

Our ref: CML2612

03 September
Date: 2026

Dear Mr. Davies

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009: PART 4 – MARINE LICENSING

LICENCE FOR **Stena Line Limited to perform Fishguard Replacement Linkspan**

LICENCE NUMBER: CML2612

I am writing to advise you that the Marine Licensing Team, on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, as Licensing Authority, has considered your application, which was considered duly made and complete on **14 May 2026** for a Marine Licence under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, and hereby grant a Marine Licence for you to undertake the above stated works.

Accordingly, please find attached for your review and retention a copy of Marine Licence **CML2612** and its conditions.

Advisory Note

Marine Licence, **CML2612**, constitutes a statutory consent; therefore, the conditions set out herein must be complied with in full and will be binding upon any agent or contractor who undertakes any activity on the project on your behalf.

You are urged to read the conditions of Marine Licence **CML2612** carefully, in particular the need to advise Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers of the commencement of works within **10 days** prior to work starting.

You are advised that The Crown Estate (TCE) raised that they are affected by the proposed works and landowner's consent is required. TCE requested that you contact the Managing Agent for the area: Mari Sibley of Cooke and Arkwright, mari.sibley@coark.com regarding landowner's consent for the proposed activity.

Best practise measures described in Guidance for Pollution Prevention - Works and maintenance in or near water (GPP 5) should be adhered to reduce potential impacts to water quality.

You are also advised that Trinity House should be copied in to all Notice to Mariners that are issued relating to the Licensed Activities. Trinity House also advise that consent is to

be sought by the Statutory Harbour Authority from Trinity House for the establishment of the two buoys, and that the UKHO is to be informed when the Aids to Navigation are established.

The Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) have advised that the site is within port limits and you should gain the approval/agreement of the responsible local navigation authority or the Harbour Authority/Commissioners/Council. The MCA also advised the you may wish to issue local warnings to alert those navigating in the vicinity to the presence of the works, as deemed necessary.

The MCA additionally advised that the Applicant should consider adopting the Ports & Marine Facilities Safety Code (PMSC), which sets out a national standard for every aspect of port marine safety. The Code is not mandatory, however it is endorsed by the UK Government, devolved administrations, and representatives from across the marine industry sector. It is applicable to both Statutory Harbour Authorities (SHA) and non-SHAs including marinas, terminals, marine berths, and jetties. The Department for Transport also publishes the PMSC Guide to Good Practice, which provides useful information and detailed guidance on the safe management of these facilities and is intended to supplement the Code. This can be found here: [Ports and marine facilities safety code - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ports-and-marine-facilities-safety-code).

Marine Licence, **CML2612** is solely granted for the work to be undertaken at Fishguard Harbour; however, it does not absolve you from applying for further consents or licences as necessary to enable the full completion of your project.

If the works authorised by this Licence are unlikely to be completed by the expiry date, the Licence Holder should apply for a replacement marine licence **at least 4 months** prior to the expiry date of this Licence.

Should you require clarification as to the reasons for the inclusion of any of the conditions attached to the Licence then you must request written notice within 28 days of the receipt of this letter.

Rights of appeal

You have the right of appeal to the Welsh Ministers against this decision. The Appeal must be made in accordance with the Marine Licensing (Appeals Against Licensing Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2011.

A notice of appeal must be received by the Welsh Ministers within six months beginning with the date of the decision to which the appeal relates.

You must send written notice of appeal including the documents listed below to the Welsh Ministers at the following address:

Welsh Ministers c/o Marine Licensing Branch, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff. CF10 3NQ.

At the same time, you must send a copy of the notice of appeal to the Natural Resources Body for Wales at the following address:

Permitting Service Manager, Permitting Service(Cardiff), Natural Resources Wales, Welsh Government Offices, Cathays Park, King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

The notice of appeal must include:

- a) the name, address (including any email address) and telephone number of the appellant and any agent acting for the appellant;
- b) a statement of the grounds of appeal;
- c) a statement as to whether the appellant wishes to have the appeal dealt with by way of written representations, a hearing or an inquiry;
- d) a copy of the decision to which the appeal relates;
- e) a copy of all documents upon which the appellant wishes to rely; and
- f) a list of all the documents, including dates (where any document is dated), specified in bullet points d and e above.

You may withdraw an appeal by notifying the Welsh Ministers in writing and sending a copy of that notification to the NRW at the address specified above.

Please be aware that you will be charged for any post licensing work associated with your licence. If you have any queries regarding the fees, please email the Marine Licensing Team via marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

If you have any questions about your permits or licenses and/or site management, please contact our Customer Care Centre on 03000 653 000.

Yours sincerely

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