

**Conservation (Natural Habitats & c.)  
Regulations 1994  
Screening Matrix - Test of Significance**



**Record of Assessment of Likely Significant Effect On A European Site (SAC)**

**Part A: The Proposal**

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| <b>1. Brief description of Project /distance to SAC:</b>                                                                                                | Erection of 2 polytunnels and change of land use<br>P/2009/0772                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>2. SAC reference no:</b>                                                                                                                             | UK0030252                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>3. Site centre grid reference:<br/>SAC centre location:</b>                                                                                          | 02 51 40 w (longitude) 53 02 50 N (latitude)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>4. European site name(s) and status:</b>                                                                                                             | River Dee/ Afon Dyfrdwy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>5. List of Listed European interest features:</b><br><br><b>P.N/ These qualifying features will change if this test is used for another SAC site</b> | <p><b><u>SAC Features:</u></b></p> <p><u>Annex 1 habitats</u><br/>Water courses of plain to montane levels that are a primary reason for selection</p> <p><u>Annex 2 species that are a primary reason for selection</u><br/>*Atlantic salmon<br/>*Floating water plantain</p> <p><u>Annex 2 species present as qualifying feature but not primary reason for selection</u><br/>*Sea lamprey<br/>*Brook lamprey<br/>*River lamprey<br/>*Bullhead<br/>*Otter</p> |
| <b>6. Is the proposal directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site for nature conservation?</b>                                   | NO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>7. Are there other projects or plans that together with the project or plan being assessed could affect the site (provide details)</b>               | NO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## **Part B: Assessment Criteria**

**8. Describe the individual elements of the project (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) likely to give rise to impacts on the European Site.**

8.1 The applicant wishes to erect 2 large polytunnels to grow commercial produce.

8.2 The applicant is applying for a change of land use from pasture land to market vegetable growing.

**9. Describe any likely direct, indirect or secondary impacts of the project (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) likely to give rise to impacts on the European Site by virtue of size & scale; land take; distance from the European site and key features; resource requirements; emissions; excavation requirements; transportation requirements; duration of construction, operation, decommissioning; and/or other).**

### **9.1 Annex 1 habitat and impacts (delete as appropriate where applicable)**

☐ Watercourse of plain to montane levels with characteristic vegetation

#### **• Impacts**

None as proposal is 470 m away from the River Dee.

### **9.2 Annex 2 species and impacts**

☐ Salmon

#### **• Impacts**

None, due to type of development and location.

☐ Floating water plantain

#### **• Impacts**

No impacts

### **9.3 Annex 2 species present as qualifying feature**

☐ Sea lamprey / migratory fish (accessible rivers/ estuaries)

#### **• Impacts**

No impacts

☐ Brook lamprey/ non-migratory (requires clean water)

#### **• Impacts**

No impacts

☐ River lamprey

#### **• Impacts**

No impacts

### Part C: Assessment of Significance of Effects

**10. Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) is likely to affect the European site.**

- **Otter** – No impacts
- **Brook Lamprey, Atlantic Salmon & Bullhead** – No impacts
- **Watercourse Habitat** – No loss or degradation of habitat

**14. Explain whether these effects are considered to be significant**

They are not adverse, nor significant as there are none identified

**15. List of agencies consulted** (contact name and telephone/e-mail address)

- CCW (David Hatcher)

## 16. Response to consultation

**CCW Signature:**

## Part D: Overall Conclusions

There are NO significant effects associated with the plan/project

**IF THE ANSWER IS 'YES', THE PROPOSAL IS LIKELY TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT, AN APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT WILL BE REQUIRED.**

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Date:

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**Signed:**

Date:

## Sources of Data

- CCW records
- Map info

| Level of Assessment Completed |
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- **CCW Records**

**Where can the results of the assessment be accessed and viewed**

- **Planning Department**

**Part E: Committee Decision**

**17. Record of Planning Committee decision of Test of Significance.**