

APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE TO DREDGE AND/OR DISPOSE OF DREDGE MATERIAL

Please read the notes carefully before completing the form.

- The Marine Licensing Team (MLT) administers applications under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 on behalf of the licensing authority, the Welsh Ministers.
- The completed application form must be accompanied by a location plan and, where appropriate, descriptive drawing(s) and any supporting environmental assessments. One completed hard copy of the application and supporting documents will always be required. Additional copies are required for consultation purposes.
 - For application and supporting documents less than 10MB we can accept an additional copy via email.
 - For applications larger than 10MB **16** additional copies in CD/DVD format will be required
 - When applications and supporting documents are hard copy only **16** copies will be required.
- Please submit applications to the **Permit Receipt Centre** via the details at the top of this form
- Please submit marine licence applications including this form and all supporting documents **at least 4 months before the licence is required.**

Some projects may raise matters that require a significantly longer time for consideration.
These are most likely to be:

- Projects that fall **within** The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 – as amended requiring an Environmental Statement
- Large scale projects with substantial volumes of material being deposited or excavated
- Works requiring an Appropriate Assessment to be conducted under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017
- Please note that an application will not be considered to be complete until sediment sampling and analysis has been undertaken. Please allow an additional **2 months** for sampling plan details and all relevant information to be submitted should sampling analysis be required.
- Information should be provided about the anticipated **duration of the entire project** in respect of works below/seaward of Mean High Water Spring (MHWS). Where appropriate, planned phasing of the work for which consent is sought must be detailed. For projects lasting more than one calendar year, planned phasing details must be given for each 12 month period.

A licence fee is payable in respect of an application. Details of fees can be found on our web pages.

Please note applications will not be processed without the correct relevant fee or invoicing details.

- Payments can be made via Cheque, BACS or credit/debit card.

- Cheques should be crossed and made payable to **Natural Resources Wales**.
- For BACS payments ensure you provide the reference number (not remittance number)
- For credit/debit card payments please complete the CC1 form and submit with the application. The CC1 form can be found on our web pages

Further information on payment methods can be found on our web pages

- **All dredge and disposal activities need to comply with the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The framework and guidance can be found on the Natural Resources Wales website, <http://naturalresources.wales>. The results of your WFD assessment must be attached to your marine licence application.**
- Please answer all questions. If any information is not available at the time of application please indicate in the relevant section, giving reasoning in a covering letter. Outstanding details must be submitted as soon as possible. Any delay in forwarding details is likely to result in delays in determining your application.

Your application may not be considered complete and therefore not processed until key information has been submitted. Your application may be returned if you fail to submit outstanding information within given timescales.

- Please note any licence may have conditions that must be discharged before works can commence. This will take additional time.
- If you have any queries with regards to completing this application please contact the MLT: marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

How your application will be processed by the MLT:

- Submit all application to the **Permit Receipt Centre** via the details at the top of this form.
- Checked and acknowledged by the MLT within 21 days of receipt of application and payment
- If the application is complete and no further information is needed at this time, your application will be placed in a work queue to be assigned a permitting officer
- If the application is not complete, further information will be request and need to be provided before the application can be considered as complete
- Our **4 months** service level for determining non-EIA applications will begin from the date the **completed** application, including sampling results, is received (*Please note some projects may take significantly longer than 4 months to determine due to their nature*)
- EIA projects may take significantly longer due to their scale and complexity. Therefore, we encourage early engagement with the MLT
- Your application and supporting documents will be sent to for an initial consultation period of 28 days (*42 days for EIA projects*)
- For the majority of projects, a public notice must be advertised. Public consultation will be 28 days (*49 days for EIA projects*). For EIA projects a second public notice will be required. The MLT will advise on how this should be done.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other consents or authorisations that may be required.

