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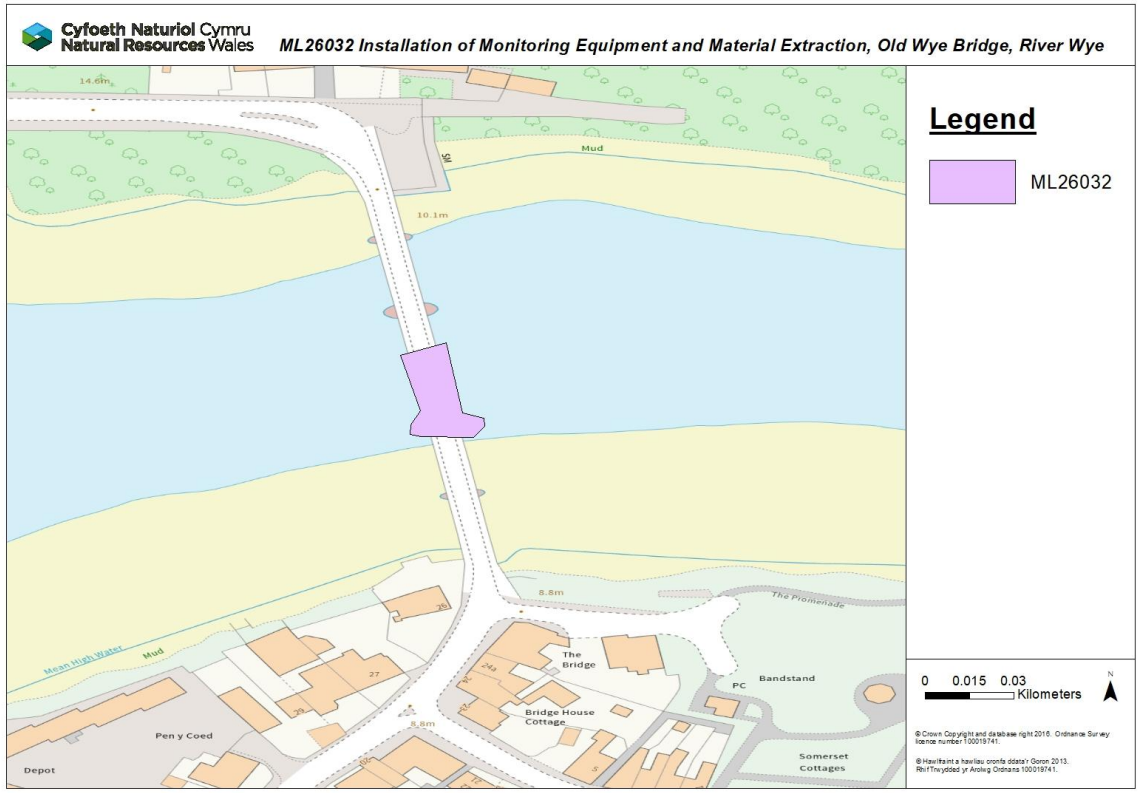
Plan or project name, brief description or application reference number	ML26032 - Installation of Monitoring Equipment and Material Extraction
HRA iteration/version	N/A

1. Plan or Project Details

Information about the plan or project		
1	**Date application received**	29 May 2026
2	**Applicant details**	Monmouthshire County Council
3	**NRW team responsible for carrying out, or requiring to be carried out, the plan or project, and name of lead officer**	N/A
4	**Activity/ies proposed**	Monitoring Equipment Installation on Old Wye Bridge: This activity will involve the installation of gauges 100mm long and 40mm wide onto 16 structural elements around Pier 2 on the Old Wye Bridge. Paint will be stripped back to bare cast iron and installed using epoxy resin. These will be hardwired back to an electrical box on hard land. The locations will be accessed through roped access.

		Material Extraction: A small structural element will be cut on the underside of the Old Wye Bridge and removed from site. The works will be accessed through roped access. Winches will be used to hoist the material from the underside to the topside of the bridge.
5	**Relevant legislation or statutory basis**	Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009
6	**Location**	Old Wye Bridge, River Wye, Chepstow. Please see below for updated coordinates.



