as a result of accidental pollution events can be avoided and mitigated through the adherence to pollution prevention best practices that can be secured through Marine Licence conditions (see Annex 1).

NRW is therefore satisfied that the Proposed Activities, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, will not adversely affect the integrity of European Site(s) when undertaken in accordance with appropriate conditions.

4.1.4. European Protected Species

a) The legal framework

The Habitats Regulations 2017 and the Offshore Habitats Regulations 2017 also confer protection on certain designated species (European Protected Species). A licence (EPS licence) must be obtained in order, whether deliberately or accidentally, to capture, kill, disturb or injure such a species, damage or destroy their breeding or resting places or obstruct access to their resting or sheltering places.

b) Factors relevant to our determination

NRW MLT considers that the following protected species are likely to be impacted by the Project:

- Otters

Consideration of otters has been given in section 4.1.8. NRW MLT has no reason to believe should an EPS be required for Licensable Marine Activities that it would not be forthcoming.

Any determination made as part of this decision are without prejudice to the consideration NRW is required to give an EPS licence application as the body with a statutory responsibility for its determination and do not constrain or bind NRW in exercising this function. Should an application for an EPS licence in relation to the Project be made it will be determined by NRW based on all the relevant information available to NRW at that time.

4.1.5. Marine Conservation Zones

a) The legal framework

Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ) were established under the 2009 Act to protect nationally important, rare or threatened habitats and species. The only currently designated MCZ in Wales is Skomer.

Under the 2009 Act, NRW must exercise its functions in the manner which it considers best furthers the conservation objectives stated for any MCZ or, where that is not possible, in the manner which it considers least hinders the achievement of those objectives.

b) Factors relevant to our determination

NRW is satisfied that there is no significant risk of the Proposed Activities on the Skomer MCZ as, given the project's location, there is no impact pathway.

4.1.6. Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)

a) The legal framework

Sites of Special Scientific Interest are designated under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (**1981 Act**) and protected by law to conserve their wildlife or geology. NRW must take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of its functions, to further the conservation and enhancement of the flora, fauna or geological or physiographical features by reason of which an SSSI is of special scientific interest.

b) Factors relevant to our determination

NRW has considered the impact of the Project on the following sites:

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- Burry Inlet SSSI

NRW is satisfied that the Proposed Activities do not have the potential to impact on this site when undertaken in accordance with appropriate conditions (see Annex 1). Appropriate consultation has been undertaken within NRW, as set out in section 3.

The Burry Inlet SSSI is internationally important due to its large overwintering bird population. The SSSI underpins the Burry Inlet SPA and therefore consideration of ornithology features within the HRA will also be relevant to the SSSI.

The extensive areas of grazed saltmarsh, sand and mud flats serve as important supporting habitats for bird populations and the conclusions detailed in Section 4.1.8 under the Benthic Ecology and Physical Processes sections are applicable to the SSSI.

Given the conclusions detailed in Section 4.1.8, NRW is satisfied that the Proposed Activities are not operations likely to damage the SSSI and that the method statement proposed as part of the Application appropriately addresses any risks arising from the Proposed Activities.

4.1.7.The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011

a) The legal framework

The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 (as amended) establish a legal framework for treating waste. This is designed to protect the environment and human health by emphasising the importance of proper waste management, recovery and recycling techniques to reduce pressure on resources and improve their use. Waste generated by a project or activity must in general terms be dealt with in an environmentally friendly way. To achieve this the Regulations describe a waste hierarchy which gives an order of preference for how waste is dealt with (prevention, re-use, recovery for other purposes such as energy, and finally disposal).

b) Factors relevant to our determination

NRW is satisfied that the Proposed Activities meet the requirements of The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 when undertaken in accordance with appropriate conditions.

NRW A raised initial concerns about the level of zinc in three of the samples taken. Subsequently, the applicant clarified that the sample areas with elevated areas of zinc were not within the dredge.

NRW is therefore content that the proposals are in line with the relevant OSPAR guidelines for the management of dredged material and there are no concerns regarding contaminant levels. Standard sampling conditions have been added to the licence to ensure that sampling is undertaken every 3 years (see Annex 1 – Condition 3.19).

4.1.8.Other matters considered relevant to the need to protect the environment

Historic Environment

The RCAHWW noted that the Scheduled Monument CM268, Iron Tub Boats, is located on the seaward side of the eastern breakwater. The southwestern end of the scheduled area is located 18m from the northeastern side of the Outer Harbour dredge area.

RCAHWW noted that disposal of material may be beneficial as sediment may migrate from the disposal site to the CM268 area resulting in further burial and protection from degradation.

