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**RE: Colwyn Bay Sand re-profiling, Marine License application**

Dear Natural Resources Wales,

I can confirm that we have discussed the application for a marine license for sand reprofiling at Colwyn Bay with Conwy Borough Council. This has included reviewing the existing license (CML2107) for this work.

Overall, we have no objections to the granting of a marine license, based on our assessment of the impact to marine archaeology caused by the proposed work. Primarily this is because the proposed work is a repeat of previous work.

One caveat is that the nature of the area, and its historical use as a landing site dictates that there could be currently unknown archaeological remains in the license area. There are a number of historical shipwreck losses in the area. Although unlikely, there is potential for such material to be encountered during sand re-profiling.

Accordingly, any artefacts accidentally recovered during the work should be retained and a location for the find recorded (e.g. Latitude/Longitude co-ordinates or OS Grid Reference) as accurately as possible. Advice should be sought from the Finds Co-ordinator for the Portable Antiquities Scheme Wales<sup>1</sup> regarding the artefact's identification, a determination of its importance, and for advice on the artefact's immediate conservation requirements. In the event of any structural material (e.g. shipwreck material, old jetty timbers, fish traps etc.) being encountered, then the RCAHMW and the Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust should both be informed.

As the maritime archaeologist with the RCAHMW I can act as the initial contact.

Yours

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<sup>1</sup> <https://museum.wales/portable-antiquities-scheme-in-wales/>