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7	**Plan or project documents, including any application documents**	• ML26032 Application Form • ML26032 7001189 – Location of Works • ML26032 3483-Sk01 Old Wye Monitoring Sketches • ML26032 3483E-02 Old Wye Bridge (Method Statement) • ML26032 RE_ Old Wye Bridge Chepstow Works - Maritime and Coastguard Agency Approval – Response • ML26032 FW_ Old Wye Bridge Chepstow Works - Trinity House Approval
8	**Environmental Statement**	N/A
9	**Pre-application correspondence**	Q26020 - RE: Old Wye Bridge Chepstow - Installation of Monitoring Equipment & Material Extraction
10	**NRW team responsible for preparing this HRA report, and lead officer**	Vicky Fisk, Marine Licencing Team
11	**Team or person responsible for approving the plan or project (competent authority role)**	As above

2. Determining the need for a Habitats Regulations Assessment

2.1 Is there any possibility that the plan or project could negatively affect any European sites?	Yes
2.2 Is the whole of the plan or project directly and only connected with or necessary to the management of one or more European sites, for the purposes of conserving the habitats or species for which the European site(s) is/are designated?	No
~~2.3 Is there a possibility that the plan or project could affect any other feature of the European site(s) concerned, or of another European site, in a way that would undermine that feature's conservation objectives?~~	

3. Considering the likelihood of a significant effect (LSE)

3.1 Renewal of a project authorisation on the same or more restrictive terms as an extant authorisation

Is this a renewal of an extant authorisation which complies with NRW approved criteria for ruling out significant effects of renewals (see Part 2 of OGN200) without conducting a project-specific LSE test?	No

3.2 Likelihood of significant effects (LSE) test

3.2.1 Which European sites might be affected by the plan or project?

(a)	**Based on the plan or project specification, or information provided in the application, it is considered that these European sites have features which could be negatively affected by the plan or project**	**River Wye/ Afon Gwy SAC - UK0012642** **Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren SAC - UK0013030** **Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren SPA - UK9015022** **Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren RAMSAR - UK11081**

(b)	**The potential for the plan or project to negatively affect these European sites was also initially considered, but can be ruled out without further consideration**	N/A

3.2.2 Screening for likelihood of significant effect

Table 3.2.2 Screening assessment			
Designated site feature	**Relevant conservation objectives**	**Screening conclusion – 'SCREEN OUT', 'SCREEN IN' or 'IN COMB'**	**Explanation**
European site name: River Wye/ Afon Gwy SAC - UK0012642			
3260 Water courses of plain to montane levels with the *Ranunculion fluitantis* and *Callitricho-Batrachion* vegetation	CORE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR Afon Gwy / River Wye SAC	SCREEN OUT	The works will be conducted via roped access, so there will be no direct interaction with the water course. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water course, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
7140 Transition mires and quaking bogs	CORE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR Afon Gwy / River Wye SAC	SCREEN OUT	No pathway between the works and this habitat so can be screened out.
1092 White-clawed (or Atlantic stream) crayfish *Austropotamobius pallipes*	CORE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR Afon Gwy / River Wye SAC	SCREEN OUT	The works will be conducted via roped access, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so

			would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
1095 Sea lamprey *Petromyzon marinus*	CORE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR Afon Gwy / River Wye SAC	SCREEN OUT	The works will be conducted via roped access, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
1096 Brook lamprey *Lampetra planeri*	CORE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR Afon Gwy / River Wye SAC	SCREEN OUT	The works will be conducted via roped access, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
1099 River lamprey *Lampetra fluviatilis*	CORE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR Afon Gwy / River Wye SAC	SCREEN OUT	The works will be conducted via roped access, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
1103 Twaite shad *Alosa fallax*	CORE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR Afon Gwy / River Wye SAC	SCREEN OUT	The works will be conducted via roped access, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
1106 Atlantic salmon *Salmo salar*	CORE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR Afon Gwy / River Wye SAC	SCREEN OUT	The works will be conducted via roped access, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
1163 Bullhead *Cottus gobio*	CORE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR Afon Gwy / River Wye SAC	SCREEN OUT	The works will be conducted via roped access, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so

			would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
1355 Otter *Lutra lutra*	CORE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR Afon Gwy / River Wye SAC	SCREEN OUT	The works will be conducted via roped access so will not interact with the otter's habitat. The works are small in scale and time taken to complete so any potential visual or noise disturbance to individuals will be minor and temporary. This will not have a likely significant effect on the species and can therefore be screened out.
1102 Allis shad *Alosa alosa*	CORE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES FOR Afon Gwy / River Wye SAC	SCREEN OUT	The works will be conducted via roped access, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
European site name: Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren SAC			
1130 Estuaries	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the habitat, so there will be no direct interaction with the water course. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water course and travel downstream, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	No pathway between the works and this habitat so can be screened out.
1330 Atlantic salt meadows (*Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae*)	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	No pathway between the works and this habitat so can be screened out.
1110 Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	No pathway between the works and this habitat so can be screened out.
1170 Reefs	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	No pathway between the works and this habitat so can be screened out.

