

# MLA/2015/00334/12

## MMO Licence Application

Variation Request 11 ACCEPTED

**Request Date**

14-MAR-2023

**Requested By**

Josh Murphy

**Licence(s) to be varied**

L/2017/00012/9 (Marine Licence)

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

The proposal will deepen a minor area of the existing dredged "Holding Basin" from -9.5mCD to -13.5mCD, which is the same depth as Quay 10 and 11. This will result in increased activity of dredging and disposal of 1,250m<sup>3</sup>.

The dredge will be completed within one day and undertaken by a backhoe dredger with disposal at Tees Bay C, in alignment with Marine Licence L/2017/00012/9

**Changes**

- 1.Dredge Quantity in Activity 1.1 to increase by 1,250m<sup>3</sup>
- 2.Disposal Activity 3.1 - 1,474,000 tonnes will increase to 1,476,750 tonnes.
- 3.Updated Dredge Location Plan Schedule Document - "Dredge Location Drawing ASC-001-00009 (L)".

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

The work is essential to accommodate a new installation vessel (already chartered) that will collect offshore wind turbines from ASP. As the installation is planned to commence in April 2023, dredging is required as a matter of urgency to allow the installation vessel to load-out the wind turbines from the quay (where they are being stored) for onward transport and installation at the offshore windfarm site (Dogger Bank A, B and C). To load out the turbines, the installation vessel must jack up from the sea-bed and its jack up feet must bear onto level ground. As existing, the feet will straddle an area dredged to -9.5m CD and an area dredged to -13.5m CD. Failure to load out the turbines will cause the whole project to be jeopardised. The extent of the proposed dredging is insignificant, making up 0.08% of the current total disposal allowance. The area of the extension is sited within a previously dredged area and adjacent to the area dredged in January 2023. Extensive maintenance sampling in this location has been undertaken and approved previously by the MMO to allow for uninterrupted dredging activities.

Notably, the Dogger Bank project is one of the largest projects of its kind in the world, and of great importance to the UK's long-term national energy security (powering 6 million British homes). Any delay to the project will have significant consequences.the MMO to allow for uninterrupted dredging activities.

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

28-MAR-2023

**Closed Date**

12-JUN-2023

**Closed By**

Adam Tillotson