

Sent by e mail to
C/O

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Dear Consultee,

MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2007 (AS AMENDED) (“The Regulations”)

REQUEST FOR SCREENING AND SCOPING OPINION – NEWPORT TRANSPORTER BRIDGE

The Natural Resources Wales Permitting Service (NRW PS) has received a request for a screening opinion under the Regulations from Newport Norse to ascertain whether the above proposal, will require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the submission of an Environmental Statement.

I have attached a copy of the screening request and supporting information for your review.

In accordance with the requirements of the Regulations the NRW PS is consulting organisations that we believe may have an interest in the proposal, by reason of their specific environmental responsibilities, or local or regional competences, in order to inform our screening opinion.

Please note, should an ES be required, this would support an application to NRW PS for a Marine Licence under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, in respect of works to be undertaken below mean high water springs.

Procedure for reaching a screening opinion

For your information, an EIA is required in relation to certain activities carried out in the course of projects listed in Schedule A1 and A2 of the above Regulations. Schedule A1 projects will always require an EIA, whereas Schedule A2 projects will only require an EIA if the project is likely to have significant effects on the environment due to its size, nature or location.

From our preliminary review of the documents, we consider that the proposed works fall within Schedule A2, under paragraph 66 as set out below:

“66. Tramways, elevated and underground railways, suspended lines or similar lines of a particular type, used exclusively or mainly for passenger transport.”

To assess whether EIA is required for this project, the NRW PS must consider the matters relevant to consideration of whether or not a Schedule A2 project is likely to have significant effects on the environment, as outlined in Schedule 1 of the above Regulations.

I would be grateful therefore if you would consider the information attached, and provide a view, with clear reasoning, as to whether this proposal should be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Request for comments

I would be grateful for your response within **28 days** of the date of this letter, this being **27 April 2021**. If I do not hear from you by this date I shall assume you have no comments to make on this screening request. However, please note you will be consulted on any formal application that may follow.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this request please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference number SC2104.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely



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