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Our ref: MMML1670v1/HN

7 August 2018

Dear Nigel Griffiths,

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

Variation request for MMML1670v1/HN – Aggregate dredging at Area 526

I am writing in response to your request for a variation to Marine Licence MMML1670/HN, under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, dated 16 February 2018, to increase the permitted extraction rate to 666,666 tonnes per year over a 15 year period. As the request includes a material change to a project which required an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), NRW Permitting Service (NRW PS) must provide a Screening Opinion to consider if the variation request requires EIA, in accordance with the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) ("MWR").

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).

On reviewing the information you supplied, NRW PS are of the opinion that the works proposed would fall under Schedule A2 (89) of the MWR:

Any change to, or extension of, development of a description listed in paragraphs 1 to 87 of Schedule A2 where the development is already authorised.

The authorised development falls under Schedule A2 (10) of the MWR:

Extraction of minerals by fluvial or marine dredging

Exception of EIA consent decision and conclusion

Article 10(1)(b)(i and ii) of the MWR provides an appropriate authority (NRW PS) the ability to determine that an EIA is not required in relation to a regulated activity if it is satisfied that assessment of the effects on the environment of the project in question has already been, is being, or is to be carried out by the appropriate authority or by another consenting body, and such assessment is or will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the EIA Directive in relation to that project.

In reaching our Screening Opinion, NRW PS have considered the EIA Consent Decision provided for MMML1670 by the NRW PS on 31 October 2017 under the MWR. The EIA Consent Decision of 31 October 2017 included consideration of the maximum tonnage and licence period applied for in this variation.

NRW PS has determined, in accordance with Reg 10(1)(b) of the Marine Works Regulations that an EIA is not required in relation to the marine licence variation, as assessment of the effects on the environment of the variation (tonnage and licence period) to the project in question has been concluded by NRW PS in the determination process for MMML1670, and that this will meet the requirements of the EIA Directive.

As such we are notifying you of this decision as per the requirements of Regulation 10 (2) (a) of the Marine Works Regulations. We will also be placing a notice of this decision on our webpages in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Morrison'.

Peter Morrison
Marine Licensing Team
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