

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	ML26846 - Cooling water outfall repairs - Aberthaw
HRA iteration/version	N/A

1. Plan or Project Details

Information about the plan or project		
1	Date application received	15 September 2026
2	Applicant details	CCR Energy
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	Replacement of grills bolted to the concrete outfalls structures to prevent access to the internals of the outfalls
5	Relevant legislation or statutory basis	Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

6	Location	Aberthaw Power Station, Limpert Bay Beach
7	Plan or project documents, including any application documents	ML26846 Application Form ML26846 A10302 - CCR Aberthaw Power Station - Installation of Security Grills 2026 ML26846 CW outfalls ML26846 Full Chart Aberthaw ML26846 outfalls at low tide ML26846 outfalls in yellow Aberthaw ML26846 Marine band 1 licence application - MCA Response ML26846 RE_ Confirmation of authority to submit band 1 marine licence application for CCR Energy ML26846 - Trinity House Correspondence Provided CRM 0292021 ML26846 - More Information Required CRM 0292021 Deadline extension
8	Environmental Statement	N/A
9	Pre-application correspondence	N/A
10	NRW team responsible for preparing this HRA report, and lead officer	Dylan Morgan / Vicky Fisk, Marine Licensing Officer, Marine Licensing Team
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?	NO – there is no conceivable impact to a designated European site due to the small scale, nature and location of the proposed works. The nearest designated European sites are listed below:
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	• Severn Estuary (Wales & England) SAC are ~16.8km from the proposed works • Severn Estuary (Wales) SPA & RAMSAR are ~15km from the proposed works • Dunraven Bay SPA is ~17km from the proposed works • Kenfig / Cynffig SAC is ~ 21.2km from the proposed works
~~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?~~	
~~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	Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren SAC - UK0013030 Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren SPA - UK9015022
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		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	The following sites have also been ruled out for an LSE due to the small scale, nature of the works and distance from the proposed works. • Dunraven Bay SPA is ~17km from the proposed works • Kenfig / Cynffig SAC is ~ 21.2km from the proposed works

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: Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren SAC			
1130 Estuaries	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	Screened out as there is no conceivable impact to the site due to the small scale, nature and location of the proposed works is ~16.8km from the proposed works. As such there is no LSE to the designated site.
1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
1330 Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritima</i>)	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		

1110 Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
1170 Reefs	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
1095 Sea lamprey <i>Petromyzon marinus</i>	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
1099 River lamprey <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i>	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
1103 Twaite shad <i>Alosa fallax</i>	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
European site name: Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren SPA			
A037 Bewick's swan <i>Cygnus columbianus bewicki</i>	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	Screened out as there is no conceivable impact to the site due to the small scale, nature and location of the proposed works is ~15km from the proposed works. As such there is no LSE to the designated site.
A394 European white-fronted goose <i>Anser albifrons albifrons</i>	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
A672 Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina alpina</i>	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
A162 Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i>	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
A048 Shelduck <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
A051 Gadwall <i>Anas strepera</i>	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
European site name: Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren RAMSAR			

1. Estuaries	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren	SCREEN OUT	Screened out as there is no conceivable impact to the site due to the small scale, nature and location of the proposed works is ~15km from the proposed works. As such there is no LSE to the designated site.
2. Assemblage of migratory fish species: Sea Lamprey River Lamprey Twaite Shad Allis Shad Salmon Sea Trout Eel	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
3. Bewick's Swan	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
4. European white-fronted goose	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
5. Dunlin	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
6. Redshank	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
7. Shelduck	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
8. Gadwall	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		
9. Internationally important assemblage of waterfowl	The Severn Estuary / Môr Hafren		

TABLE 3.2.3 Screening decision of the plan or project 'alone'	
(a) If the screening conclusion for <u>all</u>	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.

features for all sites in Table 3.2.2 is 'SCREEN OUT'	
~~(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)	X
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)	
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:  Name: Dylan Morgan Position: Marine Licensing Officer Date: 25 September 2026	

Was this HRA conclusion an escalated decision? YES or NO	NO
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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
2	No consultation with ANCB required	N/A
3	N/A	
4	N/A	
5	N/A	

8. Appendix - Supporting information

