

Notice: Houghton Lock

When: 10 April 2017

What's happening: Houghton Lock will be closed due to essential repairs taking place.

Notice: Islip footbridge

When: 8 May 2017 for approximately 6 weeks.

What's happening: replacement of Islip footbridge.

Guidance: Bats: mitigation class licence to allow low impact work on bat roosts (CL21)

Updated: Replaced application forms for annexes A, B, and C or D with updated versions.

The bat 'low impact' licence (CL21) is a mitigation class licence that allows a registered ecological consultant to interfere with certain bats and their roosts. There are 4 annexes to this licence that specify:

- which species and roost type you can interfere with
- areas in England where you can carry out work

Use the guide to find out:

- the criteria you must meet to become a registered consultant
- what the licence allows you to do
- which licence annex is right for you
- how to apply and which form to use

Use the relevant application form for the annex you choose.

Filling in your form

Read the guidance for the internet browser you're using.

Using Internet Explorer

Open the relevant form to download it and save it to your computer.

You must save your changes as you fill in the form. If you do not do this, you risk losing your work. We do not recommend using a tablet or mobile device.

If you need Adobe Reader to complete the form, it's free to download. [Download the latest version of Adobe Reader](#). Contact Natural England batlowimpactcl@naturalengland.org.uk if you have problems.

Using Chrome

Do not try to open the form. Instead, right click on the link to the form by using the right button on your mouse or mouse pad.

Click on 'Save link as' to save the form to your computer.

You must save your changes as you fill in the form. If you do not do this, you risk losing your work. We do not recommend using a tablet or mobile device.

If you experience any problems using Chrome, you may request that forms are sent to you by email. Contact Natural England batlowimpactcl@naturalengland.org.uk.

[Press release: Applications for permits received at Holmwood oilfield](#)

These applications are for 1 bespoke Environmental Permit and 2 Standard Rules Permits. They have been submitted by the site Europa Oil and Gas Limited to begin exploration drilling for oil or gas at the site.

In deciding whether or not to issue the permits, the Environment Agency will take into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

You can view and comment on the [application](#).

An Environment Agency spokesperson said:

An environmental permit sets out stringent conditions that a site

must adhere to. We will not issue an environmental permit for a site if we consider that activities taking place will cause significant pollution to the environment or harm to human health.

We are in the process of determining the applications to permit this site and we want to hear from the public and understand peoples' views. Everybody has the chance to see what the bespoke permit may look like and to raise any additional concerns before we make any final decision.

For all media enquiries please contact 0800 141 2743 or email Southeastpressofficel@environment-agency.gov.uk

Notice: Cotterstock Lock downstream landing stage

When: until further notice.

What's happening: part of the downstream landing stage is out of use due to unstable ground at the rear.