



Ein cyf/Our ref

Clare Pillman  
Chief Executive  
Natural Resources Wales  
Cambria House  
29 Newport Road  
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CF24 0TP

10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Clare,

**The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (Performance of Delegated Functions)  
(Wales) Direction 2018 – marine licence 12/45/MLv1**

Further to our meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October, in relation to the high level of public interest and ongoing concern around the safety of the material to be disposed of at Cardiff Grounds from the Hinkley Point C site (marine licence 12/45/MLv1), it is important more is done to engage effectively with the public and to give reassurance, particularly in relation to concerns raised by Assembly Members on behalf of their constituents in recent weeks. I have decided it is appropriate for me to direct you to take those further steps. This letter is, therefore, a direction to you made under section 100 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

**Direction**

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 100 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009<sup>1</sup>, give the following Direction:

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<sup>1</sup> c.23

### **Requirement on NRW to carry out wider engagement and communication**

NRW, acting on behalf of the Welsh Ministers pursuant to the Marine Licensing Delegation of Functions (Wales) Order 2013<sup>2</sup> and the Marine Licensing Delegation of Functions (Wales) Order 2017<sup>3</sup>, must exercise its functions so that wider engagement and communication is carried out in relation to Marine Licence: 12/45/MLv1 so to ensure:

- Ongoing transparency of evidence and information available;
- A review of current communications is carried out to learn any lessons where greater public engagement is required to reassure people;
- Further public engagement is carried out in order to move the messaging forward on this matter;
- Revise your website content to ensure the concerns are addressed and reassurance is given to quell the growing anxieties of the public.

The title of this Direction is the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (Performance of Delegated Functions) (Wales) Direction 2018 and it comes into force on 10 October 2018 and will cease to have effect on the end day of marine licence 12/45/MLv1, that being 4 March 2019.

In accordance with section 100(4) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, this direction will be published on the Welsh Government's website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'L'.

**Lesley Griffiths AC/AM**

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Ynni, Cynllunio a Materion Gwledig, un o Weinidogion Cymru  
Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs, one of the Welsh Ministers

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<sup>2</sup> SI 2013/414

<sup>3</sup> SI 2017/962