

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (MCAA) (2009): Section 126

Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) Screening Opinion

Table 1. MMO's decision-making process with regards to the MCZ Screening Opinion for the project listed below.

Title of project		Ilfracombe Watersports Centre			
Applicant name		North Devon Council			
Applicant address		Brynsworthy Environment Centre			
		Barnstaple			
		EX31 3NP			
Type of licensable activity/ies		Construction of a slipway			
		Construction of a new sea wall			
Case reference		DC10164			
Location of works		Larkstone Cove	-		
Description of project			a new watersports centre (land		
		based) with associated slipway. The existing quay			
		wall will also be brought forward by 5m to create			
ls a licensable activity tak	ring	an extended quayside. Yes - Bideford to Foreland Point MCZ within			
place within or near an ar	Is a licensable activity taking		300m		
being put forward for or	ou	00011			
already designated as an					
MCZ?					
MCZ site name		Bideford to Foreland Point			
Protected feature	Type of feature		Conservation objective		
Low energy intertidal	Broad scale marine		Maintain in favourable condition		
rock	habitat				
Moderate energy	Broad scale marine		Maintain in favourable condition		
intertidal rock	habitat				
High energy intertidal	Broad scale marine		Maintain in favourable condition		
rock	habitat				
Intertidal coarse	Broad scale marine		Maintain in favourable condition		
sediment	habitat		Maintain in faugurable and differ		
Intertidal mixed	Broad scale marine habitat		Maintain in favourable condition		
sediments	nabita	11			



Intertidal sand an	d	Broad scale	marine	Maintain in favourable condition	
muddy sand	a	habitat			
Intertidal underbo	oulder	Marine habit	at	Maintain in favourable condition	
communities					
Littoral chalk		Marine habit	at	Maintain in favourable condition	
communities					
Low energy infral	ittoral	Broad scale	marine	Maintain in favourable condition	
rock		habitat			
Moderate energy		Broad scale	marine	Maintain in favourable condition	
infralittoral rock		habitat			
High energy infra	littoral	Broad scale marine		Maintain in favourable condition	
rock		habitat			
Moderate energy		Broad scale	marine	Maintain in favourable condition	
circalittoral rock		habitat			
High energy circalittoral		Broad scale	marine	Maintain in favourable condition	
rock		habitat			
		Broad scale marine		Maintain in favourable condition	
		habitat			
Subtidal mixed		Broad scale marine		Maintain in favourable condition	
sediments		habitat			
		Broad scale marine habitat		Recover to favourable condition	
Fragile sponge &	Fragile sponge &		at	Maintain in favourable condition	
anthozoan comm	unities				
on					
subtidal rocky ha	bitats				
Honeycomb worn		Marine habitat		Maintain in favourable condition	
(Sabellaria alveol	ata)				
reefs					
Pink sea-fan (Eunicella		Species of marine		Maintain in favourable condition	
		fauna			
		Species of marine		Spiny lobster (Palinurus	
elephas) f		fauna		elephas) Recover to favourable	
				condition	
	Is a licensable activity capable of affecting (other than insignificantly) the protected				
features of an MCZ or any ecological or geomorphological process on which the					
conservation of any protected feature of an MCZ is (wh					
Protected	Hazaro	1	Potential exposure to hazard and		
feature	Ne		mechanism of effect/impact if known		
Low energy	No pathway		This habitat was not found in a 2km buffer from the proposed works site.		
intertidal rock identified		nom the p	noposed works site.		



