

ASSI Name:	Outer Ards ASSI		
Your Details			
Your Name:	AtkinsRéalís (on behalf of NIW)		
Your Address:	32-36 Great Victoria Street		
	Belfast		
	Post Code: BT2 7BA		
EMAIL:	[REDACTED]		
Do you want to receive further correspondence by email? YES			
Home Telephone No:	[REDACTED]	Mobile Telephone No:	
Farm Business Number (if applicable):	N/A		
Field number where consent is sought (if applicable):	N/A		
Are you in any agri-environment schemes (e.g. ESA, CMS, NICMS, etc.)? <i>Please provide details (e.g. agreement/reference number, scheme map).</i>	N/A		
Details of your proposal			
PLEASE ATTACH A MAP WITH YOUR APPLICATION SHOWING THE FULL WORKS AREA. THIS SHOULD ALSO INDICATE ANY ACCESS LOCATIONS AND ROUTES TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE WORKS.			
What works do you propose to carryout and how will they be undertaken? <i>Please include full details e.g. number of people, machinery, tools, etc.</i>	This project involves construction of a new pipe (approximately 650m long) and associated sea outfall to convey surface water drainage from a new 3G football pitch development on New Harbour Road, Portavogie, to the sea (North Channel). In addition, it will take some runoff from Portavogie Primary School to offset their foul connection. The new sea outfall will be located under New Harbour Road, cross under land associated with Portavogie Harbour and carpark, and through the rock armour at Portavogie Bay Beach to discharge through a new pipe. The project location is shown in Figure 1 and proximity to the Outer Ards ASSI is shown in Figure 3. The project will include construction of 10m of 200mm PVC, outfall pipe at a rock armour on Portavogie Bay Beach adjacent to Portavogie Harbour flowing to Irish Sea (shown in Figure 2) and include: ▪ Pipe laying works along New Harbour Road. ▪ Removal of large stones/rock armour along beach and lay new sections of pipe encased in 200mm in-situ concrete surround.		

	▪ Reinstatement of large stones/rock armour around new pipe. Anticipated construction activities are to include: ▪ Temporary works: ▫ Access/egress to work area controlled by Heras fencing placed around perimeter. Site protection boundaries/storage area and muster point within compound area ▪ Construction and installation PVC Pipe ▫ Excavator will track to works location from beach at low tide levels ▫ Excavators will clear existing rock and debris away from work area, levelling sea bed to allow for install of pipe at correct level. ▫ Removed rocks and debris to be moved by dumper to compound located off site. ▪ Working in water ▪ Excavator working in water ▫ Excavator to only enter water when levels below 800mm, excavator upper structure ground clearance is 1020mm (Excavator dimensions chart below, dimension K) ▫ Bio Diesel will be used as a greener alternative to White Diesel and a Boi Hydraulic Oil will be used instead of the standard Hydraulic Oil. A 4.5m Sheet of white terram will be rolled out on the beach. All equipment will be tracked onto terram and left for a several hours to check for any leaks. If leaks appear the equipment will be taken off site to be repaired. This process will be repeated until we are confident that there are no leaks. ▫ All machinery will be tracked to compound at end of shift so that they will not be in the water for long periods of time. ▪ Storage of Materials ▫ All deliveries inspected by authorised persons and offloaded during off peak times within compound area At this stage, it is not known what plant and machinery would be used for the construction activities involved in the development of this site. The choice of plant and machinery will be made by the appointed contractor, but is likely to include at least the following: ▪ 13 T Excavator; ▪ 8 Wheel lorries/ Concrete lorries; ▪ Traffic Control / Signs & Barriers; ▪ Concrete pump; ▪ Heras fencing; and ▪ Floating silt screen. Further details on the proposed works are included in the attached oCEMP.	
	Who will undertake the works?	AG Wilson
	(e.g. sub-contractors, etc.)	

