

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 April 2022 18:38
To: _WEB_Canals Strategy
Subject: Re: Proposed Canal Strategy for Stroud District - Public Consultation to 18 April 2022

Categories: Canal Strategy 2022 response

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Hello,

I am writing to confirm whether you have received our MMO standard response for this consultation, a copy of the standard response is included below.

No further comment is required from the MMO regarding the Canal Strategy for Stroud District because you are not within the marine remit.

We do advise that you consider any relevant policies within the [South West Marine Plan documents](#) in regard to areas within the plan that may impact the marine environment. We recommend inclusion of the South West Marine Plan when discussing any themes with coastal or marine elements.

When reviewing the South West Marine Plan to inform decisions that may affect the marine environment, please take a whole-plan approach by considering all marine plan policies together, rather than in isolation.

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment,

Sophie

Response to your consultation

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is a non-departmental public body responsible for the management of England's marine area on behalf of the UK government. The MMO's delivery functions are; marine planning, marine licensing, wildlife licensing and enforcement, marine protected area management, marine emergencies, fisheries management and issuing grants.

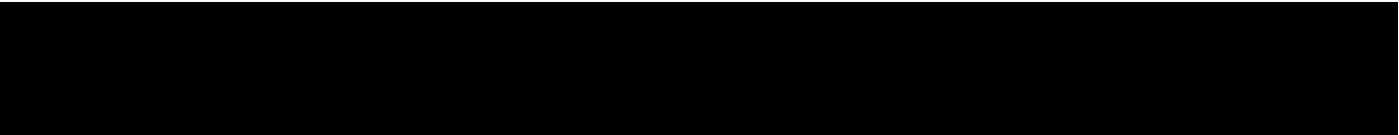
Marine Licensing

Activities taking place below the mean high water mark may require a [marine licence](#) in accordance with the [Marine and Coastal Access Act \(MCAA\) 2009](#). Such activities include the construction, alteration or improvement of any works, dredging, or a deposit or removal of a substance or object below the mean high water springs mark or in any tidal river to the extent of the tidal influence. Local authorities may wish to refer to our [marine licensing guide for local planning authorities](#) for more detailed information. You can also apply to the MMO for consent under the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) for offshore generating stations between 1 and 100 megawatts in England and parts of Wales. The MMO is also the authority responsible for processing and determining harbour orders in England, and for some ports in Wales, and for granting consent under various local Acts and orders regarding harbours. A wildlife licence is also required for activities that would affect a protected marine species.

Marine Planning

As the marine planning authority for England the MMO is responsible for preparing marine plans for English inshore and offshore waters. At its landward extent, a marine plan will apply up to the mean high water springs mark, which includes the tidal extent of any rivers. As marine plan boundaries extend up to the level of the mean high water spring tides mark, there will be an

overlap with terrestrial plans which generally extend to the mean low water springs mark. Marine plans will inform and guide decision makers on development in marine and coastal areas. Planning documents for areas with a coastal influence may wish to make reference to the MMO's licensing requirements and any relevant marine plans to ensure that necessary regulations are adhered to. For marine and coastal areas where a marine plan is not currently in place, we advise local authorities to refer to the [Marine Policy Statement](#) for guidance on any planning activity that includes a section of coastline or tidal river. All public authorities taking authorisation or enforcement decisions that affect or might affect the UK marine area must do so in accordance with the [Marine and Coastal Access Act](#) and the UK Marine Policy Statement unless relevant considerations indicate otherwise. Local authorities may also wish to refer to our [online guidance](#) and the [Planning Advisory Service soundness self-assessment checklist](#). If you wish to contact your local marine planning officer you can find their details on our [gov.uk page](#). See [this map on our website to locate](#) the 6 marine plan areas in England. For further information on how to apply the marine plans please visit our [Explore Marine Plans](#) service. The [South West Inshore and Offshore marine plans](#) were adopted on the 23rd June 2021 statutory consideration for public authorities with decision making functions. The South West Inshore and Offshore marine plans cover the coast and seas from the River Severn border with Wales to the River Dart in Devon. If you wish to contact the MMO regarding our response please email us at



Explore Marine Plans - [EMP \(digital service\)](#)

To receive marine planning updates and our newsletter enter your details [here](#).

Our MMO Values: Together we are **Accountable**, **Innovative**, **Engaging** and **Inclusive**
[Website](#) [Blog](#) [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [LinkedIn](#) [YouTube](#)



This message has been sent using TLS 1.2

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) The information contained in this communication is intended for the named recipient(s) only. If you have received this message in error, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or taking action in reliance of the content is strictly prohibited and may be unlawful. Whilst this email and associated attachments will have been checked for known viruses whilst within MMO systems, we can accept no responsibility once it has left our systems. Communications on the MMO's computer systems may be monitored and/or recorded to secure the effective operation of the system and for other lawful purposes.