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Dear Maria

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

PROPOSAL: Marine Licence application consultation from NRW for proposed scour repair and protection measures
LOCATION: A465 Clydach Underbridge
APPLICANT: South Wales Trunk Road Agency

Thank you for your letter and email dated 5 July 2024 enclosing a copy of a local authority consultation letter for the above development.

Whilst we offer no objection to the development in principle, our Ecologist has provided the following observations, which the Authority requests are taken into consideration: *'While I agree with the conclusion in the Habitat Regulation Assessment document that it does not need to follow through to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, I do not have enough information to assess it in terms of sections 6 and 7 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. As a minimum an Extended Phase 1 survey is required to assess the project in a local setting. I'm also a bit concerned about taking out potential bird nesting habitat (to get access) during the breeding season, again more local information is required.'*

As the work appears to be under the bridge, it is presumed they will not interfere with the public rights of way that exist within Neath Abbey Business Park, however if they are then the applicants are advised to seek further advice on the requirement for a temporary diversion or closure from this Authority.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Claire Hall on the case officer number above.

Yours faithfully

Ceri Morris
HEAD OF PLANNING & PUBLIC PROTECTION

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