

Marine Licence Applications

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This report covers applications submitted since 1 April 2022 for work in the Solent not included in previous reports. It excludes applications for burial of human remains at sea.

1. Applications open for consultation

Case Information	Project Type	Project Title	Locations	Applicant Name	consultation closing
MLA/2022/00225 Submitted	Application - Construction of new works	Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble. Pontoon rearrangement		Royal Southern Yacht Club Limited	13-Sep-22
MLA/2022/00304 Submitted	Application - Maintenance of existing works	The Hard Interchange, Portsmouth		Portsmouth City Council (Escp)	30-Sep-22

2. Summaries of applications open to consultation

Case ref: MLA/2022/00225

Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble. Pontoon rearrangement

Project background

The works involve the relocation of an existing length of main walkway and installation of two new finger pontoons. One pile will be removed completely and one relocated.

The existing walkway is used to moor vessels, but when relocated it will provide access only. The two new finger pontoons will provide the lost moorings. The total area of the new finger pontoons is 18.89m². There is therefore no increase in berth numbers.

The works are within an existing mooring area used by the club and the works can have no impact on navigation.

Drawing 10907/1A shows the proposed works.

Case ref: MLA/2022/00304

The Hard Interchange, Portsmouth

Project background

The Hard Interchange is a transport hub on the edge of Portsmouth Harbour. It is the hub for many public transport systems, coach, rail, buses and ferries.

The structure was built in the 1970s as a concrete structure supported on piles over the existing foreshore.

The sub-structure comprises pre-stressed concrete beams with in-situ slabs spanning between reinforced concrete supporting beams. These beams sit on RC piles and pile caps above the seabed/beach level (the old 'hard').

The bus station building, and bus apron was recently replaced, and the new facility opened in 2017.

Some repair works were completed under Marine Licence L/2019/00437/1, but not all were completed for budgetary reasons.

Case ref: MLA/2022/00243

Project title

TERN AND SHOREBIRD HABITAT RESTORATION AT LANGSTONE HARBOUR

Project background

See HRA page 1-5

The RSPB are keen to ensure site resilience to present threats (including ongoing erosion) and create better suited environments for shingle nesting and roosting birds. Langstone Harbour contains sites of very high importance for its nature conservation value. The RSPB wishes to restore two of the shingle habitats for shingle nesting and roosting birds.

Programme of works

see HRA page West Hayling page 16 and LongIsland page 23

Proposed start date is Winter 2023 between January and April 2023 (onsite works finished by end of March to avoid bird breeding season).

4. Summaries of applications not yet decided

Case ref: MLA/2022/00166

Portsmouth Harbour Entrance range maintenance

Project background

This application has been produced to cover the licenced laying, operation and maintenance of eight sea cables and magnetic sensors which are laid in the entrance to Portsmouth Harbour.

The Harbour Entrance Range (HER) sea cables are laid from the shoreside Range Control Cabin (RCC), located within Fort Blockhouse MoD, Gosport PO12 2AS to a sensor array in the channel of Portsmouth Harbour.

This application will permit future repair and replacement of the in water equipment when it is needed either for routine maintenance or emergency repair.

Programme of works

The works will consist of any activity listed in the support documentation as and when required. Due to the nature of the equipment it may function for many years or it may fail at any time and we will need to repair/replace it.

Case ref: MLA/2022/00194

Project title

Bridge waiting pontoon north of the bridge

Project background

As a direct result of consultation with local stakeholders, the Harbour has identified a safety issue relating to vessels waiting to transit the road swing bridge. Stakeholders that arrive earlier than the scheduled swing bridge opening times are required to manoeuvre/circle their vessel around the Harbour until the bridge is available to be opened. In heavy weather and strong tides there is a risk of collision/allision between vessels and/or infrastructure. Therefore, as a mitigation measure the Harbour proposes to install a waiting pontoon north of the bridge connected to an existing pontoon and an existing piling mooring. The Harbour Authority has a duty to maintain safety of navigation in the harbour and can undertake the work under local legislation. However, as the installation of the waiting pontoon involves attachment to an existing pontoon, the combined area of these will be over 30m² so the work still needs a marine licence from the MMO.