

Angus Gillies

From: OBrien, Mark Rs <m.obrien@sepa.org.uk>
Sent: 03 September 2020 16:48
To: Angus Gillies
Subject: RE: Bernera Bridge -Temporary Replacement Structure Marine License

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Good afternoon Angus

As these works will be carried out under a licence from Marine Scotland they fall outside SEPA's regulatory remit.

Therefore, there are no issues as far as SEPA is concerned and my only comment would be to ensure best practice pollution controls are in place during the works.

Kind regards


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From: Angus Gillies <angus.gillies@cne-siar.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 September 2020 15:52
To: CB Permitting Water <waterpermitting@sepa.org.uk>; nmoccontroller@hmcg.gov.uk;
navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk; zone36@hmcg.gov.uk; enquiries@nlb.org.uk
Subject: RE: Bernera Bridge -Temporary Replacement Structure Marine License

Attached

Grid Reference for location: 116472 934202

Regards


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Sent: 04 September 2020 09:07
To: Angus Gillies
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Good morning Angus,

Thank you for sending through details of the temporary bridge.

NLB would have no concerns about the proposed activities, and would recommend engaging with Kenny Morrison / Iain Buchanan within the CNES Harbour Master's office regarding promulgation of a local Notice to Mariners, and also with any local fish farm operators.

We would respond as such to a formal Marine Scotland Marine License application.

Regards

Official - Northern Lighthouse Board Email

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From: Angus Gillies <angus.gillies@cne-siar.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 September 2020 15:51
To: waterpermitting@sepa.org.uk; NMOCcontroller; navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk; Stornoway MRCC; Enquiries
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From: navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 September 2020 20:28
To: Angus Gillies
Cc: 'zone36@hmcg.gov.uk'
Subject: RE: Bernera Bridge -Temporary Replacement Structure Marine License

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Angus,

Many thanks for confirming that the proposed works fall within the jurisdiction of a Harbour Authority.

I can confirm that the MCA has no concerns to raise on this occasion. As the site is within harbour limits, you should gain the approval/agreement of the responsible navigation authority or the Harbour Authority/Commissioners/Council. They may wish to issue local warnings to alert those navigating in the vicinity to the presence of the works, as deemed necessary.

Please can you also notify the local Coastguard at the start of the works.

Kind regards

Helen



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From: Angus Gillies <angus.gillies@cne-siar.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 September 2020 12:34
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Helen,

Response as below.

Regards

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Angus Gillies

From: Roddy MacMinn <Roddy.MacMinn@nature.scot>
Sent: 17 September 2020 10:40
To: Angus Gillies
Subject: RE: Bernera Bridge - Marine License Enquiry - MS LOT to App - 26 August 2020

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Hi Angus

Following our conversation last week and your further e-mail outlining the footprint of the two abutments (copied below), I am writing to outline NatureScot's position on the proposed replacement of the Bernera Bridge. I can confirm we do not anticipate any significant impact on the marine natural heritage. Nor do we anticipate needing further information to finalise our advice, assuming the proposal does not fall within the scope of the EIA regulations. I can also advise there are no protected areas likely to be effected by the construction of the proposed replacement bridge.

In reaching this conclusion I have reviewed the proposed construction method, the scale of footprint on the seabed/marine environment and the habitat and bathymetric data we have available for the channel at Sruth Iarsiadair. My understanding is that the bridge will span the entire channel without support other than the extended abutments at either shore.

For the terrestrial part of the work (not covered by the marine licence) I'd draw your attention to the protected status of otters. In my view it'd probably be worth getting a shoreline survey done by an experienced ecologist to ensure none of the proposed ground works will unwittingly destroy a holt/den and thus cause an offence.

see <https://www.nature.scot/professional-advice/protected-areas-and-species/protected-species/protected-species-z-guide/protected-species-otters> for further information.


I hope the above provides you with enough information, but please feel free to get in touch should you need any further clarification

With best wishes


Roddy MacMinn | Area Officer - Outer Hebrides

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Angus Gillies

From: Kevin Murphy
Sent: 01 October 2020 12:47
To: Angus Gillies
Subject: RE: Bernera Bridge - Replacement Fixed Crossing
Attachments: ei-protocol-for-archaeological-discoveries-offshore-renewables-projects.pdf

Hi Angus,

Thank you for contacting the Comhairle Archaeology Service and sorry for the delay. With regard to this proposed development the dual aspects for consideration with regard to the historic environment are, the potential for negative impact in both the terrestrial and marine areas of this project. The Western Isles Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the terrestrial part of the development has two Scheduled Ancient Monuments close to the proposed development zone in addition to other several other non-designated archaeological sites located nearby. Any assessment of these sites will need to include potential for direct and indirect impacts and may include issues relating to setting. Plans for this project should include any additional areas that maybe required for temporary compounds and or set down areas for materials or equipment. Historic Environment Scotland should be consulted with regard to the schedule monuments at this address

HMconsultations@hes.scot

The sheduled sites are as follows,

'Tursachan', Barraglom, (SAM5548).

Dun Barraglom,broch,cup marked rocks,fish traps and settlement (SAM5429).

The Comhairle Archaeology Service is likely to recommend a desk based assessment (DBA)and walkover survey as a planning condition and this would include the tidal zone at low water springs. It should be clearly noted that an archaeological contractor will need to be commissioned to carry out all potential works.

As for the marine aspect of this project, I suspect that the channel is quiet deep and has a strong tidal flow; depending on the impact of the development within this zone it may be necessary for some sort of seabed survey data to confirm this. The DBA would be the baseline survey data on which to base any further recommendations (should they be required).

The potential for archaeological finds in the marine zone can be mitigated through a 'protocol for archaeological discoveries' (PAD), this can be put in place to ensure that any unexpected finds are dealt with appropriately. I have attached a copy of Crown Estates PAD document.

I hope this information is helpful, please contact me if you have any queries

Regards

Kevin

From: Angus Gillies
Sent: 22 September 2020 12:21
To: Kevin Murphy
Subject: Bernera Bridge - Replacement Fixed Crossing

Kevin,

Further to our discussion this morning please find attached plans and general arrangement of the proposed bridge structure at Bernera Bridge.



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09 October 2020

Dear Mr Gillies

Bernera - Erection of replacement bridge
Statutory Designation: Bernera Bridge, stone setting, Great Bernera,
Dun Barraglom, broch, cup marked rocks, fish traps and settlement
Designation Reference: SM5548, SM5429

Thank you for your pre-application consultation which we received on 01 October 2020.

We understand that you are proposing to construct a new temporary bridge to the east of the existing bridge to Great Bernera. From the information you sent to us it is not clear how long you expect this temporary bridge to be in place.

It does not appear likely that the bridge, or any associated infrastructure, would directly affect the two scheduled monuments noted above, which are located a short distance to the west (SM5548) and east (SM5429) of the proposed bridge.

You have also supplied us with visualisations of what the proposed bridge would look like. Having reviewed these, and the other information you sent through, it does not appear likely that we would have concerns about the potential impacts of the bridge on the setting of the two monuments mentioned above. We look forward to receiving your statutory consultation if an application comes forward.

Detailed guidance on the application of national policy is set out in our 'Managing Change in the Historic Environment' series available online at www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/planning-and-guidance/legislation-and-guidance/managing-change-in-the-historic-environment-guidance-notes/. Technical advice is available through our Technical Conservation website at www.englished.org.

We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Simon Stronach and they can be contacted by phone on 07771600590 or by email on Simon.Stronach@hes.scot.

Yours sincerely

Historic Environment Scotland

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