

Marine Licence Applications

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This report covers applications submitted since 1 January 2021 for work in the Solent, not included in previous reports. It excludes applications for the burial of human remains at sea.

1. Applications open for consultation

Case Information	Project Type	Project Title	Locations	Applicant Name	Submitted	Latest Decision	Consultation Closing
MLA/2021/00042	Application - Construction of new works	Telecoms Cable Crossing of the Yar Estuary	Isle of Wight	Wightfibre Limited	26-Jan-21		20-Apr-21
Submitted							

2.

Summary of Applications open to Consultation

MLA/2021/00042

This proposed cable link across the Yar Estuary adjacent to the swing bridge (south side) is for telecoms fibre cables linking the homes on the western side of the Yar (Freshwater etc.) with the primary equipment of WightFibre in Cowes and Ryde. The cables will support Fibre To The Home (FTTH) broadband for these premises and residents. The proposed cable link re-uses to the greatest possible extent infrastructure already in place with BT Openreach to minimise any disturbance. Natural England permission for the works and the proposed methodology has been sought and an assent has been granted.

3. Applications not yet decided

Case Information	Project Type	Project Title	Locations	Applicant Name	Submitted	Latest Decision	Consultation Closing
EIA/2021/00002	Environmental impact assessment - Construction	Langstone Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Scheme	Langstone harbour	Coastal Partners	18-Jan-21		
Submitted							

ENQ/2021/00050	General enquiry - Construction	Redbridge Viaduct Remediation Works, Southampton (Work Package 3)	Southampton	Hampshire County Council	15-Mar-21
	Submitted				
MLA/2020/00576	Application - Construction of new works	Lymington shores, Bridge Road, Lymington, SO41 9BZ	Lymington	Redrow Homes Ltd-Basingstoke	14-Dec-20
	Submitted				
MLA/2020/00527	Application - Maintenance of existing works	Replacement/Re-arrangement of mooring pontoons	Lazy Days Boatyard, Wootton, Isle of Wight	Peter Child	18-Nov-20

Update in Progress

4. Summary of Applications not yet decided

EIA/2021/00002

Coastal Partners (previously Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership), on behalf of Havant Borough Council (HBC), have secured funding to develop designs for a new coastal defence scheme to protect homes from flooding and erosion in Langstone. As detailed in the attached report, Langstone is situated on the south coast of England, within the borough of Havant in the county of Hampshire. An outline design has been prepared for both a Core and Additional Scheme. Within the Core Scheme the main works below mean high water springs (MHWS) is anticipated to involve the footings of an accessible path (approximately 150m length within ODU 3f to 3i) and potentially a new quay wall (within ODU3k) if required for structural stability (to be confirmed). Within the Additional Scheme, if progressed, works below MHWS are likely to be required including placement of rock armour at the end of the spit (approximately 40m length within ODU 2a) and refurbishment of the existing sea wall and revetment (within ODU 1b). Access to the foreshore to complete all the works may also be required within a wider area across the Scheme. The majority of the Scheme will be undertaken onshore and therefore planning permission will be required from Havant Borough Council (HBC) as the Local Planning Authority (LPA). The requirement or otherwise for an EIA is requested by seeking a screening/scoping opinion from the MMO and HBC respectively via the Coastal Concordat based on the outline design.

As part of the ongoing remediation works to the Redbridge Viaduct and Bridge, Hampshire County Council and associated parties are currently preparing designs for the next phase of repair works due to commence in September 2021. We are therefore seeking some clarification and advice on the licensing requirements for this element of the scheme. By means of a scheme overview, the works to the bridge and viaduct have been divided into Work Packages to ease financial budgeting and approvals - Work Package 1 has been completed, and Work Package 2 (Phases 2 - 5) involving works to the piers supporting the southern bridges is currently in progress as per the L/2019/00398/3. The next phase of repair works, referred to as Work Package 3 (Phases 6, 7a, 7b, 8, 9 and 10) will involve repairs to the northern bridge sections, as shown in the uploaded General Arrangement (CJ250033-ECS-SGN-B406-B408-DR-S-010003 S2 P0.1). It is planned to start the repair works on WP3 immediately following completion of the WP2 repairs, but there would be no overlap of the works. The contractor would also utilise the existing compound and access ramps and the repair works would follow a similar methodology to that approved under the current licence. With the exception of the piers in the eastern part of the main channel, the majority of the WP3 works would fall within the existing marine licence boundary. We therefore request confirmation on i) whether a further variation to the existing licence would be acceptable for WP3, or a new marine licence application will be required ii) the need for EIA screening and iii) the information required to support the application.

MLA/2020/00576

Installation of new sheet piling in front of existing retaining wall within the Lymington River. This is remedial work to an existing retaining wall as requested by the Highway Authority.

The above work is associated with a mixed used development that has largely been completed.

MLA/2020/00527

Lazy Days Boatyard is a privately owned business offering boat hire, launching and mooring facilities at Wootton Creek on the north-east coast of the Isle of Wight. The company forms part of a thriving small boat community that exists along the upper reaches of the Creek just to the north of Wootton Bridge and the A3054 Newport to Ryde main road. Recognising the need to improve and enhance the facilities currently offered the owners wish to upgrade the existing pontoons thereby providing a better service for the many users, both resident and visitors, who wish to explore the picturesque scenery of the outer creek and the Solent shorelines. The proposed works comprise minor modifications to the locations and extent of the two existing pontoons together with a significant improvement to the environment of this part of Wootton Creek including the removal of derelict craft, old poles, piles and chains. These environmental improvements work will mitigate the slight increase in the footprint of the new pontoons. Wootton Creek is a tidal estuary and on the western side of the creek immediately to the north of the main road once stood Wootton Mill. Streams flowing north from the Central Downs feed into the former Wootton Mill Pond, which lies south of the main road; here water levels are controlled by tidal sluices at the bridge. The mill pond and adjacent land to the south form part of the Isle of Wight Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty whilst the Creek and adjacent land to the north of the bridge is not designated and is more developed. The proposed improvements will not affect tidal flows or the flood regime in the Creek or adversely impact on habitats or species. The desire of the applicants to improve the standard of facilities that they offer accords with the objectives of the Draft Island Planning Strategy and the Council's Corporate Plan, which seek to provide a framework to 'offer businesses the confidence to invest' and 'support local community and visitor needs'.