



Marine Management Organisation Marine Licence

1 Introduction

This is a licence granted by the Marine Management Organisation on behalf of the Secretary of State to authorise the licence holder to carry on activities for which a licence is required under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

1.1 Licence number

The licence number for this licence is L/2025/00366/1

1.2 Licence holder

The licence holder is the person or organisation set out below:

Name / company name	PD Teesport Limited
Company registration number (if applicable)	02636007
Address	17-27 Queen's Square, Middlesbrough, TS2 1AH
Contact within company	Mr Chris Stocks
Position within company (if applicable). State if company officer or director	Marine Director

1.3 Licence date

Version	1
Licence start date	05 November 2025
Licence end date	31 December 2035
Date of original issue	05 November 2025

1.4 Licence validity

This version of this licence is valid from the licence start date to the licence end date.

This version of this licence supersedes any earlier version of this licence. Any activity commenced under a previous version of this licence and which is also a

licensed activity authorised by section 4 of this version of this licence may continue in accordance with the licence conditions in section 5 of this version of this licence.

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2 General

2.1 Interpretation

In this licence, terms are as defined in section 115 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and the Interpretation Act 1978 unless otherwise stated.

- "licensed activity" means any activity set out in section 4 of this licence.
- "licence holder" means the person(s) or organisation(s) named in section 1 above to whom this licence is granted.
- "MMO" means the Marine Management Organisation.
- "mean high water springs" means the average of high water heights occurring at the time of spring tides.
- "sea bed" or "seabed" means the ground under the sea.
- "the 2009 Act" means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.
- All times shall be taken to be the time on any given day.
- All geographical co-ordinates contained within this licence are in WGS84 format (latitude and longitude degrees and minutes to three decimal places) unless stated otherwise.

2.2 Contacts

Except where otherwise indicated, the main point of contact with the MMO and the address for email and postal returns and correspondence shall be:

Marine Management Organisation

Tyneside House

Skinnerburn Road

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE4 7AR

Tel: +44 (0)300 123 1032

Email: marine.consent@marinemanagement.org.uk

Any references to any local MMO office shall be the relevant officer in the area(s) located at:

Marine Management Organisation

Neville House

Central Riverside

Bell Street

North Shields

NE30 1LJ

Tel: 0208 026 5561

Email: northshields@marinemanagement.org.uk

3 Project overview

3.1 Project title

Tees and Hartlepool Maintenance Dredge Disposal

3.2 Project description

This application is for the disposal of dredged material only, as PD Teesport Limited (in its capacity as the Statutory Harbour Authority) has the power to dredge under the Tees and Hartlepoons Port Authority Act 1966.

The dredged material will be disposed at Tees Bay A (TY160) via bottom door release over 10 years.

4 Licensed activities

This section sets out the licensed activities. The licensed activities are authorised to be carried on only in accordance with the activity details below and with the licence conditions as set out in section 5 of this licence.

Please note that where licensed quantities are displayed with reference to their constituent materials, the relative quantities given for the constituent materials are indicative only.

Site 1 - TEES BAY A					
Site location		The existing Tees Bay A designated disposal site, see Schedule 1 of the licence for co-ordinates.			
Activity 1.1 - Disposal of maintenance dredged material					
Activity type		Disposal of dredged material			
Activity location		The existing Tees Bay A designated disposal site, see Schedule 1 of the licence for co-ordinates.			
Description		The activity relates to the disposal of dredged material. Silt and sand material from maintenance dredge programmes are to be deposited at Tees Bay A disposal site.			
Quantities					
Start date	End date	Material	Amount to be deposited (dry tonnes)	Amount to be deposited (wet tonnes)	Source
01/1/2026	31/12/2035	Sand (62.5um-2mm)	10554390	15077700	Tees
01/1/2026	31/12/2035	Silt (31.25-62.5um)	6514550	9306500	Tees
01/1/2026	31/12/2035	Sand (62.5um-2mm)	2263200	3228000	Hartlepool
01/1/2026	31/12/2035	Silt (31.25-62.5um)	899360	1284800	Hartlepool
Methodology		<p>PD Teesport Limited employs two trailing suction hopper dredgers (TSHD) one of 2,000m³ and one of 1,500m³ hopper volume to maintain depths within the navigable channel and berths within the Ports of Tees and Hartlepool. Both are traditional suction dredgers with active bottom door release systems.</p> <p>All maintenance dredged material is disposed of at Tees Bay A (TY160) via bottom door release. This disposal site comprises 12 areas and each area receives dredged material during a certain month of the year, with the volume</p>			

	<p>of disposed material varying during each month to avoid mounding of material at one location.</p> <p>The location of disposal areas and positioning of vessels within the disposal site are controlled using the integrated navigation, survey and dredge control software, with final locations for disposal confirmed and recorded within the Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system.</p> <p>Up to 15,077,700 wet tonnes (wt) of Sand and 9,306,500wt of Silt will be deposited over 10 years, this will be sourced from Tees (see Schedule 2 of the licence for coordinates). Per annum this will equate up to 1,507,770wt of Sand and 930,650wt of Silt.</p> <p>Up to 3,228,000wt of Sand and 1,284,800wt of Silt will be deposited over 10 years, this will be sourced from Hartlepool (see Schedule 3 of the licence for coordinates). Per annum this will equate up to 322,800wt of Sand and 128,480wt of Silt.</p>
Programme of works	<p>Works are performed on a daily basis throughout the year.</p> <p>The suction dredgers operate on a nominal production time of 12.5 hours per day for six days per week. This can, for a limited period, be increased to 24 hours and seven days per week where sudden increases in deposition rate occur, primarily following storm conditions.</p>

5 Licence conditions

5.1 General conditions

5.1.1 Notification of commencement

The MMO, including the local MMO office identified in section 2.2, must be notified prior to the commencement of the first instance of any licensed activity. This notice must be received by the MMO **no less than five working days** before the commencement of that licensed activity.