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RCAHMW noted that dredging was outside the scope of this licence, as the licence was for disposal only, but did not that due to the vicinity of the dredge operation it had the potential to impact scheduled monument, CM268. NRW MLT encourage the applicant to engage directly with RCAHMW surrounding the dredge activity as this falls outside the scope of the licence determination.

Concerns surrounding dredge activity

A response was received from St Ishmael Community Council raising concerns that the activity would lead to the loss of sand on the beach in Ferryside. Concerns were raised that sediment redistribution in Carmarthen Bay had previously restored sand levels after erosive storm events, but sand removal due to the dredging of Burry Port has diminished normal cycles of replenishment.

As detailed in the Marine Licence application form, Carmarthenshire County Council have statutory powers to dredge the harbour under the Burry Port Harbour Revision Order 2000. The marine licence application is in relation to disposal of dredge material; the dredging activity itself falls outside the scope of the licence determination and would need to be discussed directly with Carmarthenshire County Council.

Marine Mammals

Initially, marine mammal sites were not scoped into the assessment however, NRW A advised that given the close proximity of the proposed works to the Bristol Channel Approaches SAC, which is designated for harbour porpoise, consideration of potential impacts on marine mammals should be included given the potential pathway for underwater noise.

The applicant subsequently confirmed that no works will be occurring in the water column and thus, there is no potential for the generation of underwater noise which could impact Harbour Porpoise. NRW A agreed with this conclusion.

Marine Ornithology

NRW A advised that, given the proximity of the proposal to the Burry Inlet SPA/Ramsar and Burry Inlet and Loughor Estuary SSSI, which are designated for wintering waterbirds, there is the potential for the works to cause visual and noise disturbance to wintering waders and wildfowl. The low tide counts maps presented in the initial application highlighted large oystercatcher populations in close proximity to Burry Port and the disposal site. NRW A therefore advised that works should take place outside of the wintering season, unless the applicant was able to provide further wintering bird survey data and appropriately assess the impact the works may have. Surveys would need to cover the high tide periods (i.e. two hours either side of high tide) and extend from September to March inclusive. NRW A advised that further consideration would also need to be given to existing data sources, such as Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) data that cover the proposed site.

Concerns were also raised by NRW A surrounding potential impacts on the bivalve community along the beach as they serve as an important food source for a number of SPA features. Impact on bivalve communities are considered further in the Benthic Ecology section below.

Further information was subsequently submitted by the applicant confirming that the initial dredge campaign would be completed outside of the wintering season however, they stated that there may be a requirement for future campaigns to be completed during the wintering period.

Limited bird count data was provided with only two walkover surveys being completed in January 2026 and WeBS data still not provided. Some low tide data from the British Trust for Ornithology had been presented which indicated a large oystercatcher presence and therefore confirmed a pathway for disturbance.

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NRW A concerns remained as although the applicant had stated that works will not be completed within 2 hours either side of high tide, which would sufficiently mitigate disturbance impacts, future dredge campaigns could potentially last up to 52 days. Even whilst taking into consideration that works will only occur over low tide, this could still cause disturbance to birds over a significant proportion of the wintering season.

NRW A therefore requested further clarification regarding the maximum potential timing and duration of future dredge deposition activities, and additional evidence to demonstrate the potential disturbance impact.

Following further correspondence between the applicant and NRW A, WeBS data was provided and the applicant proposed provision for a single 5-day campaign to take place within the wintering season if necessary, on any given year.

NRW A still had concerns surrounding that data provided, noting the submission, *2026-05-05 Burry Port Disposal_CCC Response 2 to NRW*, included WeBS data provided was for the entirety of the Burry Inlet SPA, not the local count sites for the development. Therefore, the data could not be used to determine which species are using the deposition area as it covers the whole of the SPA. However, NRW A were satisfied with the proposal that a single 5-day campaign could take place during the peak wintering season (December to February inclusive) and that if another campaign is required within 28 days, permission would need to take place from NRW MLT in consultation with NRW A before any further disposal takes place. NRW are satisfied this can be secured through Marine Licence conditions (see condition 3.25 of Annex 1) Subject to the proposed mitigation we are satisfied that disturbance to overwintering marine bird species will be minimal and temporary.

Fish and Shellfish Ecology

NRW A initially raised concern surrounding the potential impact of underwater noise on fish. The applicant clarified that no works will be occurring in the water column and thus, there is no potential for the generation of underwater noise which could impact fish. As such, NRW A agreed with this conclusion.

