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Your ref: MLA/2025/00263
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Dear Gregg

TEES AND HARTLEPOOL MAINTENANCE DREDGE DISPOSAL NZ 56652 28514 TEESSIDE BAY

Thank you for consulting us on the above marine license application, which we received on 26 June 2025.

Environment Agency Position

Whilst we have **no objection** to the above application as submitted, we would like to provide the below advice to the applicant.

Eels Regulations - Advice to Applicant

Under Regulation 17(4) of the Eels (England and Wales) Regulations 2009, on or after 1 January 2015, a responsible person must ensure an eel screen is placed in a diversion structure that:

1. is capable of abstracting at least 20 cubic metres of water through any one point in any 24-hour period; or
2. returns water to a channel, bed or sea.

Please contact the Environment Agency (EA) in order for them to determine the level of risk to eel of the proposed dredging works and if the works require an eel screen or any alternative risk reduction measures, or if the activity can be exempted by the Agency. When contacting the EA please provide a method statement including:

- details of the proposed dredging technique and equipment to be used (e.g., pump specifications);
- dredging methodology, timings, duration, and location.

The EA can be contacted on the details below:
Email: NENORTHFRB@environment-agency.gov.uk
Telephone: 03708 506 50

Where can I find out more?

You can find more information on Part 4 of the Eels Regulations by visiting:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safe-passage-for-eels>

You can contact the Environment Agency's National Customer Contact Centre to:

- ask to be put in touch with your local Environment Agency Fisheries Officer if you need help and advice on complying with the Eels Regulations.
- request a copy of 'Screening at Intakes and Outfalls: Measures to Protect Eel'
- request a copy of 'The Eels Regulations: Delivering Safe Passage for Eels'.

National Customer Contact Centre

PO Box 544
Rotherham
S60 1BY

Email enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk
Telephone **03708 506 506**
Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the advice in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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