



## **DETAILED INFORMATION**

### **Diving operations**

#### **Introduction**

All diving operations in waterways under the Trust's control must be in accordance with the Diving at Work Regulations 1997 and The Trust Mandatory Standard – Diving Operations in Trust Controlled Waters (available upon request from the Technical Manager).

No individual or organisation, other than the Emergency Services in support of an on-going search, rescue or investigation, may conduct diving operations in waterways under the control of the Trust without first seeking prior consent to do so.

#### **Procedures**

Consent should normally take the form of an exchange of documents or letters that incorporates the issue of the hazard information as a drawing or summary and in some cases may specify actions the developer is required to take to meet the requirements of the Trust.

The Trust cannot accept any responsibility for providing hazard information to any diving activity that occurs without its prior knowledge.

Once consent has been granted to conduct diving operations and any separate arrangements

for isolation of plant or equipment are completed, the responsibility for authorising or controlling the diving operation remains with the developer or contractor, not with the Trust.

#### **The Dive**

A validated copy of the correspondence and form AP-006 3rd Party Consent to Dive together with the authorisation for access, must be available at the proposed worksite

The Trust will request that any diving operation be ceased at the earliest opportunity – without compromising the safety of the diver or support team - where no prior knowledge of the activity has been provided or no documented proof of consent exists at the dive site.

The responsibility for liaison between the Trust and the developer's contractor/client lies with the Technical Manager. However, the consent to dive can only be authorised by one of the Trust's Dive Contract Administrators.

The developer should allow at least four weeks to obtain the consent to dive.

The divers' 'A' flag must be displayed at all times and must be displayed either side of the works in conjunction with warning signs 'Caution – Diving Operations Ahead'.