5.1.2 Licence conditions binding other parties

Where provisions under section 71(5) of the 2009 Act apply, all conditions attached to this licence apply to any person who for the time being owns, occupies, or enjoys any use of the licensed activities for which this licence has been granted.

5.1.3 Agents / contractors / sub-contractors

The MMO must be notified in writing of any agents, contractors or sub-contractors that will carry on any licensed activity listed in section 4 of this licence on behalf of the licence holder. Such notification must be received by the MMO **no less than 24 hours** before the commencement of the licensed activity.

A copy of this licence and any subsequent revisions or amendments must be provided to, read and understood by any agents, contractors or sub-contractors that will carry on any licensed activity listed in section 4 of this licence on behalf of the licence holder.

5.1.4 Vessels

The MMO must be notified in writing of any vessel being used to carry on any licensed activity listed in section 4 of this licence on behalf of the licence holder. Such notification must be received by the MMO **no less than 24 hours** before the commencement of the licensed activity. Notification must include the master's name, vessel type, vessel IMO number and vessel owner or operating company.

A copy of this licence and any subsequent revisions or amendments must be read and understood by the masters of any vessel being used to carry on any licensed activity listed in section 4 of this licence, and that a copy of this licence must be held on board any such vessel.

5.1.5 Changes to this licence

Should any of the information on which the granting of this licence was based changes or is likely to change, the MMO must be notified at the earliest opportunity. Failure to do so may render this licence invalid and may lead to enforcement action.

5.1.6 Licence quantities

Where a licensed activity comprises dredging or the disposal of dredged material, the total quantity of material authorised to be dredged or disposed of in any given time period shall be as set out for that licensed activity in section 4 of this licence.

For each time period, the actual quantity dredged or disposed of shall be calculated by adding the quantity of material dredged or disposed of during that time period under this version of this licence, to that dredged or disposed of under any previous version of this licence, that was valid during that time period.

5.2 Project specific conditions

This section sets out project specific conditions relating to the licensed activities as set out in section 4 of this licence.

Prior to Licensed Activities	
5.2.1	<p>No licensed works can commence until 1 January 2026.</p> <p>Reason: To avoid this marine licence from overlapping with the previous licence.</p>
5.2.2	<p>Bunding and/or storage facilities must be installed to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils, and chemicals associated with plant, refuelling and construction equipment, into the marine environment.</p> <p>Secondary containment must be used with a capacity of no less than 110% of the container's storage capacity.</p> <p>Reason: <i>To minimise the risk of marine pollution incidents.</i></p>

During Licensed Activities	
5.2.3	<p>Material should be excluded from disposal at sea from the following wharfs/frontages, and designated as:</p> <p>Cochrane's/Tees wharf; Normanby Wharf Graving Dock; Tees Offshore Base; Teesport Commerce Wharf (TPC) Dry Dock; Wharf Britannia; and Enterprise Zone</p>

	<p>Reason: <i>To ensure that only material which has contaminant levels within those ranges which are considered acceptable for disposal at sea are disposed via this route.</i></p>
5.2.4	<p>A sediment sampling plan request must be submitted to the MMO at least 6 months prior to the end of years 2, 5, 8 from the date of issue.</p> <p>The sediment sampling and analysis must be completed by a laboratory validated by the MMO at least 6 weeks prior to the final day of October in years 2, 5, 8. It must Include Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs).</p> <p>The end of year 2 sampling must include at least one sample taken between sample locations 4 and 17 (see Schedule 4 for locations).</p> <p>The licensed activity must not recommence until written approval is provided by the MMO.</p> <p>Reason: <i>To ensure only suitable material is disposed of at sea.</i></p>
5.2.5	<p>The MMO must be informed of the location and quantities of material disposed of each month under this licence.</p> <p>This information must be submitted to the MMO by 15 February each year for the months August to January inclusive, and by 15 August each year for the months February to July inclusive.</p> <p>Reason: <i>To allow compliance reporting under the OSPAR Convention agreement as required by Article 4 (3) of Annex II and Article 4(1) of Annex II.</i></p>
5.2.6	<p>During the course of disposal, material must be distributed evenly over the disposal site Tees Bay A (TY160).</p> <p>Reason: <i>To ensure an even spread of material is achieved over the area of the disposal site in order to avoid shoaling and minimise risk to navigational safety.</i></p>

5.2.7	<p>Any oil, fuel or chemical spill within the marine environment must be reported to the MMO Marine Pollution Response Team within 12 hours.</p> <p>Within office hours: 0300 200 2024</p> <p>Outside office hours: 07770 977 825</p> <p>At all times if other numbers are unavailable: 0345 051 8486</p> <p>Email: dispersants@marinemanagement.org.uk</p> <p>Reason: <i>To ensure that any spills are appropriately recorded and managed to minimise the risk to sensitive receptors and the marine environment.</i></p>
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6 Compliance and enforcement

This licence and its terms and conditions are issued under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

Any breach of the licence terms and conditions may lead to enforcement action being taken. This can include variation, revocation or suspension of the licence, the issuing of an enforcement notice, or criminal proceedings, which may carry a maximum penalty of an unlimited fine and / or a term of imprisonment of up to two years.

Your attention is drawn to Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, in particular sections 65, 85 and 89 which set out offences, and also to sections 86, 87 and 109 which concern defences. The MMO's Compliance and Enforcement Strategy can be found on our website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/compliance-and-enforcement-strategy>