Benthic Ecology

NRW A noted that the Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries / Bae Caerfyrddin ac Aberoedd SAC has been designated due to the presence of the following benthic features which fall within the Zone of Influence of the proposed works: 'Estuaries' and 'Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide'. Insufficient evidence was provided to demonstrate that the works would not result in an Adverse Effect on Site Integrity (AEoSI). Specifically, there were concerns that the works would undermine the Conservation Objectives of the site by reducing the distribution, and extent of the features themselves as well as the abundance, distribution and diversity of the species within them.

Furthermore, as no baseline characterisation had been conducted, NRW A were unable to advise on the adequacy and/or appropriateness of the mitigation proposed. Clarification was sought as to whether the proposal presented a method of beach nourishment/beneficial use, or whether the existing beach profile was to be maintained as this would help to understand the likely changes in the designated SAC features which may also act as supporting habitat for SPA features.

The applicant looked to address NRW A concerns and provided, *"DML2562 NRW (A) Response with CCC Response_29_01_2026 v2.2"*, on 30 January 2026 and the results of a Phase 1 habitat survey, *"DML2562 - Burry Port harbour Phase 1 sediment deposition"*.

NRW A acknowledged that further information had been provided on the worst-case depth of deposition in any given area however, they maintained that insufficient evidence had been presented to rule out Adverse Effect on Site Integrity (AEoSI) and deemed the Phase 1 survey inadequate. Additional information and guidance were provided.

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The applicant looked to engage directly with NRW A from February 2026 – May 2026 as they sought resolutions to concerns raised. During this period, an updated Phase 1 Habitat survey was provided, “*DML2562 - 2026-03-18 Burry Port Dredge and Disposal_Habs Regs Assessment_APPENDIX 9*” alongside an updated HRA, “*DML2562 - 2026-03-18 Burry Port Dredge and Disposal_Habs Regs Assessment_UPDATED FINAL*”.

Given the results of the updated Phase 1 survey, NRW A noted that the deposition areas could potentially lead to significant impacts on sensitive receptors within the Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries / Bae Caerfyrddin ac Aberoedd SAC for which recovery times are likely to be medium to long-term resulting in an Adverse Effect on Site Integrity (AEoSI). This would likely have a detrimental impact on features of the Burry Inlet SPA as well, given their position as a prey species. NRW A therefore advised that the disposal area should be amended to include exclusion zones which incorporate a 100m buffer around all areas supporting sensitive bivalve communities.

Subsequently, the applicant amended the proposed disposal area to exclude areas which support sensitive benthic communities / supporting habitats, based on the findings of the Phase 1 survey, and factored in a 100m buffer. NRW A were satisfied with the amended disposal area.

The applicant considered the deposited dredged material would undergo rapid redistribution, given historical observations of activities of this nature at Burry Port, however, were unable to provide further evidence to support this view.

As additional evidence could not be provided, NRW A requested that a monitoring and adaptive management should be implemented to understand the effects of the disposal and whether receptors sufficiently recover between deposits. NRW A agreed that should significant recovery be demonstrated in the first year, then no further monitoring would be required. However, further monitoring and mitigation may be required if impacts are identified. Following multiple consultations with NRW A from May 2026 – June 2026, and several iterations, the applicant produced an adaptive management plan “*DML2562 Burry Port Disposal Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan R2 2026_06_10*” which NRW A were satisfied was appropriate. NRW MLT consider that the Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan would need to be secured via a condition on the marine licence (see condition 3.20 of Annex 1).

Physical Processes

NRW A had concerns about how heavy machinery would access the site as no detail had been provided in the initial application. Machinery had the potential to impact designated features of the Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries / Bae Caerfyrddin ac Aberoedd SAC as well as supporting habitat for the Burry Inlet SPA. An up to date habitat map and Access Management Plan was therefore requested to ensure routes were planned accordingly.

The applicant provided a response, “*DML2562 NRW (A) Response with CCC Response_29_01_2026 v2.2*”, on 30 January 2026 and attached a Phase 1 habitat survey, “*DML2562 - Burry Port harbour Phase 1 sediment deposition*” which NRW A were reconsulted on.

NRW A were content with the applicant’s commitment to including a clause within the dredging contractor’s specification that a suitable vehicle access management plan (or similar) and pollution prevention and response plan (or similar) be produced and implemented.

During consultation, many of the issues raised regarding Physical Processes overlapped with the Benthic Ecology issues. These have been detailed in the Benthic Ecology section above.

