M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme

Environmental Statement

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Screening assessment

Water bodies affect	ted by Propos	sed Sche	me								
WFD Water Body Name	WFD Water Body ID		Quantitative Status	Chemical Status		EA Operational catchment	WFD Protected Areas located within groundwater body extent	Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems	WFD surface water bodies located within groundwater body within the Zol	Crossed by the route? (Y/N)	Groundwater feature screened in for consideration in detailed impact assessment? (Y/N)
Severn Vale - Secondary Combined	GB40902G204900	Good	Good	Good	Severn	Severn Vale - Secondary Combined Operational Catchment	Nitrates Directive: Cotswold Jurassic G83, Hereford, England G4, Newent G38 Drinking Water protected Area: Severn Vale - Secondary Combined	N/A - None within the Scheme ZoI	Chelt – source to M5 (GB109054032820) Chelt – M5 to conf. R. Severn (GB109054032810) Hatherley Bk - source to conf R Severn (GB109054032801) Severn – conf R Avon to conf Upper Parting (GB109054044404) Leigh Bk – source to conf. R. Chelt (GB109054039770) Swilgate – source to conf. R. Avon (GB109054039780)	Υ	Υ
Warwickshire Avon - Secondary Mudrocks	GB40902G990900	Good	Good	Good		Avon Warwickshire - Secondary Mudrocks Operational Catchment	Nitrates Directive: Coventry G36 West Midlands G29 Warmington G82 Offenham G163 Cotswold Jurassic G83 Balscote G164 Drinking Water protected Area: Warwickshire Avon - Secondary Mudrocks	N/A - none within the Scheme ZoI	Leigh Bk – source to conf. R. Chelt (GB109054039770) Swilgate – source to conf. R. Avon (GB109054039780)	N	Υ

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Water bodies affected by	Proposed Scheme				
WFD Water Body Name	WFD Water Body ID	Scheme activity	Scheme activity design details (if applicable)	Screened in/out	Reasons for Screening in/out
		Embankments	Embankment option 5 ("worst case embankment type") with 1 mbgl strip foundation along base of embankment. Piffs Elms interchange, N, S, E & W embankment	In	Potential to impact quantity and chemical parameters of the WFD water body.
		West Cheltenham Link Road River Chelt Bridge	2 x 10 concrete bored pile along the width of the Chelt crossing. 1050 mm diameter bore piling with 1075 mm distance between each bore. Approx 13000 mm (13 m) depth below existing ground level.	ln	Potential to impact quantity and chemical parameters of the WFD water body.
Severn Vale - Secondary Combined	GB40902G204900	Piffs Elm Interchange Bridge North	2 x 10 concrete bored pile along the width of the Piffs Elm interchange bridge. 1200 mm diameter bore pilling with 1200 mm distance between each bore. Approx 13000 mm (13 m) depth below existing ground level.	In	Potential to impact quantity and chemical parameters of the WFD water body.
		Piffs Elm Interchange Bridge South	2 x 8 concrete bored pile along the width of the Piffs Elm interchange bridge. 1200 mm diameter bore. 1300 mm between center of each bore. Bores approx 13 m below existing ground level.	In	Potential to impact quantity and chemical parameters of the WFD water body.
		Flood storage area	Shallow 1.5 - 3 m deep flood storage area between the link road and junction. Storage area to be excavated from the superficial deposits. Existing outflow through Piffs Elm culvert to be retained.	In	Potential to impact quantity and chemical parameters of the WFD water body.
Warwickshire Avon - Secondary Mudrocks	GB40902G990900	Embankments	Embankment option 5 ("worst case embankment type") with 1 mbgl strip foundation along base of embankment. The scheme component does not directly intersect the WFD groundwater body however potential embankment works are estimated to be within 200 m of the WFD GWB and have therefore been included.	In	Potential to impact quantity and chemical parameters of the WFD water body.

