

MLA/2025/00263

Project summary

Application type

Please select the type(s) of application you are applying for.

If you wish to apply for a section 36 or 36A consent or a safety zone in addition to your marine licence application please tick the relevant box.

If you wish to also apply for consent under a local Act or Order please tick the Local Act consent box. Please explain which local Act or Order consent you are applying when giving details of the project background below. You should also upload a copy of the local Act or Order there too.

Application type

Marine licence

Please tick all additional application types that are relevant.

Additional application types

- Section 36 and Section 36A: Electricity Act 1989.
- Local Act Consent: Consent under a local Act or harbour order.

- ☐ Section 36
- ☐ Section 36A
- ☐ Local Act consent
- ☐ Safety zone

Project details

Project title

Enter the title of your project (max. 250 characters)

Tees and Hartlepool Maintenance Dredge Disposal

Project background

You should explain the background to the project. This should include the aims of the project, the need for the project, whether it forms part of a larger project and any other relevant information. (max. 2000 characters)

Renewal of the current maintenance dredge disposal licence L/2015/00427/7 which has been on-going over many years. This application is for a 10 year maintenance dredging disposal licence commencing 1st January 2026 and ending 31st December 2035.

The Tees Maintenance Dredging Protocol (MDP) Baseline Document has been updated for this application, it is attached below and referred to throughout the application.

Programme of works

You should detail the proposed programme of works for the project. This should include proposed start and end dates for the overall project and individual elements of the project. It should also include details of any elements that need to be completed by a certain date and details of any time periods during which activities could not be carried out and the reasons for this. It should also include proposed working hours. (max. 2000 characters)

Works are performed on a daily basis throughout the year and covered in the Tees MDP Baseline Document. The renewal applies to the next 10 years.

PD Teesport Limited employs two trailing suction hopper dredgers (TSHD) of 2,000m³ and 1,500m³ hopper volume to maintain depths within the navigable channel and berths within the Tees and Hartlepool. Both are traditional suction dredgers with active bottom door dumping systems, the only variation being the vessel hopper capacity. The suction dredgers operate on a nominal production time 12.5 hours per day for six days per week. This can, for a limited period, be increased to 24 hours and seven days per week where sudden increases in deposition rate occur, primarily following storm conditions.

Related consents and applications

Have any other applications been made to the MMO in relation to this project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has there been any other contact with the MMO in relation to this project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have any applications been made to or consents issued by other authorities in relation to this project?

This could include applications for planning permission, environmental permits, development consent orders, transport and works orders, marine licences or any other type of licence, permit or consent. This could also include consents from local authorities, Government regulators, harbour authorities, devolved administrations, other European countries and any other type of authority.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you have statutory powers to consent or undertake without consent any aspect of this project?

This could include statutory powers of a coast protection authority, harbour authority or lighthouse authority or any other type of statutory powers.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please give details

(max. 2000 characters)

PD Teesport Limited have the powers to dredge under the Teesport Harbour Revision Order 2008. This application only relates to disposal activities.

Is the project located within the jurisdiction of a statutory harbour authority?

This includes the jurisdiction of municipal, private and trust ports where they are a statutory harbour authority.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please give details

(max. 2000 characters)

The maintained area is defined as the area commencing 185m down-estuary of the Tees Barrage at Blue House Point to the seaward limit of the Port Authority Area for PD Teesport Limited. It also includes an area in Hartlepool.

Applicant details

This is the person, company or organisation that will hold the licence.

Contact type

Select the Contact type. Individual should only be selected when the contact is not working on behalf of an Organisation.

- ☐ Individual
☒ Organisation

Trading title (if applicable)

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Sustainable development

The MMO strongly advise that a strategic appraisal is completed. Issues that should be considered include:

1. Identification of any conflicts between the project and the relevant marine plan.
2. Identification of alignment of the project with the Marine Policy Statement and any relevant National Policy Statement.
3. Identification of the environmental, social and economic drivers for a project that have been identified through existing feasibility studies or discussions with other public bodies (e.g. Local Authorities or Local Economic Partnerships).
4. Identification of any potential issues that may arise due to UK law (e.g. Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017, Marine Strategy Regulations 2010, Conservation of Habitats & Species Regulations 2017), and how these can potentially be avoided, or mitigated, at the strategic level.
5. Identification of any priority issues that may need addressing with regard to cumulative effects.
6. Options appraisal undertaken by the applicant, and the social, economic and environmental reasoning behind why the preferred option has been chosen.