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The applicant considered that the foreshore of Burry Port East Beach was a highly mobile sedimentary environment, as evidenced by the beach's sediment characteristics and features identified in the updated Phase 1 Habitat Survey, "*DML2562 - 2026-03-18 Burry Port Dredge and Disposal_Habs Regs Assessment_APPENDIX 9*". As such, they were of the opinion that the deposited material would rapidly redistribute across a larger area of the beach by wave action over several tides, and thus, there would be no discernible changes to the beach's form or existing patterns of currents, waves and sediment transport.

NRW A maintained that insufficient evidence had been provided to support the claim that the material would rapidly redistribute.

Following multiple consultations with NRW A from May 2026 – June 2026, and several iterations, a Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan was agreed, "*DML2562 Burry Port Disposal Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan R2 2026_06_10*". This plan will assess whether the deposited material distributes quickly and if not, appropriate action will be taken. Condition 3.22 has also been added to the licence to ensure that material is distributed evenly over the deposit area to minimise sediment accretion (see Annex 1).

Adherence to this plan has been secured through the addition of Condition 3.20 (see Annex 1). NRW A were reconsulted and, after review of the updated monitoring and adaptive management plan, agreed with the conclusion of the HRA that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites, taking into account any conditions or restrictions as applicable, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

Marine Water and Sediment Quality

NRW A raised initial concerns about level of zinc in 3 of the samples taken. Subsequently, the applicant clarified that the sample areas with elevated areas of zinc were not within the dredge.

Concerns were also raised regarding the lack of CEMP or pollution prevention measures. The applicant provided additional pollution prevention measures which NRW A were satisfied with. Mitigation has also been secured through standard pollution prevention conditions on the licence (see Annex 1).

Otters

Otters are known to use the coast between Llanelli and Burry Port and have been seen crossing the railway line which runs along the coast and connects their feeding and resting habitats. Access to shallow sea water is important to coastal otters since their principal prey species are fish. Accordingly, the range of otter may extend to the placement site on Burry Port East Beach because they are known to commute between the railway line and the coast.

Although there is a potential pathway for visual disturbance and/or above water noise disturbance, the proposed dredging activity will take place over a limited time period and will take place with tides between mid and low water when there will be other human activity in the area. For these reasons, the activities are unlikely to cause a hindrance or constraint to otter commuting activity because there will remain extensive areas around the deposition site to maintain an inter-connection between resting and foraging sites.

Increased sediment in the water column may impact visibility and therefore reduce prey availability or feeding success. However, any re-suspension of sediment, following deposit, will be localised and of negligible volume when considered against the size of the foraging area. Given the highly mobile nature of otter, they are able to use alternative foraging sites during the short duration that material is being disposed and therefore, no adverse effect is expected.

There is a risk of oil and chemical spills to the marine environment from the land-based mechanical excavator while disposing of the dredge material. Changes in chemical composition of the waterbody

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could lead to direct impacts on otter and prey species. The applicant proposed additional pollution prevention measures and standard pollution prevention conditions will be included on the licence (see Annex 1). As such, no adverse effect is expected.

4.1.9. Conclusion of our considerations under the need to protect the Environment

In summary, having considered the need to protect the environment, NRW does not consider that any impacts of the Project on the environment (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) are sufficient on their own to justify refusal of the Application provided that the Proposed Activities are implemented in accordance with the conditions set out in Annex 1.

4.2. The need to protect human health

No comments or representations were received in relation to the need to protect human health and no other concerns in this regard have been identified.

4.2.1. Conclusion of our considerations under the need to protect human health

In summary, having considered the need to protect human health, NRW does not consider that any impacts of the Project (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) are sufficient on their own to justify refusal of the Application provided that the Proposed Activities are implemented in accordance with the conditions set out in Annex 1.

4.3. The need to prevent interference with legitimate uses of the sea

Legitimate uses of the sea include (but are not limited to): navigation (including taking any steps for the purpose of navigational safety); fishing; mineral extraction; and amenity use.

No comments or representations were received in relation to the need to prevent interference with legitimate uses of the sea and no other concerns in this regard have been identified. However, NRW Marine Licensing considers it appropriate to include licence conditions to ensure the safety of navigation which includes ensuring all relevant parties are notified prior to the commencement of Licensed Activities. These conditions are detailed in Annex 1.

4.3.1. Conclusion of our considerations regarding the need to prevent interference with legitimate uses of the sea

In summary, having considered the need to protect interference with legitimate uses of the sea, NRW does not consider that any impacts of the Project (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) are sufficient on their own to justify refusal of the Application provided that the Proposed Activities are implemented in accordance with the conditions set out in Annex 1.

In summary, having considered the need to protect interference with legitimate uses of the sea, NRW considers that the impacts of the Project (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) are not acceptable and that the Application should therefore be refused.