Potential scheme impact type (🗸 / 🔏) and associated WFD elements to be assessed post embedded mitigation

Residual Potential Impacts of Scheme Component (following consideration of embedded mitigation)							
itative	Cher	nical					
Groundwater control measures	Creating or altering pathways between the surface and the aquifer	Remobilising existing contaminants					
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	Groundwater control measures	Groundwater control measures Creating or altering pathways between the surface and the aquifer					

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												Test A Potential to cause deterioration of current WFD Ecological Status			
Severn Va	le - Secondar	ry Combined (GB40902G2	204900)			Detailed Impact Assessment					Detailed Impact Assessment Outcome				
EA Management 0	Catchment: Ser	evern England Groundwater	Scheme componer	(ID): Embankments	West Chelbenham Link Road River Chelt Bridge	PIffs Elm Interchange Bridge North	PIFS Elm Interchange Bridge South	Flood storage area							
Overall Status (20	15]: Go	pood	Description of scheme comp	Embankment option 5 ("worst case embankment type") with 1 mbgl strip foundation along base of embankment. PMS Elms interchange, N. S., E. & W embankment	2 x 10 concrete bored pile along the width of the Chelt crossing, 1050 mm diameter bore piling with 1075 mm distance between each bore. Approx 13000 mm (13 m) depth below existing ground level.	2 x 10 concrete bored pile along the width of the PRTs Elm interchange bridge. 1200 mm diameter bore piling with 1200 mm distance between each bore. Approx 13000 mm [13 m] depth below existing ground level.	2 x 8 concrete bored pile along the width of the RMs Elm interchange bridge. 1200 mm diameter bore. 1300 mm between center of each bore. Bores approx 13 m below existing ground level.	Shallow 1.5 - 3 m deep flood storage area between the link road and junction. Storage area to be excavated from the superficial deposits. Existing outflow through PMS Elm culvert to be retained.							
Overall Status Obj	jective: Go	ood by 2015	Summary of local geology (Site specific encountered ge	S0,000 bedrock geology mapping and site specific ground investigation indicates that the Zbi is undertain predominantly by the logs? Charmouth Mudatone Formation with a small area of the Rughy Limestone Member on its western edge. Superficial deposits in the Zbi comprise of Albuvium and Cheltenham Sand and Gravel (river terrace deposits) ranging from 0 – 27 m and 0 – 24 m respectively.	Mudstone bedrock and superficial deposits comprising Alluvium and Cheltenham Sands and Gravels	Site specific ground investigation shows the scheme element to be undertain by the Charmouth Mudstone bedrock and superficial deposits comprising allowium and Cheltenham Sands and Gravits (river terrace deposits)	Site specific intrusive ground investigations shows the scheme element to be underlain by the Charmouth Mudstone bedrock and superficial deposits comprising Allovium and Cheltenham Sands and Gravels (river terrace deposits)	Site specific intrusive ground investigation shows the scheme element to be underlain by the Charmouth Mudistone bedrock and superficial deposits comprising Alluvium and Chaltenham Sands and Gravels (river terrace deposits)							
			Summary of local hydrog	Groundwater monitoring data throughted the 2d arous fourteen sites and eight monitoring rounds from August 2021 to February. 2022 a minimum groundwater level of 0.11 mgd, examirum 5.58 mbg and average of 1.59 mbg flowing the monitoring period groundwater levels floatisated a minimum of 1.51m, maximum of 5.5m and average of 1.41 m. But on 5 levels for period accounts, period accounts accounts and period accounts accounts accounts and period accounts accounts accounts and period accounts accounts accounts accounts account accou	11 mgHz, maximum 558 mgJ and awaring 4159 mgb, During the monitoring partied and/or a minimum of 511 mg, maximum of 515 ms and awaring 415 mgb, During the monitoring partied and/or a minimum of 511 mg, maximum of 515 ms and awaring 415 mgb, During the monitoring partied awaring 415 mgb, During the monitoring partied awaring 415 mgb, During the monitoring partied power and awaring 415 mgb, maximum 127 mgb, maxim		Camdidate effects - effects on quality pleases from subsens camponently loaded in other WTO water bodies		Additional mitigation requirements	Residual effect on quality element at water body scale	WTO compliance outcome ,-potential for deterioration of current status of quality element at water body scale				
			Impact type from scheme comp	Costing or altering pathways between the surface and the applier Counting or altering pathways between the surface and the applier Enrollment pathways between the		Groundwater control measures Creating or altering pathways between the surface and the aquifer									
WFD Status Eleme	int WI	FD Quality Element	RBMP Cycle 2 2019 Status RBMP Cycle 2 Status Obje	tive											
		Quantitative Saline Intrusions	Good Good	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to element.	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to quantitative element.	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to quantitative element.	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to quantitative element.	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to quantitative element.	None	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to quantitative element.	N/A	N/A	N/A		