When will the works be undertaken?	To Be Confirmed
For how long is consent requested?	Outfall works will be permanent
How often do you intend to carry out your proposal during the consent period?	Once
For repeat operations/works, when did you last undertake them?	N/A
Please detail any mitigation measures associated with the proposal:	Outer Ards ASSI - <i>The Outer Ards Peninsula is of interest due to the structure, palaeontology and stratigraphy at Orlock Bridge, Coalpit Bay and Kearney Point. The seashore at Ballymacormick Point is composed of a number of Ordovician rock ridges running parallel to the water-line.</i> <i>Please provide any details of how the site will be protected e.g. ground protection, buffer zones, pollution prevention, restoration in the event of damage, waste disposal methods, etc.</i> <i>The total maritime habitat resource of this coastline includes areas of dune and maritime grassland, maritime heath and cliff ledge vegetation as well as saltmarshes, tidal and non-tidal fens and wet flushes. Although few of these vegetation types occur in substantial stands the widespread frequency of some results in a high cover abundance overall.</i> <i>A number of notable maritime vegetation communities occur. Seventeen rare plant species have been recorded and the coastline is of international importance for the wintering populations of three species of waterfowl.</i> It is noted that the proposed works will take place in an area characterised as highly disturbed with activities associated with the adjacent port, car park and port access road. Nevertheless attached oCEMP includes mitigation measures to reduce the environmental impacts of the construction works and includes best practice construction techniques to for example control site runoff, prevent the mobilisation of contaminants and the consideration of seasonal working to adhere to bird nesting seasons etc. This will be adopted by the contractor (AG Wilson) who will be required to update this as detailed design emerges. As set out in the oCEMP, mitigation measures include requiring that the site

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Declaration	
I propose to carry out/permit to be carried out the above operation and hereby give notice to the Department. I confirm I have read and understood the associated instructions.	
Signed:	
Name(s):	
Date:	23/07/2026

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Figure 1 - Scheme Location



Figure 2 - Outfall Location



Figure 3 - Proximity to ASSI



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Have you:

- Given a full description of works (including any additional pages as required); ☐
- Included a map showing the area for which consent is sought; ☐
- Included any mitigation measures (if appropriate); ☐
- Included details of any farm business number and agri-environment scheme; ☐
- Ensured that the legal owner or occupier has either signed the form or provided their written authorisation (to be included with this application); ☐

Consent Application Form

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Owners and occupiers of land within an ASSI will need to apply for written consent from the Department to carry out certain works or activities.

The works and activities that require consent differ depending on the ASSI – you should check the content of the ‘Schedule’ contained in the citation document that you will have received as part of your ASSI ownership pack. Alternatively you can find this information in the ‘Current ASSIs’ section of our website: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/biodiversity/areas-special-scientific-interest>

It can take up to 3 months from the date we receive your application, to obtain consent, although we aim to respond much sooner than this. Consent can be issued for an extended period of time – you can apply in advance and request this on your application. If you are seeking the renewal of an existing consent without change, you should contact us and we may be able to re-issue it.

When completing your application please answer all relevant questions and provide full details. Please try to be as descriptive as possible as this may help to speed up the processing of your application.

We will assess the content of your application and make a determination based on the information you provide in your application form. Where insufficient information is provided your application may be treated as (invalid) and this will delay the consent process. In this case we will return a copy of your application requesting the additional details.

Please provide a map showing the area of land where you wish to undertake works. Please be as accurate as possible as maps may be used as part of the consent response. If you need a map you can print one showing your land within the ASSI from our website: <http://apps.d.daera-ni.gov.uk/nedmapviewer/>

A consent application must be signed. Usually this is by the landowner or occupier. Where you are not the owner or occupier of the land, you can still apply for consent as long as you have written permission from the owner or occupier. This can be in the form of their signature on the application or can be in another written form (e.g. a letter or email) which must accompany your application.

We may place conditions on your consent. These are required in order to protect the ASSI in which you have requested consent. (In certain circumstances conditions may be required due to uncertainty – this can be as a result of a lack of information contained in the application).

You can scan and submit your application by email to the following address: CDP@daera-ni.gov.uk
Alternatively you can return the completed application form by post to: **Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Conservation Designations & Protection, Clare House, 303 Airport Road, Belfast, BT3 9ED.**

For further information please contact this office using the following e-mail address CDP@daera-ni.gov.uk

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