4.4. Marine Policy Documents**a) The Legal framework**

NRW is required to take its decision in accordance with the appropriate marine policy documents unless relevant considerations indicate otherwise.

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UK Marine Policy Statement 2011 (MPS)

The MPS is the framework for preparing Marine Plans and taking decisions affecting the marine environment.

Welsh National Marine Plan (WNMP)

The WNMP is the Marine Plan for the Welsh inshore region and the Welsh offshore region and sets out the Welsh Government's policies for and in connection with the sustainable development of this area.

b) Our determination

UK Marine Policy Statement 2011

This decision has been taken in accordance with marine policy as set out in the UK Marine Policy Statement 2011.

Welsh National Marine Plan

This decision has been taken in accordance with marine policy as set out in the Welsh National Marine Plan. The project demonstrates compliance with the WNMP including with the following policies:

ECON_01: Sustainable economic growth - The project contributes to the ongoing investment into the wider regeneration of Burry Port, which is a major project supported by the Llanelli Waterside Joint Venture between Carmarthenshire County Council and the Welsh Government.

ECON_02: Coexistence - The project proposes to maintain navigation to, from and within Burry Port Harbour and, therefore, maintains opportunities for coexistence with other compatible sectors including fishing and recreation and tourism sectors.

D&D_01: Dredging and Disposal - The project complies with the policy because it proposes to maintain navigation to, from and within Burry Port Harbour, including navigation along the approach channel and within the outer harbour. On this basis, the project is considered to contribute positively to dredging and disposal.

SOC_01: Access to the marine environment - The project complies with the policy because it proposes to maintain navigation to, from and within Burry Port Harbour and, therefore, maintains access to the marine environment for activities that require the use of vessels.

Due to the location and scale of the works the proposal is not considered to have the potential to have an adverse impact on any Tidal Stream Energy Strategic Resource Area (Policy SAF_02).

4.5. Other matters NRW thinks relevant

4.5.1. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

a) The legal framework

In making its decision, NRW is required to take all reasonable steps to meet its published well-being objectives, which are designed to maximise NRW's contribution to achieving each of the well-being goals set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. NRW must also act in accordance with the principles of sustainable development.

b) Our determination

NRW has taken into account its well-being objectives and is satisfied that its decision is consistent with meeting those objectives.

NRW is also satisfied that its decision is consistent with the sustainable development principle i.e. seeking to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

4.5.2. Sustainable management of natural resources

a) The legal framework

NRW's general purpose is to pursue the sustainable management of natural resources in relation to Wales and applying the principles of sustainable management of natural resources as set out in section 4 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 so far as consistent with the proper exercise of its functions.

b) Our determination

NRW is satisfied that this decision, when implemented in accordance with the attached conditions, is consistent with its general purpose of pursuing the sustainable management of natural resources in relation to Wales and applying the principles of sustainable management of natural resources.

5. Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on all the information available and having regard to all relevant considerations including the consultation responses, NRW's decision is to grant the Marine Licence sought by the Application. We have reached this decision having had regard to the relevant legal framework outlined in section 4 and have also explained in section 4 how each of the legal requirements have been considered. NRW has determined that a Marine Licence for the Proposed Activities should be granted.

Conditions have been attached to the Marine Licence as set out in Annex 1. The reason for the inclusion of each condition is set out with the conditions.

6. AUTHORISATION

Report by: Jack Thompson Position: Senior Marine Licensing Officer	Date: 18 June 2026	Signed: 
Authorised by: Emmer Litt Position: Marine Licensing Team Leader	Date: 30 June 2026	Signed: 

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ANNEX 1

Conditions imposed and reasons for those conditions.

Note: Condition numbers used below reflect the condition numbers used in the licence.

CONDITIONS

Notification and Inspection

3.1 Notification of Commencement

- 3.1.2** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.

Reason: To ensure the Licensing Authority are aware of the commencement of Licensed Activities.

- 3.1.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement) no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.

Reason: To ensure the Marine Enforcement Officers are aware of the commencement of Licensed Activities.

- 3.1.3** The Licence Holder must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the Licensed Activities through local notices to mariners **10 days** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

Reason: To minimise interference with other sea users and ensure other vessels in the vicinity can safely plan and conduct their passage.

- 3.1.4** The Licence Holder must ensure that notification is sent to The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office (email: **sdr@ukho.gov.uk**) at least **10 days** prior to commencement of the works. The information supplied must include the start date and end date, a description of the works, positions of the work area (WGS84), and details of any marking arrangements.