1095 Sea lamprey *Petromyzon marinus*	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the SAC, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
1099 River lamprey *Lampetra fluviatilis*	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the SAC, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
1103 Twaite shad *Alosa fallax*	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the SAC, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
European site name: Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren SPA			
A037 Bewick's swan *Cygnus columbianus bewicki*	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the SPA, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species uses, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
A394 European white-fronted goose *Anser albifrons albifrons*	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the SPA, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species uses, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
A672 Dunlin *Calidris alpina alpina*	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the SPA, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species uses, however the areas to be stripped are

			very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
A162 Redshank *Tringa totanus*	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the SPA, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species uses, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
A048 Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the SPA, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species uses, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
A051 Gadwall *Anas strepera*	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the SPA, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species uses, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
European site name: Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren RAMSAR			
1. Estuaries	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the habitat, so there will be no direct interaction with the water course. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water course and travel downstream, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
2. Assemblage of migratory fish species: Sea Lamprey River Lamprey Twaite Shad Allis Shad Salmon	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the RAMSAR, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.

Sea Trout Eel			
3. Bewick's Swan	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the RAMSAR, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species uses, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
4. European white-fronted goose	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the RAMSAR, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species uses, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
5. Dunlin	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the RAMSAR, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species uses, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
6. Redshank	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the RAMSAR, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species uses, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
7. Shelduck	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the RAMSAR, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species uses, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
8. Gadwall	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the RAMSAR, so there will be no direct interaction with the species or its habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species uses, however the areas to be stripped are

			very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.
9. Internationally important assemblage of waterfowl	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	The works are located upstream of the RAMSAR, so there will be no direct interaction with the species in the assemblage or their habitat. There is the potential that small amounts of stripped paint could enter the water the species use, however the areas to be stripped are very limited so would not cause a likely significant effect and can be screened out.

TABLE 3.2.3 Screening decision of the plan or project 'alone'	
(a) If the screening conclusion for all features for all sites in Table 3.2.2 is 'SCREEN OUT'	**The plan or project is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site, and no further consideration under the Habitats Regulations is required in order to determine the approval/application.**
~~(b) If the conclusion for any features in Table 3.2.2 is 'SCREEN IN'~~	**~~The plan or project is likely to have a significant effect on one or more European sites and therefore an appropriate assessment is required.~~**
~~(c) If there are no features in Table 3.2.2 that are 'SCREEN IN' and any features that are 'IN COMB'~~	**~~The plan or project is not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites when considered alone, but the possibility of significant effects in combination with other plans and projects needs to be considered.~~**

6. Conclusion

HRA is not required because there is no conceivable impact on any European sites. (As documented in section 2.1)	
HRA is not required because the whole of the plan or project is directly connected with or necessary to the management of one or more European sites, for the purposes of conserving the habitats or species for which the site(s) is/are designated, <u>and</u> the plan or project is not likely to have a significant effect on any other European sites. (As documented in section 2.2 and 2.3)	
This project is a renewal of a current permission which complies with NRW agreed criteria for ruling out likely significant effects of a renewal without conducting a project-specific LSE test. Therefore, it is considered not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites, either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects. (As documented in section 3.1 of this form)	
The plan or project has been screened for likelihood of significant effects and is considered not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites. (As documented in section 3.2 of this form, and section 5 if applicable)	**X**
In light of the conclusions of an appropriate assessment it has been established that the plan or 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. (As documented in section 4 of this form, and section 5 if applicable)	
In light of the conclusions of the appropriate assessment, it has <u>not</u> been ascertained that the plan or project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites, as documented in section 4 of this form, and section 5 if applicable. Approval for the plan or project <u>cannot</u> be given unless either: • **the plan or project specification, and/or the terms under which it might be approved, are modified so as to remove the risk of adverse effects, and a revised HRA is prepared, or** • **the plan or project (not being an SSSI consent*) satisfies the requirements for a derogation and a Derogation Notice is prepared and submitted for consideration by the appropriate authority, normally Welsh Ministers** **(*SSSI consents cannot be given as derogations)**	
Signed: Vicky Fisk **Name: Vicky Fisk** **Position: Marine Licensing Officer** **Date: 25 June 2026**	

Was this HRA conclusion an escalated decision? YES or NO	***NO***

7. Consultation with the ANCB and how sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this HRA report (as applicable) take into account that advice.