Environmental impact assessment

Has an environmental statement been produced to support this project?

Environmental statements are required for projects of a type listed in the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007. If you are not certain whether your project falls within this category, please contact us before proceeding with your application.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Habitats regulations assessment

Have the effects of the project on European sites been considered?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please give details

(max. 2000 characters)

Please see Section 7 in the Tees MDP Baseline Document. Due to the frequency of the activity, maintenance dredging within the Tees can be considered as a baseline activity.

Marine conservation zone assessment

Have the effects of the project on marine conservation zones been considered?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please give details

(max. 2000 characters)

There are no MCZs or recommended MCZs within the project area.

Sites of special scientific interest

Have the effects of the project on sites of special scientific interest (SSSI) been considered?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please give details

(max. 2000 characters)

Please see Section 7 in the Tees MDP Baseline Document. Due to the frequency of the activity, maintenance dredging within the Tees can be considered as a baseline activity.

Water Framework Directive compliance assessment

Have the effects of the project been considered in accordance with the Water Framework Directive?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please give details

(max. 2000 characters)

See attached WFD (now called Water Environment Regulations WER) compliance assessment.

Consultation and advertising

Has public consultation taken place and/or has the project been advertised?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has consultation about the project with any other statutory body taken place?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Licence summary

Do you consider this application to be for emergency activities?

Emergency activities are those undertaken for the protection of life, property or the environment from an imminent risk.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you consider this application would qualify for the accelerated licensing process for dredging?

The accelerated licensing process applies to certain types of small-scale low-risk dredging activity.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Proposed licence start date

01-JAN-2026

Proposed licence end date

31-DEC-2035

Site summary

Please provide the location of your proposed activities. Note that the responsibility for determining whether your proposed activities are below Mean High Water Springs (MHWS) rests with the applicant. If there is any doubt as to whether a site lies below MHWS you can undertake an independent survey to determine its location.

Use the 'Add/edit site(s)' button below to add one or more more locations to your application.

Next use the 'Add activity' button to add activities to your locations. (NB this option only appears once a location is created).

Basic examples:

Dredging at RiverA. Create one site for RiverA and add dredging as an activity.
Dredging and quay wall improvements at RiverA. Create 2 locations: one for the dredging in front of the new quay area and one for the quay wall improvements.
Dredging at RiverA and removal of large concrete block within the dredge area. Create 1 location and add two activities: 1 activity for removal and 1 activity for dredging.

Additional functions:

Subsites, Holes and Exclusion Zones can also be used more guidance is available in the 'Help' guide.

Activities:

When an activity is added to a site it is listed in a table. Click on the activity name in the table or use the links on the left hand side of this screen to navigate to the activity screen where you can provide your method statement and other information.

If you delete a site, the activities linked to it will still be visible on this screen. You must delete these activities or move them to a valid site.

If you would like any advice on using this form or structuring your application please contact us.

Sites

Please see included locations.kml file for detailed site locations.

TEES BAY A

Site sensitivities

You should provide details of any protected areas (European or Ramsar sites, marine conservation zones, sites of special scientific interest, areas of outstanding natural beauty etc) and protected features (scheduled monuments, protected wrecks etc). You should also provide details of other areas and features of social, economic or environmental value. This could include shipping lanes, fishing grounds, recreational sailing areas, material assets, unprotected habitats and species and any other feature. (max. 2000 characters)

The disposal site is not located within a protected area. The closest is the Teesmouth and Cleveland SPA/Ramsar however the Tees MDP baseline document attached to this application does not indicate that disposal at this site impacts on this designated site (see Section 7 of the Tees MDP baseline document).

List of activities at this site

Activity	Site	Activity type	Actions
Disposal of maintenance dredged material	TEES BAY A	Disposal of dredged material	

Redline_boundary_20250520_Tees

This is a source site only. No licensed activities take place at this site.

Redline_boundary_20250520_Hartlepool

This is a source site only. No licensed activities take place at this site.