Reason: To ensure that navigation warnings can be issued to marine users and for the update of nautical charts.

3.2 Notification of Vessels and/or Vehicles

The Licence Holder must ensure that the details of the vessels and/or vehicles utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority and Welsh Government Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement) at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

Reason: To ensure that the Licensing Authority are made aware, in a timely manner, of the vessels and/or vehicles operating under this licence to enable the Licensing Authority to comply with the

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reporting obligations in the Marine Licensing (Register of Licensing Information (Wales) Regulations 2011 as amended.

3.3 Notification of Agents/Contractors/Sub-contractors

The Licence Holder must ensure that details of any agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of Licensed Activities.

Reason: To ensure that the Licensing Authority are made aware, in a timely manner, of the agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) operating under this licence and in order to enable the Licensing Authority to comply with the reporting obligations in the Marine Licensing (Register of Licensing Information (Wales) Regulations 2011 as amended.

3.4 Notification of HM Coastguard

The Licence Holder must ensure that HM Coastguard is made aware of the Licensed Activities at least **24 hours** prior to commencement by contacting The National Maritime Operations Centre at **zone28@hmcg.gov.uk**.

Reason: To ensure the safety of navigation.

3.5 Inspection of Licensed Activities

The Licence Holder must allow Marine Enforcement Officers or any other person authorised by the Licensing Authority to inspect the Works at any reasonable time.

Reason: To allow for inspection of the Licensed Activities to check compliance with the Licence.

3.6 Notification of Completion

- 3.6.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.

Reason: To ensure the Licensing Authority are aware of the completion of Licensed Activities.

- 3.6.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement) within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.

Reason: To ensure the Marine Enforcement Officers are aware of the completion of Licensed Activities.

- 3.6.3** The Licence Holder must notify the UK Hydrographic Office of the Licensed Area and the Licensed Activities within **10 days** of the completion of the Licensed Activities.

Reason: To permit the promulgation of Maritime Safety Information and the updating of nautical charts and publications to ensure other vessels in the vicinity can safely plan and conduct their passage.

3.7 Accident or Emergency

- 3.7.1** If, by reason of force majeure any substances or articles are deposited otherwise than as permitted as part of the Licensed Activities or in the Licensed Area full details of the circumstances shall be notified to the Licensing Authority within **48 hours** of the incident occurring.

Reason: To allow the Licensing Authority to take appropriate action to ensure the appropriate removal of the unlicensed deposit.

- 3.7.2** If it is necessary for the Licence Holder to recover or remove any equipment, plant or machinery used to undertake the Licensed Activities that have been dropped as a result of an accident or emergency, the Licence Holder is permitted to do so provided that the methodology for such recovery or removal has been approved by the Licensing Authority.

Reason: To allow for the recovery of objects that have been accidentally dropped when carrying out the Licensed Activities.

3.8 Distribution of Copies of this Licence

The Licence Holder is required to ensure that a copy of this Licence is given to:

- All agents, contractors and subcontractors whose names have been provided to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.3 and
- The Masters of any vessels and transport managers responsible for the vehicles employed in accordance with this Licence whose details have been submitted to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.2.

Reason: To ensure that all agent(s), contractor(s), sub-contractor(s) and vessel Masters are aware of their obligations under the conditions established within this Licence to ensure compliance with the conditions.

3.9 Inspection of Documents

Copies of this Licence shall be made available at the following locations:

- at the address of the Licence Holder specified in section 1.2;
- at any site office, located at or adjacent to the Licensed Area, used by the Licence Holder or its agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) responsible for the loading transportation or deposit of any substances or articles permitted as part of the Licensed Activities;
- on board each vessel or vehicle carrying out Licensed Activities.

The documents referred to in this Condition shall be available at all reasonable times for inspection by officers appropriately authorised by the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers at the locations stated in that paragraph.

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Reason: To ensure that all agent(s), contractor(s), sub-contractor(s) and vessel Masters may access the details of this Licence at all times and to ensure that the details of this Licence are available for inspection when required.

Vessels, Plant and Equipment

3.10 Notified Contractors, Vessels and/or Vehicles only to Carry out Licensed Activities

Only those agent(s), contractor(s), sub-contractor(s), vessels and/or vehicles whose details have been notified to the Licensing Authority may operate under the terms of this Licence. Any changes must be notified to and be approved by the Licensing Authority in writing prior to any such agent, contractor, subcontractors or vehicles carrying out any Licensed Activities pursuant to or otherwise operating under this Licence.

