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Our ref: **SC1307**

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Dear Mr Workman

SCREENING OPINION UNDER THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2007 (As Amended)

SHELL ISLAND MAINTENANCE DREDGING AND BEACH REPLENISHMENT

I am writing in response to your request for a screening opinion dated 25th July 2012, in accordance with the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) ("Marine Works Regulations").

The purpose of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening procedure is to determine whether the proposed works require an Environmental Impact Assessment and submission of an Environmental Statement (ES).

In reaching our Screening Opinion we have considered the proposed works against Annexes I and II of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive. We have also consulted with the bodies that we consider have an interest in the project by reason of their environmental responsibilities, as required by the Marine Works Regulations.

Screening Opinion

We have carefully considered the views of the consultation bodies alongside the selection criteria as set out in Schedule 1 of the Marine Works Regulations, and have determined, based on the information provided; that the works are not likely to have a significant effect on the environment and therefore a statutory Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended)

As part of the screening exercise, we have also considered whether the proposed works, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, are likely to have a significant effect on any site designated as a European site of conservation importance under the above Regulations. To assist in making this judgement of likely significant effect, we have sought advice from our statutory nature conservation advisor.

It is our initial view that the information provided is sufficient to allow us to determine whether the works are likely to have a significant effect on any European Sites or European Protected Species. However, this will be considered further once a marine licence application is received in relation to the works.

This Screening Opinion will be provided to all those bodies that were consulted, and will be publicised on our website and on our Public Register.

Other Comments

A new SSSI consent from Natural Resources Wales is likely to be required. We advise you to contact Rhodri Dafydd for further information on 01341 424800.

As with the historic work, there may be a need for an application to Natural Resources Wales for a Flood Defence Consent to cover the work. Such consent already exists, and is valid until 4th February 2014 (NE2010LD270A). If any of the works are different to what is stipulated within the consent, a variation to the consent may be required. We advise you to contact Sue Williams, Flood Risk Engineer on 01248 484148 if this is the case.

The submitted method statements and long term management plan provide a suitable framework for works, but may require refinement at the full application stage.

It is important to reduce the risk of increased suspended sediments within the river channel and its potential impact on the movement of migratory fish. Timing of works should attempt to avoid the main run of sea trout into this catchment (late summer).

Sediment analysis may be required to ensure the material is suitable for deposit at the proposed sites. Further details of this requirement would be provided following an application.

If alternative disposal sites on land are used any dredging waste generated in the course of the development must be disposed of satisfactorily in accordance with duty of care requirements under section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The waste shall be transported using registered waste carriers to suitably permitted sites. Transfer notes shall be kept for each load for a minimum of 2 years.

The Crown Estate will be affected by the proposed works and landowner's consent will be required in due course.

Yours sincerely



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Natural Resources Wales

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