TEES BAY A - Disposal of maintenance dredged material

Site

Please see included locations.kml file for detailed site locations.

Activity details

Activity type

Please select the type of activity that would take place. If more than one activity would take place you should enter the details of one activity here and then add another activity.

Activity type

Deposit of any substance or object

Activity subtype

Disposal of dredged material

General

Activity title

Enter the title of this activity (max. 250 characters)

Disposal of maintenance dredged material

Activity description

You should include a detailed description of the activity. For construction activities, this should include the dimensions of the works and materials to be used. (max. 2000 characters)

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Activity methodology

Your method statement should clearly explain how you are going to carry out the activities providing detail on any materials and plant to be used as well as proposed programme timings. (max. 2000 characters)

A detailed methodology is provided in Sections 2 and 3 of the attached Tees MDP baseline document. All maintenance dredged material is disposed of at Tees Bay A (TY160) via bottom door release. This disposal site comprises 12 areas and each area receives dredged material during a certain month of the year, with the volume of disposed material varying during each month to avoid mounding of material at one location. The location of dredge areas and positioning of vessels within the disposal site are controlled using the integrated navigation, survey and dredge control software, with final locations for disposal confirmed and recorded within the Port Operation Centre Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system.

Activity start date	Activity end date
01-JAN-2026	31-DEC-2035

Activity programme

You should detail the proposed programme of works for the activity. This should include proposed start and end dates for the activity. It should also include details of any elements that need to be completed by a certain date and details of any time periods during which the activity could not be carried out and the reasons for this. It should also include proposed working hours. (max. 2000 characters)

Works are performed on a daily basis throughout the year. PD Teesport Limited employs two trailing suction hopper dredgers (TSHD) of 2,000m³ and 1,500m³ hopper volume to maintain depths within the navigable channel and berths within the Tees estuary and Hartlepool. Both are traditional suction dredgers with active bottom door dumping systems, the only variation being the vessel hopper capacity. The suction dredgers operate on a nominal production time 12.5 hours per day for six days per week. This can, for a limited period, be increased to 24 hours and seven days per week where sudden increases in deposition rate occur, primarily following storm conditions.

Potential impacts

You should detail the potential impacts this activity may have. This should include social, economic and environmental impacts. If this has already been detailed elsewhere in the application it is sufficient to reference that. (max. 2000 characters)

Potential impacts have been assessed in the attached Tees MDP Baseline Document in Section 7.4.

Proposed mitigation

You should detail the mitigation you propose in response to the potential impacts. This should include a detailed explanation of the mitigation measure and evidence to demonstrate that the mitigation is likely to be successful. If this has already been detailed elsewhere in the application it is sufficient to reference that. (max. 2000 characters)

Mitigation is focussed on the disposal site being split into 12 areas and each area receives dredged material during a certain month of the year, with the volume of disposed material varying during each month to avoid mounding of material at one location. See Figure 3-3 in the attached Tees MDP Baseline Document.

Residual risks

You should detail the residual risks from the activity following the mitigation. This should include an assessment of the significance of the risks and evidence to show why these risks cannot be avoided or further mitigated. (max. 2000 characters)

Best practice is applied for all stages of dredge and disposal as outlined in Section 4 in the Tees MDP baseline document attached to this application.

Additional supporting information

You should use this section to provide any further information about this activity that you wish to have taken into account in the processing and determination of this application. (max. 2000 characters)

This application relates to the renewal of an existing licence reference L/2015/00427/7. The activity has been ongoing for many years.

Disposal of dredged material

Material details

Please provide information on the material to be deposited. This needs to state the type of material, when you plan to do this, the specific gravity of the material and the weight of the material in both dry and wet tonnes. You also need to tell us the source of the material by selecting the source site.

If you have not yet entered the coordinates of the source site, you should go back to the Sites and activities summary screen (see the left-hand menu) and enter these coordinates first. You can do this by adding a new site.

On this page, you can add more rows to tell us about material you propose to deposit on different dates or about different types of material that you propose to deposit.