Moderate	Habitat loss	Areas of this feature were seen on MAGIC
energy intertidal rock		around 100m away from the works area, however these areas are not actually in the MCZ.
		The Moderate energy intertidal rock which is
		in the designated area is 1.2km away and is
		around the headland. It is not considered
		that the proposed activities will be have an impact on the moderate energy intertidal
		rock due to their nature and distance from
		the feature.
High energy	No pathway	This habitat was not found in a 2km buffer
intertidal rock	identified	from the proposed works site.
Intertidal coarse sediment	Habitat loss	The intertidal coarse sediment was found around 750m away from the works. The
Sediment		activities from this proposal are localised
		and it is not considered they will affect the
		intertidal coarse sediments as they are too
		far away.
Intertidal mixed sediments	No pathway identified	This habitat was not found in a 2km buffer from the proposed works site.
Intertidal sand	No pathway	This habitat was not found in a 2km buffer
and muddy	identified	from the proposed works site.
sand		
Intertidal	Habitat loss	These are found approx 350m away from
underboulder communities	Smothering of organisms	the works site, around the headland. The proposed works do not involve any activities
communities	organisms	which would have an effect on these, for
		example dredging which could suspend
		sediment. The works will be created from
Litterelahallı	Nenethurou	pre-cast concrete sections, lifted in by crane.
Littoral chalk communities	No pathway identified	This habitat was not found in a 2km buffer from the proposed works site.
Low energy	No pathway	This habitat was not found in a 2km buffer
infralittoral rock	identified	from the proposed works site.
Moderate	Habitat loss	Areas of this feature were seen on MAGIC
energy		around 100m away from the works area,
infralittoral rock		however these areas are not actually in the MCZ.
		The Moderate energy infralittoral rock which
		is in the designated area is 1.2km away and
		is around the headland. It is not considered
		that the proposed activities will be have an
		impact on the moderate energy intertidal rock due to their nature and location.
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High energy	Habitat loss	Areas of this habitat were found on MAGIC
infralittoral rock		around 700 m away. The activities from this
		proposal are localised and it is not
		considered they will affect this feature due to the distance to the feature and the nature of
		the works.
Moderate	No pathway	This habitat was not found in a 2km buffer
energy	identified	from the proposed works site.
circalittoral rock		
High energy	Habitat loss	Areas of this feature were seen on MAGIC
circalittoral rock		around 380 m away from the works area,
		however these areas are not actually in the
		MCZ. Areas of this habitat were found in the
		MCZ around 700 m away.
		The activities from this proposal are
		localised and it is not considered they will
		affect this feature due to the distance to the
		feature and the nature of the works.
Subtidal coarse	Habitat loss	This feature was found in MAGIC
sediment		approximately 850 m away. The activities
		from this proposal are localised and it is not
		considered they will affect this feature due to
		the distance to the feature and the nature of the works.
Subtidal mixed	No pathway	This habitat was not found in a 2km buffer
sediments	identified	from the proposed works site.
Subtidal sand	No pathway	This habitat was not found in a 2km buffer
	identified	from the proposed works site.
Fragile sponge	Habitat loss	These were found approximately 1.1km
& anthozoan	Smothering	from the site.
communities on		The proposed works do not involve any
subtidal rocky		activities which would have an effect on
habitats		these, for example dredging which could suspend sediment. The works will be
		created from pre-cast concrete sections,
		lifted in by crane.
Honeycomb	No pathway	This habitat was not found in a 2km buffer
worm	identified	from the proposed works site.
(Sabellaria		
alveolata) reefs		
Pink sea-fan	No pathway	This habitat was not found in a 2km buffer
(Eunicella	identified	from the proposed works site.
verrucosa)	No pothway	This habitat was not found in a 2km huffer
Spiny lobster (Palinurus	No pathway identified	This habitat was not found in a 2km buffer from the proposed works site.
elephas)	Identined	nom the proposed works site.
Is an activity	(i) the protected	
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capable of	features of an	No; see above





than insignificantly) either:	(ii) any ecological or geomorphological process on which the conservation of any protected feature of an MCZ is (wholly or in part) dependant?	activity is no affecting eithe the MCZ; of geomorpholog conservation of	a determined that the proposed t deemed to be capable of er (i) the protected features of or (ii) any ecological or gical process on which the of any protected feature of the y or in part) dependant.
Conclusion		activities at L Ilfracombe W deemed capa protected fea Foreland Poir geomorpholog	a construction and operational arkstone Cove as part of the Vatersports Centre are not able of affecting either the atures of the Bideford to nt MCZ, or any ecological or gical process on which the of any such features is
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