



DETAILED INFORMATION

LOCALSIED (SPOT) DREDGING

No localised (spot) dredging can be carried out without prior approval from the Trust.

It is recommended that the applicant liaises with the Trust at the earliest possible time to ensure that any proposed dredging works are completed safely, with minimum disruption to other canal users (including utility providers) and without causing any harm to the fabric of the canal and its environ.

What we expect you to do:

Investigative works

It will be necessary for the proposer to carry out sufficient investigative works to determine the profile of the canal/navigation bed and the extent of any dredging required to facilitate the proposed works. Core sampling will be required to prove the depth of the bed and its composition. Sufficient analytical tests shall be carried out to determine the suitability of the dredged materials for the proposed end use.

Pre-commencement

In order to assess any application the proposer will have to satisfy the Trust of the competency of the contractor, together with supplying acceptable Risk Assessments and Method Statements RAMS covering the proposed works.

The contractor will be responsible for assessing the suitability of any loading and/or access points and for arranging access to the canal/navigation over property outside of the Trust's control/ownership. Contractor insurance details will also be required.

Surveys may be required at a specific time of year to determine presence of protected species (generally summer). Consent/licence may be required (7 weeks notification). Refer to sections 1, 9 and 13 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) & Regs 39 and 43 of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations 1994 (as amended).

Vegetation clearance/removal works must only be carried out between 01 September and 01 March (this is outside the bird nesting season). If works must be carried out during bird nesting season, consult the Trust Ecologist for advice. Works adjacent to vegetation may also affect nesting birds.

Localised dredging works

The contractor will be responsible for ensuring best practice is employed in the execution of the works and that all plant and equipment is fit for purpose with appropriate plant and operator licences/certification in place.



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Dredging disposal options are 1) Disposal to bankside 2) Agricultural land/Trust land 3) Trust dredging site 4) Third party site 5) Landfill. All dredgings must be chemically assessed and interpreted before disposal and technical input from a Trust Environmental Scientist is required.

Sediment samples are needed to interpret disposal options and highlight any obvious health and safety issues.

Bio-degradable oil shall be used and care should be exercised in the storage and use of fuels. The proposer is made aware of the Environment Agency Pollution Prevention Guidelines and Oil Storage Regs 2001.

All arising shall be disposed of in accordance with current controlled waste management regulations. Duty of Care applies. Refer to

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/controls/documents/dutyofcaresummary>

What we will do:

The Trust will assess your Operating Proposal/Works Proposal, together with any supporting information and advise you of any constraints and/or issues that you will need to take into consideration in the planning and execution of the works.