Relevant section of the HRA report	Correspondence and/or meetings with the ANCB	Description of how the comments from the ANCB have been taken into account
2		
3	Form 3 received 22 June 2026	Screened the Severn Estuary SAC, SPA and RAMSAR sites as recommended in Form 3
4		
5		

9. Appendix - Supporting information

Appropriate nature conservation body (ANCB) response to an internal HRA consultation

This form should be completed by the team or individual providing the ANCB advice to the competent authority team

TO: **Vicky Fisk,** Marine Licensing Team
FROM: Mair Elliott, Marine Advice and Area Management Team
SUBJECT: Habitats Regulations Assessment of ML26032, **Installation of Monitoring Equipment & Material Extraction**

Thank you for consulting MAAMT on the above. Our comments are as follows:

We would recommend that Severn Estuary SAC, SPA, and Ramsar are screened in for the HRA as they are downstream from the works. Once these sites are added, we would agree there will be no adverse effect. No other comments.

Signed: Rowland Sharp

Date: 22/06/2026

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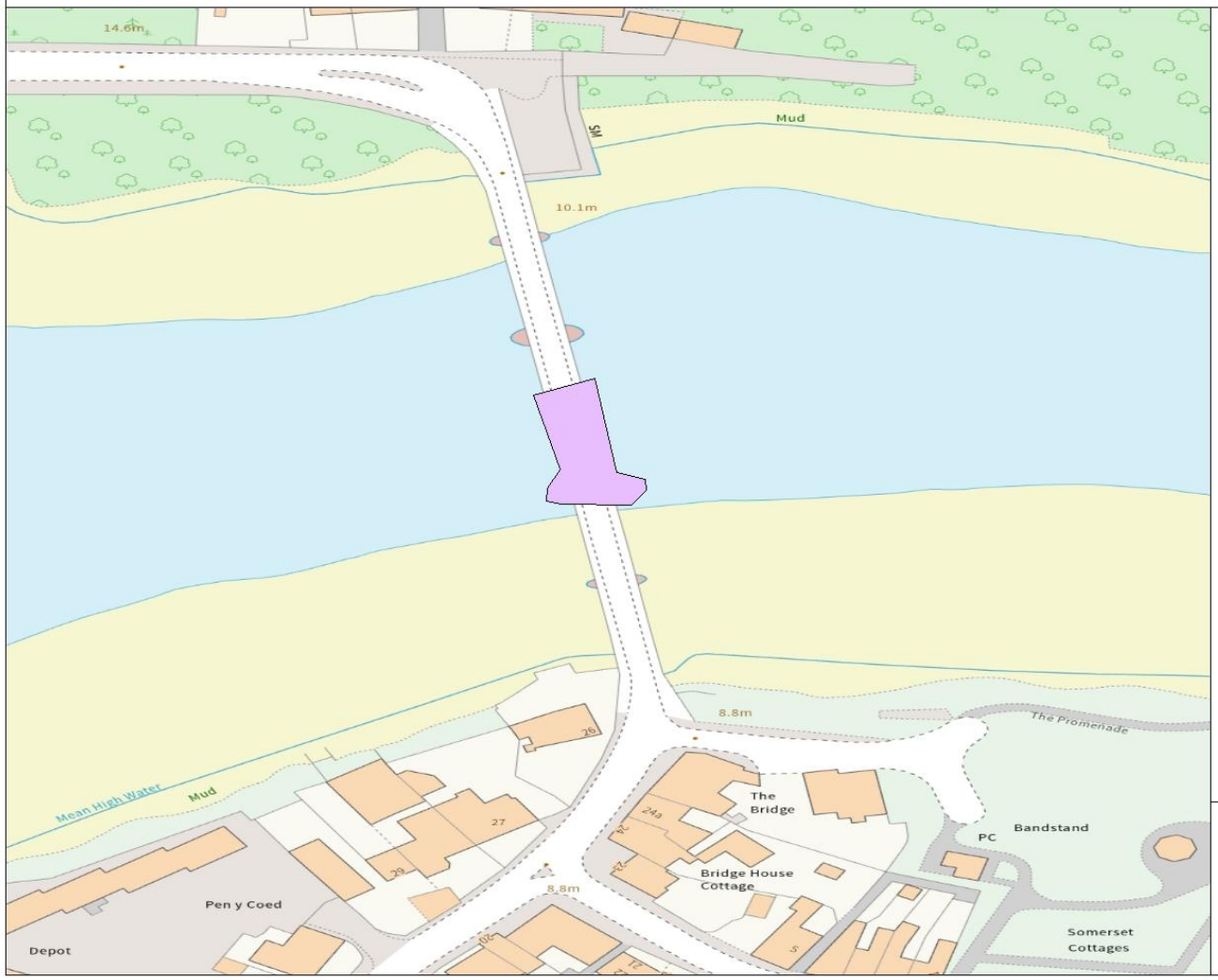
ML26032 Installation of Monitoring Equipment and Material Extraction, Old Wye Bridge, River Wye



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