Start date	End date	Material	Specific gravity	Amount to be deposited (dry tonnes)	Amount to be deposited (wet tonnes)	Source Site
01-JAN-2026	31-DEC-2035	Sand (62.5um-2mm)	1.6	10554390	15077700	Redline_boundary_20250520_Tees

01-JAN-2026	31-DEC-2035	Silt (31.25 - 62.5um)	1.6	6514550	9306500	Redline_boundary_20250520_Tees
01-JAN-2026	31-DEC-2035	Sand (62.5um-2mm)	1.5	2263200	3228000	Redline_boundary_20250520_Hartlepool
01-JAN-2026	31-DEC-2035	Silt (31.25 - 62.5um)	1.4	899360	1284800	Redline_boundary_20250520_Hartlepool

Further details

Dredge details

You should provide details of the dredge. This should include the methodology and location. If this has already been detailed elsewhere in the application it is sufficient to reference that. (max. 2000 characters)

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Has the dredged material been analysed?

You should provide analysis of the sediment to enable a determination to be made about whether the material is suitable for disposal to sea. This should include particle size analysis and analysis against Cefas Action Levels.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please give details

(max. 2000 characters)

Sample plan agreed with MMO reference SAM/2024/00054 - attached.

Data supplied in two datasheets:

- MAR02481

- MAR02499

The MMO response has been provided in two stages due to omission of TOC data in first submission - response MLA20150088.

Data resubmitted with TOC data - additional response MLA20150088 R11.1

Has this activity been assessed in line with the waste hierarchy?

The disposal of dredged material to sea should be considered a last resort. You should provide details of alternatives that have been considered and the reasons why you propose to dispose of the material to sea.

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please give details

(max. 2000 characters)

See Section 3 of the Tees MDP baseline document for details of the disposal strategy attached to this application.

Marine plan policies

Access

NE-ACC-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

All locations where maintenance dredging and disposal will take place have no public access within the marine area, including the provision of services for tourism and therefore there is no potential risk through access.

Aggregates

NE-AGG-3

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Maintenance dredging or disposal activities are not located in an area of high potential aggregate resource, or in areas where a licence for extraction of aggregates has been granted or formally applied. Therefore the maintenance dredge and disposal activities would not impact on future aggregate extraction.

Air quality

NE-AIR-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

There is no proposed change to the maintenance dredging or disposal activities over current levels. The activities are not being carried out in or near to an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and no changes to GHG emissions are anticipated.

Aquaculture

NE-AQ-2

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Maintenance dredging is not related to this policy

Biodiversity

NE-BIO-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Maintenance dredging and disposal activities have been undertaken by PD Teesport limited since 2015 and no changes to the established depths or dredging methodologies are proposed. Continuation of maintenance dredging and disposal will not therefore result in any potential impacts on priority habitats or species or the biodiversity of the Tees, as set out in the Tees MDP Document.

NE-BIO-2

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Maintenance dredging and disposal activities have been undertaken by PD Teesport Limited since 2015 and no changes to the established depths or dredging methodologies are proposed. Continuation of maintenance dredging and disposal will not therefore result in any potential impacts on priority habitats or species or the biodiversity of the Tees, as set out in the Tees MDP baseline Document.

NE-BIO-3

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Maintenance dredging and disposal activities have been undertaken by PD Teesport limited since 2015 and no changes to the established depths or dredging methodologies are proposed. Continuation of maintenance dredging and disposal will not therefore result in any potential impacts on priority habitats or species or the biodiversity of the Tees, as set out in the MDP Document.

Cables

NE-CAB-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

No cable installation is required.

NE-CAB-2

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

All locations where maintenance dredging and disposal will take place have no existing landfall sites but would not preclude measures to enable development of future landfall opportunities, if required.

NE-CAB-3

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

No subsea cables in the vicinity and no ongoing function, maintenance and decommissioning activities relating to the cables.

Carbon capture, usage and storage

NE-CCUS-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Decommissioning of oil and gas facilities is not required.

NE-CCUS-2

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Carbon capture, usage and storage is not proposed.

NE-CCUS-3

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

The deployment of low carbon infrastructure is not proposed.

Climate change

NE-CC-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

There would be no adverse impact on habitats that provide a flood defence or carbon sequestration ecosystem service.

NE-CC-2

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

The proposed continuation of maintenance dredging and disposal is flexible in the programme and methodologies applied for and as such is resilient and can adapt to the impacts of climate and coastal change.

