

Assent Ref No: A004912/1

Cosmeston Lakes Country Park,  
Lavernock Road,  
Penarth,  
Vale of Glamorgan.

23/05/2025

## **ASSENT UNDER SECTION 28H OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

Site(s) of Special Scientific Interest:  
Llynnoedd Cosmeston/Cosmeston Lakes

I enclose an assent to carry out specified work described in your notice dated 29/04/2025 affecting the above site(s). This assent allows your authority to carry out the operation(s) in the way described and is subject to any conditions listed. You must give written notice if you intend to alter the(se) operation(s) in any way or wish to carry out any further work.

This assent only relates to the above legislation – other authorisations may be required.

Yours sincerely,  
Scott Hand



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St Mellons, Cardiff CF3 0EY

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi.

Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.

**CYFOETH NATURIOL CYMRU**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES WALES**

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Having considered the likely impact of the operation(s) described in your notice dated 29/04/2025 on the special features of the site(s) listed above; insofar as it is required in the exercise of your functions as a Section 28G Authority:

Natural Resources Wales hereby assents that,

Vale Of Glamorgan Council  
Vale Of Glamorgan Council  
Civic Offices  
Holton Road  
Barry  
Glamorgan  
CF5 6AA

May carry out the operation(s) specified below in the manner prescribed:

The applicant has applied for assent for the temporary installation of an Aqua Park in the eastern lake of Cosmeston Lakes SSSI.

This assent is subject to the following conditions:

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Condition Reason</b>
The applicant must undertake all of the measures they have laid out in the Proposed Aqua Park Ecological Technical Note in relation to invasive non-native species and biosecurity.	To protect the feature(s) of the SSSI.
The applicant will submit a report at the end of the operational period evidencing the implementation of INNS and biosecurity protocols. This should include relevant resources provided to visitors, photos of signage, leaflets and wash down facilities.	To protect the feature(s) of the SSSI.
The applicant will ensure that the use of personal wetsuits, buoyancy aids, foot wear or any other associated personal equipment is not permitted.	To protect the feature(s) of the SSSI.
The applicant will ensure that all works are completed as provided in the Notice of Intent, any variation in the proposal must be discussed with NRW.	To protect the feature(s) of the SSSI.

NRW advise that prior to the installation of the Aqua Park a suitably qualified ecologist should undertake a nesting bird survey. Cetti's warbler (*Cettia cetti*) are known to nest in close proximity to the proposal. Cetti's warbler are listed Schedule 1 on the Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended, 1981). It is an offence to disturb these species during the breeding season without a valid licence.

Details of appropriate mitigation (following the step-wise approach) for any likely significant effects identified should be provided along with appropriate enhancements. In some instances, mitigation may need to take the form of curtailment or redirection of activities during particular times of year. Where buffer distances are required or need to be considered then reference should be made to Goodship & Furness 2022 or alternative published references for species not listed within Goodship & Furness 2022.

This assent is valid until: 31/10/2025  
To allow for review

This notice only relates to the above legislation. It does not release you from any obligations to obtain approval under other legislation or the general law. If proposed works involve development, you must also apply for planning permission to the Local Planning Authority. Some proposals may require the landowner's permission or other authorisations.

For the purposes of assessing the potential impact of this activity on any European sites, your authority is a competent authority under regulation 63 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. You should ensure that you have fulfilled your responsibilities under these regulations before carrying out any work that may affect such a site.

Date: 23/05/2025  
Signed: Scott Hand