

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency has an interest in maintaining the safety of navigation and ensuring the impact on other marine users is adequately addressed.

We note that planning matters are to include 'Traffic, transport, and access' which would include effects on traffic using the River Weaver.

The applicant has confirmed that there are no works below the Mean High-Water Spring. However, a marine licence may still be required for the overhead cabling works in or over the River Weaver, especially considering navigation on the river below will be impacted during the construction period. The Marine Management Organisation has not confirmed either way, just that it's up to the applicant to satisfy themselves.

We note the applicant has confirmed that "Sufficient height clearance across the River Weaver would be maintained to allow boats to continue to operate with particular reference to overhead cabling between the Site and Frodsham substation. The cabling would be no lower than the nearest existing headroom limitation" which we welcome.

The MCA would expect consultation with local users with regards to the River Weaver closures during the construction works.