Application Form Structure

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Check List

Please ensure that you have included all the necessary information before you submit you application. **If any of the below are not completed in the application form, the application is likely to be considered incomplete and may be returned to you**

Item	Yes (✓)
The applicant is a legal entity?	✓
The declaration is signed by the applicant?	✓
Is the application fee correct?	✓
Are the grid references/coordinates correct?	✓
Do the coordinates match map locations?	✓
Have all the relevant supporting documents been submitted?	✓
Has a Water Framework Directive assessment been submitted?	✓
Has a clear methodology been provided in the application form?	✓
Has Protected sites information been included?	✓
Are all the continuation sheets for application questions appended with correct	✓

Should you have any queries regarding you application please contact the MLT via marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

1. Project Description and Cost

1 (a). Project Name

Port Talbot Maintenance Dredge Disposal – Renewal

1(b). Please provide a brief description of the proposed project, including location

Maintenance dredge disposal renewal at port Talbot. The areas we dredge are as per figure 1 appended (Dredge areas) where we dredge the harbour approach channel, the tidal harbour and the dock approach channel as required (Variable according to siltation/hydrographic surveys – Campaigns focussed in winter months. We dispose of this material at Swansea bay outer (LU130)

1(c). Please provide an estimated gross cost of the project (Inc. materials and labour) for works that fall below/seaward of Mean High Water Springs (MHWS)

1.25 Million PA

1 (d). Please specify which activities you are applying for (tick all that apply)

Dredging ☐ Disposal ☒

1(e). Please provide the annual tonnage being applied for in this marine licence application

Up to 3,100,00 tonnes PA is required

2. Applicant Details

(this must be a legal entity such as an individual, registered company/ charity or a public body)

Title Name Surname

Company or Trading Name

Registered Address (inc. postcode)

Name of Contact (if different)

Position in Company

Telephone no. (inc. area code)

Email address

RLewis@abports.co.uk

Company Registration
Number

ZC000195

3. Dredging Contractor (Producer) Details

(The **Producer** is anyone whose activities produce the material intended to be deposited at sea)

If the **Producer** is the applicant in 2, please tick and move on to section 4

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Title

Mr

Name

Paul

Surname

Mitchell

Company or Trading
Name

UK Dredging

Address
(inc. postcode)

Queen Alexandra House,
Cargo Road,
Cardiff
CF104LY

Name of Contact
(if different)

Not Applicable

Position in Company

General Manager

Telephone no.
(inc. area code)

02920 835 000

Email address

ukd@abports.co.uk

Company Registration
Number

ZC000195

If there is more than one **producer**, please continue on a separate sheet and tick box ☐

4. Holder Details

(The **Holder** is anyone who is in possession of the dredged material prior to its deposit at sea)

If the **Holder** is the applicant in 2, please tick and move on to section 5 ☐

If the **Holder** is the producer in 3, please tick and move on to section 5 ☒

Title	Mr	Name	Paul	Surname	Mitchell
Company or Trading Name	UK Dredging				
Address (inc. postcode)	Queen Alexandra House, Cargo Road, Cardiff CF104LY				
Name of Contact (if different)	Not Applicable				
Position in Company	General Manager				
Telephone no. (inc. area code)	02920 835 000				
Email address	ukd@abports.co.uk				
Company Registration Number	ZC000195				

If there is more than one **holder**, please continue on a separate sheet and tick box ☐

5. Agent Details

*(An **Agent** is anyone engaged to act under contract or other agreement on behalf of any party listed in 2,3 or 4 having responsibility for the control, management or deposit of the material anywhere below Mean High Water Springs). This is who we will correspond with unless otherwise informed. If there is no agent, we will contact the applicant.*

Function (eg. Sea Disposal Contractor)	Not Applicable		
Title	-	Name	-
		Surname	-
Company or Trading Name	-		
Address (inc. postcode)	-		

Name of Contact (if different)	-
Position in Company	-
Telephone no. (inc. area code)	-
Email address	-
Company Registration Number	-

If there is more than one **agent**, please continue on a separate sheet and tick box ☐

Does the Applicant wish to be included in all correspondence? Yes ☒ No ☐

6. Environmental Impact Assessment

6(a). Have you considered the works to be under the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment?

Yes ☐ No ☒

6(b). If **Yes**, which Annex do you consider they fall within? Annex I ☐ Annex II ☐

6(c). Have you applied for a screening or scoping opinion from the **MLT** under the **Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007** (as amended)?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If **Yes**, what is the reference?

Maintenance Works – Not within EIA Scope

6(d). Has an Environmental Impact Assessment been undertaken to support this application?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If **Yes**, is a copy of the assessment included in this application? Yes ☐ No ☐

6(e). Please provide an explanation if assessment has been done and a copy is **not available**.

