



## MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT (2009) – REVIEW OF FURTHER INFORMATION FOR SOUTH BANK QUAY

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### Underwater Noise Advice

1. With reference to the above application for South Bank Quay and your request for comments dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021, please find my comments below in my capacity as advisor on underwater noise.
2. This minute is provided in response to your advisory request in relation to the above proposal in my capacity as scientific and technical advisor for underwater noise. The response pertains to those areas of the application request that are of relevance to this field. This minute does not provide specialist advice regarding benthic ecology, marine processes, shellfisheries or fish and fisheries, as, whilst these are within Cefas' remit, they are outside my area of specialism.
3. In providing this advice I have spent 1.5 hours of the allocated 3.5 hours by the MMO. I have booked my time to C8369B134.

### Document (s) reviewed, as requested

4. Note/Memo dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021, South Bank Quay marine licence applications – responses to Cefas comments – here referred to as the 'response memo'.

### Description of the proposed works

5. Previous advice for this development was provided to the MMO on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (review of additional information and also on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (review of EIA Report). Please refer to these previous advice minutes for a summary of the proposed works. A location map of the proposed works is provided in Annex I of this advice minute for reference (Figure 1).
6. The applicant has provided supplementary advice in response to Cefas comments. The MMO have asked Cefas to review this information and provide a response regarding the suitability of this information.

No specific questions were raised by the MMO (note, all comments are observations unless otherwise stated):

7. Please note that the MMO have asked Cefas to review the above 'response memo' in the consultation request on MCMS, although this document was actually reviewed under the previous consultation, and advice was provided to the MMO on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
8. I note that the applicant has also submitted the following document: **South Bank Quay Supplementary Environmental Information Report dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (document reference: PC1084-RHD-ZZ-XX-**

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RP-Z-1115) on MCMS. However, there does not appear to be any information within this document relating to underwater noise for me to comment on. It is therefore difficult to provide formative comment.

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Quality Check	Date
Joe Perry	14/06/2021

## Annex I



**Figure 1:** Location map of the proposed works