Reason: To ensure that the Licensing Authority are made aware, in a timely manner, of the agent(s), contractor(s), sub-contractor(s) operating under this Licence to enable the Licensing Authority to comply with the reporting obligations in the Marine Licensing (Register of Licensing Information (Wales) Regulations 2011 as amended.

3.11 Refuelling of Plant and Equipment

The Licence Holder must ensure that plant, vehicles and machinery are not refuelled on the foreshore or in the sea.

Reason: To minimise the risk of fuels/other contaminants entering the marine environment.

3.12 Equipment, Structures and Access

The Licence Holder must ensure that all equipment, temporary structures, access tracks, waste and/or debris associated with the Licensed Activities are removed on completion of the Licensed activities.

Reason: To minimise impacts on the marine environment and other users of the sea/seabed.

Safety

3.13 Removal of Deposited Material

If the Licensing Authority considers it necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, the Licence Holder must remove any deposit specified by the Licensing Authority or Marine Enforcement Officers within one month of notice being given by the Licensing Authority, and shall not replace such material until the Licensing Authority has given its written approval.

Reason: To ensure that any material which may pose a hazard to safe navigation has been removed.

Pollution control

3.14 Pollution Prevention

The Licence Holder must ensure that pollution prevention best practice is adhered to at all times. Any incidents must be reported to the Licensing Authority as soon as possible using the hotline number **0300 065 3000**.

Reason: To minimise the risk of pollution incidents and to ensure the timely report of such incidents to enable the Licensing Authority to take action as appropriate.

3.15 Spillage of Pollutants

The Licence Holder must employ bunding, storage facilities and spill kits to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils and chemicals associated with the plant, refuelling and construction equipment into the marine environment. Secondary containment must be used with a capacity of **no less than 110%** of the container's storage capacity.

Reason: To minimise the risk of fuels/other contaminants entering the marine environment.

3.16 Prevention of Disposal of Man-made Debris

The Licence Holder must ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent the disposal of man-made debris to the marine environment. Such material must be removed immediately and be disposed of appropriately. If it is not possible to prevent manmade debris from entering the marine environment during the Licensed Activities, the Licensed Activities must cease immediately.

Reason: To minimise the amount of man-made materials disposed of at sea.

3.17 Cleanliness of Equipment

The Licence Holder must ensure that equipment, machinery and PPE are washed with freshwater and/or thoroughly airdried before deployment and before moving between locations.

Reason: To minimise the risk of spread of invasive non-native species.

Activity-specific Conditions

3.18 Biosecurity Risk Assessment

- 3.18.1** The Licence Holder must implement any actions outlined in the "*DML2562 Burry Port Dredge and Disposal_Biosecurity Risk Assessment_FINAL*", submitted 05 November 2025 and detailed in section 2.3 as approved by the Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the document must be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.
- 3.18.2** The Licence Holder must submit an updated Biosecurity Risk Assessment to NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority for written approval by the **31 January** each year, starting **January 2027**.

Reason: To minimise the risk of spread of invasive non-native species.

3.19 Sediment Sampling

- 3.19.1** The Licence Holder must request a sediment sampling plan from the Licensing Authority on or before **28 November 2027**.

Reason: To determine the appropriate way to dispose of dredged material.

- 3.19.2** The Licence Holder must ensure that the sampling is undertaken in accordance with the sampling plan described in condition 3.19.1 and is analysed at an NRW approved laboratory.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the approved sample plan.

- 3.19.3** The Licence Holder must submit the written results of the sediment sampling undertaken pursuant to condition 3.19.1 for written approval by the Licensing Authority within two months of sampling taking place. This must include an outline of an assessment of alternative uses for the sediment that is to be disposed.

Reason: To ensure that material remains acceptable for disposal at sea.

- 3.19.4** The Licence Holder must not carry out any dredging activity after **28 May 2028** without prior written approval from The Licensing Authority. Such written approval should be requested no later than **28 March 2028**.

- 3.19.5** The Licence Holder must request a sediment sampling plan from the Licensing Authority on or before **28 November 2030**.

Reason: To determine the appropriate way to dispose of dredged material.

- 3.19.6** The Licence Holder must ensure that the sampling is undertaken in accordance with the sampling plan described in condition 3.19.5 and is analysed at an NRW approved laboratory.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the approved sample plan.

- 3.19.7** The Licence Holder must submit the written results of the sediment sampling undertaken pursuant to condition 3.19.5 for written approval by the Licensing Authority within two months of sampling taking place. This must include an outline of an assessment of alternative uses for the sediment that is to be disposed.

Reason: To ensure that material remains acceptable for disposal at sea.