Not Applicable

7. Current Consents (if applicable)

7(a). Existing Licence(s)/Consent(s)
Reference Number

DML 1630

7(b). Expiry date

22nd December 2019

7(c). Quantity (tonnes) deposited under
Current licence at (date)

3,908,191 (July 16 – June 19)

7(d). If **No** current licence/consent exists, please give reference number(s) for any historic licences(s)/consent(s) held for this operation or state if this is not applicable.

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8. Licensable period

Determination of your Marine Licence application will be based on the works taking place during these dates. Please ensure you have included an adequate contingency period. If works are not completed by the Requested Licence Expiry Date you may be required to submit a new application. *Including a contingency period within your original application does not impact on Licence Fee*

Start Date

22nd December 2019

Requested Licence Expiry Date

22nd December 2029

*Please ensure you submit your application for a Marine Licence **at least 4 months** prior to the intended start date. Some projects will take significantly longer than this to determine.*

9. Duration of Dredging and/or Disposal Operation

If your operation will not take place year round at the locations outlined in section 12, please state the expected periods when dredging and/or disposals will take place.

9(a). Proposed periods of
dredging and/or disposal operations

Year round – As required

9(b). Expected completion date of
dredging and/or disposal operations

Year round – As required

10. Dredging and/or Disposal Vessel(s) Details

	Operator	Name of Vessel	Vessel Registration Number	Country of Registration	Method of Deposit
(a)	UKD UKD	UKD Bluefin UKD Orca	IMO 9143427 IMO 9491355	UK UK	Bottom Doors Bottom Doors
(b)	UKD UKD	Cherry Sand UKD Marlin	IMO6811059 IMO 9064176	UK UK	Bottom Doors Bottom Doors
(c)	UKD UKD Boskalis	UKD Sealion UKD Seahorse Sospan Dau	IMO 9267314 IMO 9066655 IMO 7711062	UK UK Netherlands	Non – Plough None – Plough Bottom Doors

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

11. Method statement for dredging and/or disposal operations (if applicable)

Please provide a comprehensive method statement for each dredging campaign, including type of dredging (if using different types at different locations please state), duration, and depth of proposed dredge, dredge areas and deposit areas

Dredging is generally undertaken hydraulically by Trailer Suction Hopper Dredger (TSHD) or grab dredging (GB) may be employed. Dredged spoil is pumped or grabbed into dredger's own hopper and then transported to the recognised spoil ground for disposal. DGPS positioning is employed throughout the entire operation and visual vessel position indication is maintained throughout the cycle with electronic charting of the dredge area and spoil ground location. Dredging operations are supported and supplemented by ploughing operations to level dredged sites and pull material from locations inaccessible to dredgers. Dredging and thus disposal is only carried out upon the receipt of hydrographic surveys to ensure they are only carried out when necessary to ensure safe navigation.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

12. Areas to be Dredged

	Name of Area to be Dredged (an annotated chart must be attached with each proposed dredge area-boundary latitude and longitude should be given in next column)	Coordinates (degrees and minutes to 2 decimal places)	Nature of Dredge (such as river, sea, harbour, estuary)	Date Area last Dredged (if known) (month and year)
(a)	Harbour Approach Channel and Tidal Harbour	51 33.15N 51 33.78N 51 34.79N 51 34.78N 51 34.52N 51 34.44N 51 34.46N 51 34.41N 51 34.30N 51 34.38N 51 34.52N 51 33.70N 51 33.08N	3 52.55W 3 51.37W 3 48.59W 3 48.33W 3 47.98W 3 47.99W 3 48.32W 3 48.07W 3 48.03W 3 48.78W 3 49.04W 3 51.29W 3 52.46W	July 2019 February 2019
(b)	Dock approach Channel	51 34.88N 51 34.96N 51 35.04N 51 35.05N 51 35.06N 51 35.07N 51 35.06N 51 35.07N 51 35.06N 51 35.03N 51 35.03N 51 34.94N 51 34.86N	3 49.19W 3 48.32W 3 47.95W 3 47.90W 3 47.90W 3 47.83W 3 47.82W 3 47.79W 3 47.79W 3 47.92W 3 47.94W 3 48.31W 3 49.18W	July 2019

