

MLA/2015/00334/12

MMO Licence Application

Variation Request 10 ACCEPTED

Request Date

28-SEP-2022

Requested By

Josh Murphy

Licence(s) to be varied

L/2017/00012/8 (Marine Licence)

What would you like to vary about your current licence(s)/response(s)?

1) Incorrect Coordinates

Upon review, 6no coordinates on Licence Schedules (Able Seaton Port Holding basin and Channel) are to be amended correctly.

Historically Seaton Channel has been dredged to a depth of up to -5.8mCD and a width of up to 164m. Seaton Channel joins the River Tees at a location that is maintained by PD Ports at -11.7mCD (refer to Admiralty Chart for Tees and Hartlepool Bays). The intersection between Seaton Channel and the River Tees is formed by a slope falling (at around 1:3) from Seaton Channel to the River Tees. See attached drawing ASC-002-00003 where the slope has been annotated. One of the original objectives of the MLA was to obtain consent for lowering Seaton Channel to -9.5mCD over a width of 85m up to its intersection with the River Tees. The coordinates for Seaton Channel in the original MLA were specified at the top of the slope connecting Seaton Channel to the River Tees. The substitute coordinates submitted in Variation 10 amends the coordinates so that they are located at the bottom of the slope.

See attached of PDF table

2) Incorrect Quantities

Following a review of the Marine licence we request the following non-material corrections in addition to the coordinate corrections:

1. Due to historic errors, the disposal tonnages are not consistent with the dredge volumes. In particular:
 - a. V3 of the Licence permitted 1,212,000 wet tonnes of clay to be deposited but this have been 1.221,000T (555,000m³*2.2);
 - b. V6 of the Licence increased the permitted capital dredge volume of clay in Activity 1.1 from 545,000m³ to 575,000m³ but there was no commensurate increase in the permitted disposal tonnage as there should have been;
 - c. V8 of the Licence increased the permitted total capital dredge volume in Activity 1.1 by 145,000m³, but again there was no commensurate increase in the permitted disposal tonnage as there should have been. We request changes to the disposal tonnages so that they are consistent with the dredge volumes. A spreadsheet is attached to evidence the working. No new dredging is being requested. These are simply corrections to the disposal tonnages that have occurred due to historic drafting errors.
2. We request a change to the volumes provided in Activity 1.2 as the volumes of silt and clay have been wrongly transposed from V6 of the Licence and both were incorrectly identified as silt in V7.
3. We request that where annual volumes are specifically stated for Site 2, these volumes can be carried over to subsequent years as dredging may not occur every year but silt will still accumulate.
4. V8 allowed for Seaton Channel to be widened and a consequential additional capital dredge of 145,000m³. We advised that this would be

silts and clays. All of the material is expected to be dredged by BHD and will comprise silts/soft clays and stiff clay. We propose amending Activity 1.1 so that the whole of the additional dredging is classed as clay and that Activity 4.1 is amended to permit the anticipated 50,000m³ of silts/soft clays to be deposited in Tees Bay A.

5.A number of dredging methods are consented within the Licence but Activity 1.1 only describes backhoe dredging, we request that the methodology is extended to include TSHD which is consented for other Activities.

6.We request a change to the text describing the methodology of Activity 2.1 to remove reference to 30,000T of clay which is not in any event listed in the quantities for that Activity.

7.We request that Activity 2.3 is split into two Activities, one covering the capital works and the other the maintenance works.

8.We request changes to the description and methodology of Activities 3.1 and 4.1 to remove inconsistencies in the current wording.

9.We request corrections to the description of the source of material specified in Activity 3.1 and 4.1

All of our proposed textual changes to the Licence are included in the attached WORD document with the changes tracked for transparency.

Why would you like to vary your licence(s)/response(s) in this way?

An administrative change to ensure consistency. Dredging is proposed to be undertaken in November in line with the mitigation.

What date would the varied licence(s)/response(s) come into effect?

01-NOV-2022

Closed Date

30-JAN-2023

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