



Land at Berth 31 Port of Barry

Wood Processing Facility

Environmental Statement

Chapter 2 - Site Location and Surroundings

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- 2.1 The proposed site is part of the Port of Barry estate and is presently In use by South West Wood Products for wood recycling under Permitted Development Rights. The site has an area of 4.25ha. It is within an industrial area, and situated outside of the settlement boundary of Barry as defined in the Unitary Development Plan.
- 2.2 The site is bounded to the north east by the access road to other parts of the Port of Barry and industries located within the port, to the south east of the site is the dock itself. Outside the site, but adjacent on the northwest boundary is a substantial earth bank that also extends around the south west boundary.
- 2.3 Access will be from Wimborne Road, a private Port road that marks the north east boundary. The dock railway falls within the site. The main site area comprises a concrete surfaced area for the recycling activity and storage of wood with sealed drainage running parallel to the south east of the site.
- 2.4 The immediate surrounding land is vacant except for a training facility for construction plant sited on the northern boundary. Land to the north west of the earth bank is open space, currently being marketed with mixed use development comprising B1, B2, B8 and other uses.
- 2.5 The site does not fall within any landscape, national or international conservation or heritage. Sully Island component of the Severn Estuary (Wales) Ramsar and Special Protection Area is within 3.6 km of the site. There are two SSSI within 2km but both are designated for geological rather than ecological reasons. (Bendrick Rock and Barry Island). The nearest non statutory conservation site is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) known as the Cadoxton Wetlands as noted above. This is an area of restored wetland comprising tall herb, scattered scrub and grassland habitat, together with two small lakes and a reedbed.
- 2.6 In terms of heritage designations, the former Dock Offices to the north-east of Number 2 Dock (Grade II* listing) , the former Customs House and Mercantile Marine Office at the southern end of Dock View Road (Grade II listing) and Cadoxton Court, off Gladstone Road, 500m north-west of the site (Grade II listing) are those in proximity to the site.
- 2.7 The site does fall within a Health and Safety Executive Consultation Zones, as does nearly all of the docks. Any other designations such as those relating to flooding are covered in the appropriate ES chapters.

- 2.8 The town of Barry is located on elevated ground approximately 260 metres to the west and north west, and separated by the docks road (Fford y Mileniwm) and the Cardiff – Barry railway line. Additionally, further flats have been consented in land to the north west of Fford y Mileniwm, but not yet constructed. These are considered in the various technical assessments as committed development.
- 2.9 The site has been operated previously as a scrap metal yard for metal recycling and export as a dock related activity. It has most recently also, along side metal recycling, operated as a wood recycling facility with a different operator to the current applicant. Historically it is known to have handled coal for export from the dock, but is likely to have had other similar uses over time as well.
- 2.10 Within the site is an established set of ancillary elements including weighbridge, offices, stores, substation, and pile retention structures, lighting and water tank. It is proposed that where necessary these will be refurbished or replaced and brought to current standards. Agreeing the woods storage requirements with National Resources Wales through the Environmental Permit may require some of the concrete structures within the site to be relocated or added to.
- 2.11 The greater area of the site is concrete surfaced, the remainder area in the north west corner and close to the site offices is hardstanding.