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

13. Details of Material to be Dredged and/or Disposed

For each area listed in 10 [a to e] including any listed separately, please give the following information:

	Type of Material (Maintenance or Capital Dredge)	Specific Gravity (estimate)	Physical Composition of Materials (Approximate proportions by volume of clay/silt/sand/gravel/etc...)	Depth of Material being Removed (Approximate maximum depth in metres)	Quantity to be Dredged each year (Indicate in-situ cubic metres or metric tonnes)
(a)	Maintenance	1.3	Silt 65% Clay 25% Sand 10%	< 2.0	3,100,100 Tonnes
(b)	Maintenance	1.3	Silt 65% Clay 20% Sand 15%	< 2.0	Total Above
(c)	Maintenance	1.4	Silt 40% Clay 10% Sand 50%	< 1.0	Total Above

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

Dredged and/or Disposal Material: additional information

For each area listed in **10** [a to e] including any listed separately, please give the following information:

	Type of Contamination (State if material to be deposited at sea is likely to be contaminated by any known waste discharge or man-made rubbish (e.g. scrap metal/concrete))	Type of Dredger Proposed to be Used	Any beneficial uses (inc. mitigation) for the material to be dredged (any alternatives to disposal at sea should be indicated, details in 11)
(a)	None Known	Trailer Suction Hopper Dredger and Grab. Followed by plough where necessary.	Not suitable for land reclamation / in fill / aggregate due to material type (i.e. silt). Disposed back to estuarine system to contribute to foreshore recharge.
(b)	None Known	Trailer Suction Hopper Dredger and Grab. Followed by plough where necessary.	Not suitable for land reclamation / in fill / aggregate due to material type (i.e. silt). Disposed back to estuarine system to contribute to foreshore recharge.
(c)	None Known	Trailer Suction Hopper Dredger and Grab. Followed by plough where necessary.	Not suitable for land reclamation / in fill / aggregate due to material type (i.e. silt). Disposed back to estuarine system to contribute to foreshore recharge.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

14. Details of Material Quality

Applicants are not normally required to specify chemical quality of dredged materials for deposit, unless depositing at sea. There will usually be a requirement to submit samples for the purpose of assessing the effects of the materials on the marine environment to enable the UK to fulfil its obligations under International Conventions

14(a). Has the dredged material been chemically analysed in the past 3 years? Yes ☒ No ☐

14(b). Can the sample be made available now if required? Yes ☒ No ☐

If **No**, please state when they will be available

The Sample Analysis conducted by Cefas and the results have been sent as supporting evidence within the application process.

15. Construction/Land Reclamation Projects

15(a). Is the dredging operation related to a construction or land reclamation project?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If **Yes**, have you applied for a construction or reclamation licence

under **Part 4** of the **Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009**? Yes ☐ No ☒

If you have **Not** yet applied for a construction/reclamation licence, please provide an explanation

Not Applicable

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

16. Alternative Means of Disposal

The Licensing Authority requires applicant to have regard to the practical availability of alternative means of disposal or treatment (other than deposit at sea) when determining whether to issue a licence, in order to fulfil its responsibility.

Please state the results of your investigations to identify alternative means of disposal, including beneficial uses, or treatment of the materials, along with cost of all options, including deposit at sea.

The material has a high content of silt and clay (silt ranges from 40 to 65% content) and therefore, the mix of sediment has no value or cannot be used as an aggregate, infill or construction material. In order to contribute to foreshore / intertidal recharge the dredged material is disposed / retained within the estuarine system.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

17. Disposal at Sea

17 (a). Do you intend to dispose of any dredged material at sea Yes ☒ No ☐

17 (b). Please provide the disposal site code

LU130

17 (c). Please provide the coordinates of the intended disposal site

Within a circle of 0.75 nautical miles radius centered on
51 deg 31.30N 003 deg 55.80W

18. Conservation Bodies

18 (a). Licensing Authorities have a duty to ensure that projects will **not have significant adverse environmental impact**, particularly on any designated **European Site of Conservation Importance - Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA)**, listed under the **Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/42/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora)**. In addition, it is Government Policy that Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar sites) are also considered as European Sites. There is a duty to take reasonable steps to further the conservation and enhancement of nationally designated sites (Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)).

