

Record of a Habitats Regulations Assessment of a project or spatially-specific plan

OGN 200 Form 1B (with structured tables for likely significant effect screening and appropriate assessment)

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Plan or project name, brief description or application reference number	Ynys Gaint Bridge Repairs
HRA iteration/version	N/A

1. Plan or Project Details

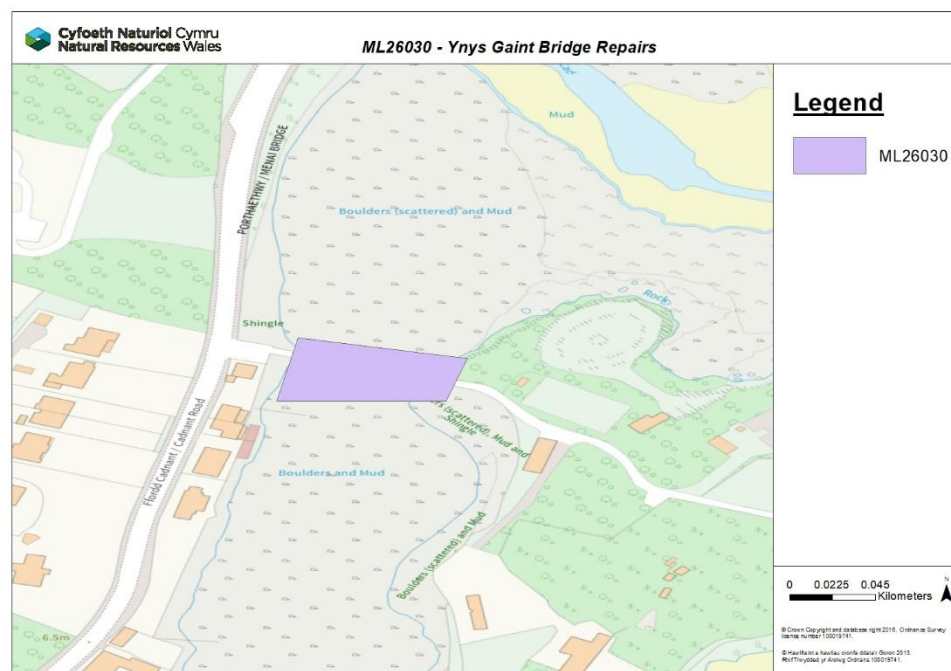
Information about the plan or project		
1	Date application received	09 July 2026
2	Applicant details	Glyn Jones Building Contractors
3	NRW team responsible for carrying out, or requiring to be carried out, the plan or project, and name of lead officer	N/A
4	Activity/ies proposed	Carry out render repairs to the bridge structure by removing loose rendering and replacing with new.
5	Relevant legislation or statutory basis	Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

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Location

Ynys Gaint Bridge, Menai Strait

Latitude	Longitude
53.2311	-4.1585
53.2310	-4.1577
53.2308	-4.1578
53.2308	-4.1586



7	Plan or project documents, including any application documents	• ML26030 Application Form • ML26030 RA - Ynys Gaint Bridge Concrete Repairs • ML26030- Repairs to Ynys Gaint Bridge Method Statement
8	Environmental Statement	N/A
9	Pre-application correspondence	Q26016
10	NRW team responsible for preparing this HRA report, and lead officer	Vicky Fisk, Marine Licensing Officer
11	Team or person responsible for approving the plan or project (competent authority role)	As Row 10

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
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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	Y Fenai a Bae Conwy/Menai Strait and Conwy Bay SAC [UK0030202] Traeth Lafan / Lavan Sands, Conway Bay SPA [UK9013031]
(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
Y Fenai a Bae Conwy/Menai Strait and Conwy Bay SAC			
Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	conservation-advice-for-menai-conwy-sac.pdf	SCREEN OUT	The works are located over 200m from the closest feature and will take place at low tide with tarps to collect debris so nothing will interact with the habitat. As a result, there is no potential impact pathway and the feature can be screened out.
Reefs	conservation-advice-for-menai-conwy-sac.pdf	SCREEN OUT	The works are located over 200m from the closest feature and will take place at low tide with tarps to collect debris so nothing will interact with the habitat. As a result, there is no potential impact pathway and the feature can be screened out.
Sandbanks which are slightly covered by seawater all the time	conservation-advice-for-menai-conwy-sac.pdf	SCREEN OUT	The works are located over 5km from the closest feature and will take place at low tide with tarps to collect debris so nothing will interact with the habitat. As a result, there is no potential impact pathway and the feature can be screened out.
Large shallow inlets and bays	conservation-advice-for-menai-conwy-sac.pdf	SCREEN OUT	The works are located over 2km from the closest feature and will take place at low tide with tarps to collect debris so nothing will interact with the habitat. As a result, there is no potential impact pathway and the feature can be screened out.
Submerged or partially submerged sea caves	conservation-advice-for-menai-conwy-sac.pdf	SCREEN OUT	The works do not interact with this feature, therefore there is no potential impact pathway and the feature can be screened out.

Traeth Lafan / Lavan Sands, Conway Bay SPA			
Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	conservation-advice-for-traeth-lafan-spa.pdf	SCREEN OUT	There is the potential that oystercatcher could be present in the work area due to their use of the Menai Strait islands as high tide roost areas. However, as the works will take place at low tide there will be no risk of disturbance so the feature can be screened out.
Wintering populations of Red-breasted Merganser, Curlew, Redshank and concentration of Great Crested Grebe	conservation-advice-for-traeth-lafan-spa.pdf	SCREEN OUT	There is potential any of the wintering populations of these species could be present outside of the SPA within the work area. However, as the works are short term and small in footprint, it is not anticipated this will cause a significant effect for disturbance and so can be screened out.

TABLE 3.2.3 Screening decision of the plan or project 'alone'	
(a) If the screening conclusion for <u>all</u> 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 <u>any</u> 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 <u>no</u> features in Table 3.2.2 that are 'SCREEN IN' and <u>any</u> 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: 17 July 2026	

Was this HRA conclusion an escalated decision? YES or NO	<i>NO</i>
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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
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3	Form 3 advised that Traeth Lafan / Lavan Sands, Conway Bay SPA was screened for completeness	Updated the screening assessment to include the SPA for oystercatcher as advised.
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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
FROM: Rachael Castle – Marine Area Advice and Management Team
SUBJECT: Habitats Regulations Assessment of ML26030 Ynys Gaint Bridge Repairs.

Thank you for consulting the Marine Area Advice and Management Team on the above.
Our comments are as follows:

We agree in principal with the conclusion of the above mentioned HRA, with respect to the marine features of Y Fenai a Bae Conwy/Menai Strait and Conwy Bay SAC [UK0030202] and Traeth Lafan / Lavan Sands, Conway Bay SPA [UK9013031].

We agree that the project has been screened for likelihood of significant effects. Advice received from protected site advisors and water quality specialists conclude that due to the temporary nature and scale of the works, it is considered not likely to have a significant effect on Y Fenai a Bae Conwy/Menai Strait and Conwy Bay SAC [UK0030202].

For completeness we would advise that: Traeth Lafan / Lavan Sands, Conway Bay SPA is included in the screening stage for Oystercatcher. Due to the timing of the works (low tide) it is not likely that there would be a significant effect from disturbance on Oystercatcher.

Signed: *RCastle* – Rachael Castle

Date: 31/07/2026