NE-CC-3

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Maintenance dredging and disposal activities have been undertaken by PD Teesport Limited since 2015 and no changes to the established depths or dredging methodologies are proposed. Continuation of maintenance dredging and disposal will not therefore impact on coastal change, or on climate change adaptation measures inside and outside of the maintained areas.

Co-existence

NE-CO-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

PD Teesport Limited maintains advertised dredge depths within the navigable channel and on its own berths and does so through a licensed maintenance dredging regime. All advertised depths are subject to change dependent upon navigational requirements. Vessels operate with a relatively small (1m minimum) under-keel clearance thus making the maintenance of advertised depths critical to navigational safety.

Cross-border co-operation

NE-CBC-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Maintained dredging does not impact upon one or more marine plan areas or terrestrial environments.

Cumulative effects

NE-CE-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Adverse cumulative effects with other existing, authorised, or reasonably foreseeable proposals have not been identified.

Disturbance

NE-DIST-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Impacts on highly mobile species through disturbance or displacement have been assessed in the MDP Baseline Document submitted with this application. No adverse impacts are anticipated.

Additionally, maintenance dredging and disposal activities have been undertaken by PD Teesport Limited since 2015 and no changes to the established depths or dredging methodologies are proposed.

Dredging & disposal

NE-DD-2

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Ongoing maintenance dredging has undergone sediment sample analysis to determine suitability for disposal at sea in line with MMO sample plans and licence conditions as detailed within this application. Therefore, there would be no significant adverse impacts on licensed disposal sites.

NE-DD-3

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

There are currently no feasible alternatives for the maintenance dredged material, other than offshore disposal as detailed in Section 3 of the Tees MDP Baseline document attached to this application. If any alternatives / beneficial use schemes do become evident during the licence period, the Port will investigate these with the aim of minimising the volumes of material that require offshore disposal.

Employment

NE-EMP-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Continued maintenance dredging and disposal on the River Tees facilitates employment opportunities and supports local skill strategies and skills available.

Fisheries

NE-FISH-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Maintenance dredging and disposal does not prevent the achievement of a sustainable fishing industry, including the industry's diversification.

NE-FISH-2

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Given there are no proposed changes to the current maintenance dredging and disposal, additional effects on fishing or aquaculture sites have not been identified.

NE-FISH-3

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Given there are no proposed changes to the current maintenance dredging and disposal, additional effects on fishing or aquaculture sites have not been identified.

Heritage assets

NE-HER-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

As set out above, maintenance dredging and disposal at PD Teesport has been ongoing since at least 2015 and no changes to the established depths or dredging methodologies are proposed. Continuation of maintenance dredging and disposal will not therefore result in any additional impacts on marine heritage.

Infrastructure

NE-INF-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

No marine infrastructure would be constructed. This policy is supported as continued

maintenance dredging and disposal has been going on since at least 2015 and facilitates ongoing land-based and marine activities on the Tees.

NE-INF-2

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

No marine infrastructure would be constructed. This policy is supported as continued maintenance dredging and disposal has been going on since at least 2015 and facilitates ongoing land-based and marine activities on the Tees.

Invasive non-native species

NE-INNS-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Regulations would be followed in respect of The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention). This was adopted in 2004 and entered into force on 08/09/17. This introduces global regulations to control the transfer of potentially invasive species. With the treaty now in force ships need to manage their ballast water. As detailed in the MDP attached to this application the Emerald Duchess does not require ballast water (see Section 2.3.1)

NE-INNS-2

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Regulations would be followed in respect of The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention). This was adopted in 2004 and entered into force on 08/09/17. This introduces global regulations to control the transfer of potentially invasive species. With the treaty now in force ships need to manage their ballast water. There is no risk that could potentially introduce, transport or spread invasive non-native species and therefore no need to implement adequate biosecurity measures to avoid or minimise the risk of introducing, transporting or spreading invasive non-native species. As detailed in the MDP attached to this application the Emerald Duchess does not require ballast water (see Section 2.3.1)

Knowledge, understanding, appreciation & enjoyment

NE-SOC-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

There is currently no active engagement with the public regarding the maintenance dredge and disposal activities conducted on the River Tees.