Please provide copies of correspondence with Natural Resources Wales or its legacy bodies (**in this case the Countryside Council for Wales**) or Natural England. Please indicate below if **no consultation had yet taken place**.

There has been no correspondence with NRW re protected areas.
The dredge and disposal are all ~ 4km or more distance from SSSIs or Natura 2000 sites (Kenfig / Cynfigg SAC and SSSI salt meadows and dunes and Crymlyn Burrow SSSI are the nearest sites to the dredging and Bracelet Bay and Blackpill Swansea are SSSIs nearest the disposal site) therefore any habitats regulations assessment is not applicable. See attached map of designations. All nearby bathing waters are in good / excellent condition (see WFD assessment attached). The dredge is located within Swansea Bay (East) Shellfish water and the disposal site within Swansea Bay South) shellfish waters. No information can be located at the time of the application on the status of these shellfish waters from information on NRW's website:
<https://naturalresources.wales/media/676244/shellfish-water-protected-areas-wales-2016-8-feb-002.pdf>

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

18 (b). **Are any parts of the proposed works located *within* or *likely to affect* a designated conservation site? (SAC, SPA, SSSI or Ramsar Sites)** Yes ☐ No ☒

18(c). If **Yes**, which designated site(s) will the works fall within:

See above- not located in any SSSIs, SACs, SPAs or Ramsar sites.

18(d). **Please provide a description of all measures proposed to avoid any impacts on designated conservation sites**

N/A – Not close enough to a designated conservation site. Efforts will be made to avoid salmon / migratory fish season where possible and dredging / disposal is only carried out when necessary following results of hydrographic survey.
With regards to shellfish waters – there is no known material within the material that will affect shellfish health.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

18(e). If **No**, please indicate the approximate distance to the nearest conservation site of the proposed works.

4 km or more (see attached plan)

19. Statutory Powers

Do you or (if appropriate) your client, have statutory powers to consent any aspect of the project?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If **Yes**, please give details:

We have powers to dredge in Port Talbot under the British Transport Docks Act 1964 s17. We do not have powers to dispose.

20. Public Register

Under the Marine Licensing (Register of Licensing Information)(Wales) Regulations 2011 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended) , all information contained within or provided in support of this application will be placed on the Public Register unless NRW approve of the applicant's reasons for withholding all or part.

Is there any information contained within or provided in support of this application that you consider **should not be included** on the Public Register on the grounds that its disclosure:

19(a). Would be contrary to the interest of National Security? Yes ☐ No ☒

19(b). Would prejudice to an unreasonable degree you, or some other person's commercial interest of those of a third party? Yes ☐ No ☒

If **Yes**, to either (a) or (b), please full justification as to why all or part of the information you have provided should be withheld.

Not Applicable

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

21. Application Fee

21(a). What are the corresponding fee band for this application? Band 2 ☒ Band 3 ☐

21(b) Band 2 Only

Projects are charged at a fixed fee of £1920. The application will not be processed until the correct fee has been provided.

Please provide the method of payment

Method	Yes (✓)	Reference Number
Cheque		
BACS (not remittance no.)	✓	PRCAPPASSOC114
World Pay (phone or CC1)		

Please attach **CC1 Form** with application. Can be found on our web pages

21(c) Band 3 Application only

Band 3 applications are charged at on hourly rate of £120 and are invoiced in arrears. Please complete the details below which will be required for invoicing.

Customer Name	Associated British Ports
FAO	Rod Lewis
Purchase order number	W167981
Address for invoice	3 rd floor Queen Alexandra House Cargo Road, Cardiff CF10 4LY
Telephone Number	07958908329
Email Address	Rlewis@abports.co.uk

22. Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this application form and related papers is true.

WARNING: It is an offence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, under which this application is made, to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information and can invalidate any licence granted.

Signature  Date 17-10-2019

Name (in capitals) Rod Lewis

Position in Company Marine Manager and Harbour Master

Applications cannot be processed unless signed by the applicant (not agent); the applicant must have the appropriate level of authority within the company. Applications will not be processed unless signed.