- 3.19.8** The Licence Holder must not carry out any dredging activity after **28 May 2031** without prior written approval from The Licensing Authority. Such written approval should be requested no later than **28 March 2031**.

- 3.19.9** The Licence Holder must request a sediment sampling plan from the Licensing Authority on or before **28 November 2033**.

Reason: To determine the appropriate way to dispose of dredged material.

- 3.19.10** The Licence Holder must ensure that the sampling is undertaken in accordance with the sampling plan described in condition 3.19.9 and is analysed at an NRW approved laboratory.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the approved sample plan.

- 3.19.11** The Licence Holder must submit the written results of the sediment sampling undertaken pursuant to condition 3.19.9 for written approval by the Licensing Authority within two months of sampling taking place. This must include an outline of an assessment of alternative uses for the sediment that is to be disposed.

Reason: To ensure that material remains acceptable for disposal at sea.

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- 3.19.12** The Licence Holder must not carry out any dredging activity after **28 May 2034** without prior written approval from The Licensing Authority. Such written approval should be requested no later than **28 March 2034**.

Reason: To ensure that material is appropriately assessed and remains acceptable for disposal at sea

3.20 Monitoring and Analysis

- 3.20.1** The Licence Holder must implement a program of monitoring and analysis in line with the 'DML2562 Burry Port Disposal Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan R2 2026_06_10', dated 10 June 2026. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the documents must be submitted to, and agreed in writing by, the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.
- 3.20.2** The Licence Holder must submit the monitoring report to The Licensing Authority for written approval as per the timelines agreed in the Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan detailed in condition 3.20.1.
- 3.20.3** If the monitoring detailed in condition 3.20.1 identifies discernible changes to physical processes and/or benthic habitat conditions that would undermine the Conservation Objectives of the Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries SAC, the Licence Holder must provide recommendations within the monitoring report detailed in condition 3.20.2 to prevent adverse effect to the Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries SAC.
- 3.20.4** The Licence Holder must ensure that any proposed mitigation to prevent adverse effect to Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries SAC outlined in the monitoring report detailed in condition 3.20.2 are implemented as approved in writing by The Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the documents must be submitted to, and agreed in writing by, The Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.
- 3.20.5** The Licence Holder must not carry out any dredging activity after completion of the first dredge campaign without prior written approval from the Licensing Authority. Such written approval should be requested no later than **3 months** of completion of the survey detailed in condition 3.21.1.

Reason: To ensure that suitable monitoring is carried out to determine if the activity leads to discernible changes to physical processes and/or benthic habitat conditions that would undermine the Conservation Objectives of the Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries SAC and to ensure suitable measures are put in place if changes are identified.

3.21 Reporting of Artefacts

The Licence Holder must ensure that any artefacts found during the works are reported through the Marine Portable Antiquities Scheme.

Reason: To ensure all archaeological finds are reported.

3.22 Evenly Deposit Material

The Licence Holder must ensure that during the course of disposal, material is distributed evenly over Burry Port Foreshore (LU146) disposal ground.

Reason: To minimise sediment accretion and promote dispersal.

3.23 Disposal Returns

- 3.23.1** Certified returns of quantities of substances or articles deposited under this Licence are required to be submitted on the attached disposal return form by **31 January and 31 July** each year. The returns must specify the full Licence number, and amount deposited each calendar month at each authorised Deposit Area. Where no deposit is made in a given period a NIL return is required.
- 3.23.2** If this Licence expires during the course of the calendar year and is not renewed or superseded by a further Licence relating to the works specified in paragraph 2.1, a certified return of quantities of substances or articles deposited under this Licence, shall be submitted not later than **28 working days** after the expiry date of this Licence.

Reason: To allow Cefas to compile UK disposal records to OSPAR Commission to comply with the requirements of the OSPAR convention.

3.24 Record of Quantity of Deposited Material

The Licence Holder must keep a log detailing the time, date, location and quantity of material deposited. Location of deposit within the Deposit Area should be provided. This log must be available for inspection by appropriately authorised officers of the Licensing Authority and Marine Enforcement Officers.

Reason: To allow the Licensing Authority to check compliance with the Licence.

3.25 Timing Restriction – Overwintering Birds

The Licence Holder must ensure that no more than a single disposal campaign of up to **5 consecutive days** takes place between **01 December and 28 February inclusive**, without prior written approval from the Licensing Authority.

Reason: To minimise disturbance to overwintering birds.

3.26 Timing Restriction – High Tide

The Licence Holder must ensure that no Licensed Activities are conducted **within 2 hours** of high tide, without prior written approval from the Licensing Authority.

Reason: To minimise disturbance to birds.