Marine litter

NE-ML-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Waste would be dealt with under best practice measures and the waste hierarchy. During dredging, contractors will employ best-practice measures to contain marine litter

to the dredging vessel, and not allow it to enter the marine environment.

NE-ML-2

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

This application is not related to the facilitation of waste re-use or recycling to reduce or remove marine litter.

Marine protected areas

Oil & gas

Ports, harbours & shipping

NE-PS-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

This application is to facilitate the ongoing maintenance dredging and disposal in the River Tees, which has been undertaken since at least 2015, to support current port and harbour activities and is therefore compatible with port and harbour practices.

NE-PS-3

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Not required

NE-PS-4

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Continued maintenance dredging and disposal promotes shipping as an alternative to road, rail or air transport for the movement of goods.

Renewables

NE-REN-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Ongoing maintenance dredging and disposal provides opportunities for PD Teesport Limited to support the provision of renewable energy technologies and associated supply chains should they be desired.

Seascape & landscape

NE-SCP-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Maintenance dredging and disposal has been ongoing since at least 2015 and can be considered part of the baseline activities in the industrial setting of the Tees. A significant adverse impact on the character and visual resource of the seascape and

landscape of the area will not occur.

Tourism & recreation

NE-TR-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

Ongoing maintenance dredging and disposal would not give rise to additional effects on tourism and recreation activities in the Tees or the nearshore area. PD Teesport does not support tourism or recreation activities within the Port area. Dredging and disposal activities have been ongoing since at least 2015 and can be considered part of the baseline activities in the nearshore area. No changes to the activity are proposed and therefore effects on tourism and recreation will not occur.

Underwater noise

NE-UWN-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

No works are proposed that could result in significant noise to marine receptors. There would be no change from baseline noise levels. Note also the – Emerald Duchess is a low noise signature ECO vessel.

NE-UWN-2

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

No works are proposed that could result in significant noise to marine receptors. There would be no change from baseline noise levels. Note also the – Emerald Duchess is a low noise signature ECO vessel.

Water quality

NE-WQ-1

Provide an explanation on how you have considered this policy

It is not expected that the continuation of maintenance dredging and disposal would cause deterioration of water quality in the marine environment. The activity has been ongoing since at least 2015 and no changes are proposed. A Water Environment Regulations Compliance Assessment has been carried out and submitted with this application.

Additional plan and policy information

Provide any further information about your consideration of the Marine Policy Statement (MPS), marine plans and policy objectives you would like the MMO to take into account when determining your application

No additional information

Do you have any relevant documents that support your consideration or

assessment of the MPS or marine plan policies?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Have you considered or assessed this project with regard to other policy statements and spatial plans?

This includes national, regional and local policies and spatial plans

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Licence conditions

Are there any conditions you consider should be added to the marine licence?

Any suggested conditions will be considered as part of the application and may be applied to the consent. However, proposed conditions may also be edited or removed and other conditions may be applied in addition to or in place of any conditions you propose.

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

Other details

Fees and charges

Cost of project seaward of mean high water springs (£)

Specify pounds only or pounds and pence, e.g. 1000 or 1000.10

3750000

Public register

Permission to add your data to the MMO evidence base:

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has gathered information from a number of existing sources to support marine planning, marine licensing and associated functions of the MMO. The MMO is continuously adding to the evidence base to support future decision making, with the aim to ensure a sustainable future for our coastal and offshore waters.

A new marine plan led system of marine management will set the direction for decision making on marine use and will:

- guide marine users to the most suitable locations for different activities;
- manage the use of marine resources to ensure sustainable levels; and

- consider all the benefits and impacts of current and future activities that occur in the marine environment.

1.The MMO would like your permission to use any of the data you submit in a digital format that can be entered into a geographical information system. This data may be used to inform MMO functions.

Can we use your data to inform MMO functions?

☒ Yes ☐ No

2.Under section 101 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 the MMO must maintain a register of activities where it is the appropriate licensing authority. Information contained within or provided in support of this application will be placed on the MMO's Public Register unless:

- The Secretary of State determines that its disclosure would be contrary to the interests of national security; or
- The MMO determines that its disclosure would adversely affect confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect legitimate commercial interest.

Is there any information in your application (including any supporting documents) that you believe should be withheld from the Public Register?

☐ Yes ☒ No