

**MLA/2020/00507**

**MMO coastal consultation questions:**

- 1. Do you consider there is enough information provided in the application and supporting documents to enable you to understand the scope of the works, the method and equipment that will be used, and the timings, should you be required to undertake an inspection of the licenced activities?**

Yes, there is enough information to understand the scope, methods and equipment being used. Timings have been provided for all activities except for demolition, as this is the first phase this makes it difficult to know when the next phase will begin. As it is not known whether phase 2 will go ahead, if and when the proposed works are about to commence, an up-to-date schedule including dates of the works for would be beneficial to aid inspection.

- 2. Please outline any fishing and or other activities carried on by legitimate users of the sea in the area(s) the activities are proposed to be undertaken.**

The nearest local fishing ports are Redcar and Hartlepool, there is also a small port at Paddy's Hole South Gare, it is highly unlikely that any of these vessels will fish within the proposed location within the Tees river. The lobster and crab fisheries are year-round and operate out of these ports. The nearest fishing activities would be crab and lobster fisheries occurring in the estuary during the summer months.

- 3. Are the proposed activities likely to interfere with fishing operations or activities carried on by other legitimate users of the sea (static gear/traditional fishing grounds, navigation measures, recreational use etc.)? Please support your view with rationale.**

These fishing operations are unlikely to be affected by the activities, EIA shows sediment plume will not travel far enough to cause any issues either. Impacts at the disposal site should be minimal to any fisheries offshore.

- 4. Are the proposed activities likely to have an impact on fish/shellfish stocks i.e. smothering fish beds etc.? Please support your view with rationale.**

Tees estuary is a high intensity nursery area for several species including Cod and Herring, this is unlikely to be impacted by the works as the sediment plume is unlikely to travel that far.

- 5. Please describe any seasonality to the local fisheries relevant to the proposed activities i.e. periods when proposed activity would be unacceptable for any reason. Please support your view with rationale.**

Fishing activities are unlikely to be impacted by the proposed activities

- 6. Please provide further information about awareness of the proposal locally, as appropriate. What are the local views? Have there been any stake holder events. Have MO**

**attended any meetings? Have there been any press articles? Has fisheries liaison been organised?)**

Not aware of whether sea users are aware of the proposed works.

- 7. Is there any additional local knowledge about the condition of local conservation areas, beyond data held on SPIRIT, which the licensing team should be aware of?**

Not Known

- 8. Are there any other projects planned or in progress in the area which the licensing team should consider as part of any assessment of in-combination effects?**

None other than the licence for phase two of this project MMO/2020/00506

- 9. Are there any conditions which you recommend are included in the licence, should one be granted? Please explain why you consider each to be necessary and proportionate. (This could be restrictions / mitigation or monitoring for example).**

No

- 10. Please provide any other relevant comments.**

As this is a band 3 license two inspections each year will be required.