

Date 13 May 2021

Dear Conwy County Borough Council,

SCREENING OPINION UNDER THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2007 (as amended)

OLD COLWYN COASTAL DEFENCE AND ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME

I note that you have submitted an Environmental Statement with your application, but that the Natural resources Wales Permitting Service (NRW PS) have not previously issued a Screening Opinion on this project. I have, therefore, screened your application in accordance with The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) ("The 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 Schedule A1 and A2 of the above regulations.

Screening Opinion

It is our opinion that the works fall within the categories of project listed within Schedule A2, paragraph 69 of the above regulations (see below), and therefore must be considered in terms of its size, nature and location having regard to the relevant criteria listed in Schedule 1 of the above regulations.

69. Coastal work to combat erosion and maritime works capable of altering the coast through the construction of, for example, dykes, moles, jetties and other sea defence works, excluding the maintenance and reconstruction of such works.

We have considered your correspondence and have determined that the project requires environmental impact assessment. We consider that this decision has been reached in agreement between Conwy County Borough Council and NRW Permitting Service, in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Marine Works Regulations. Following the UK's departure from the EU on 31 January 2020 and the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020, the legal obligations relating to compliance with

environmental permits and legislation will continue to apply. NRW will continue to issue and regulate all permits and licenses in line with our current practice. 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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