		Quantitative Water Balance	Good Good						None						
Quant	itative	Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems (GWDTEs) Test	Good Good	The embaniment option assessed includes a continuous style foundation to "1 might along the length of the embaniment. This would fill skelp be made from impermeable mentation and potentially be a miner barrier to studie groundwater flow. Groundwater levels in the 2d were recorded to be between 0.11 might and 5.98 might. The average water level was 1.50 might, The option is the whole of the control of the con	would likely be made from impermeable material and potentially be a minor barrier to shallow groundwater flow. I dealer levels in the 22 lawer expected to be between 11 milligal and 538 milling assessment to law vas 150 milling. I milling law 150 millin		ser spaces believes the pilos makes that although pilos is antiqued to intend with groundwater, on effect on promobator from and two intends with groundwater from an expected. Hereif is expected, the product produce produces is, a pilor pilos assumes that although pilos is active to the product and two intends two products produces in a pilor pilos assumes that although pilos is a pilor pilos assumes that although pilos is a productable from an expected. There is expected to be some groundwater from an expected to be some groundwater from an expected. There is expected to be some groundwater from an expected to be some g	No measurable change in element anticipated		N/A	Negligible effect is anticipated when Scheme component effects are considered in combination. No measurable change in element anticipated. anticipated	Compliant - no deterioration in element status anticloated			
	a	Quantitative Dependent Surface Water Body	Good Good	waterbody as a whole. Provided excavation and disposal of pumped water its infinitely standards, this risk to the groundwater body should be minimized. No deterioration in status of quantity element anticipated at the water body scale.	No deterioration in status of quantity element anticipated at the water body scale.	No deterioration in status of quantity element anticipated at the water body scale.	No deterioration in status of quantity element anticipated at the water body scale.	No deterioration in status of quantity element anticipated at the water body scale.	None	Additional mitigation not required.		Additional mitigation not required.			
		Chemical Saline Intrusions	Good Good	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to chemical element.	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to chemical element	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to chemical element.	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to chemical element	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to chemical element.	None	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to chemical element.	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	Oh	hemical Drinking Water Protected Areas (DrWPAs)	Good Good						None		N/A				
Cher		Chemical Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems (GWDTEs) Test	Good Good	Below ground foundations are unlikely to intersect the water table. Provided excivation and disposal of pumped water is to industry standards and best practice is followed: i.e. PMG and pilling risk assessments, this risk to the groundwater body should be miligated. No deterioration in status of quality element antispate at the water body scale.	Provided excavation and disposal of pumped water is to industry standards and best practice is followed i.e. PPG and pilling risk assessments, the overall risk is considered negligible.	Bore piling is estimated to extend \$1 mbgl, it is likely this will penetrate the groundwater table. Provided excavation and disposal of pumped water is to industry standards and best practice is followed is. PIG and piling risk assessments, the overall risk is considered negligible.	Bore piling is estimated to be 13 mbgl. It is likely this will penetrate the groundwater table. Provided encavation and disposal of pumped water is to industry standards and best practice is followed i.e. PMG and piling risk assessments, the overall risk is considered negligible.	Provided excavation and disposal of pumped water is to industry standards and best practice is followed; the overall risk sconsidered negligible. No deterioration in static of quality element entigopated at the water body scale.	component effects are consi No measurable change in	Negligible effect is anticipated when Scheme component effects are considered in combination. No measurable change in element anticipated.	N/A	Negligible effect is anticipated when Scheme component effects are considered in combination. No measurable change in element anticipated.	Compliant - no deterioration in element status anticipated		
	o	hemical Dependent Surface Water Body	Good Good		No deterioration in status of quality element anticipated at the water body scale.	No deterioration in status of quality element anticipated at the water body scale.	No deterioration in status of quality element anticipated at the water body scale.		None	Additional mitigation not required.	N/A	Additional mogation not required.	Additional mitigation not required.		
		General Chemical Test	Good Good						None		N/A				

Test B Potential to prevent future attainment of Good Ecological Status

RBMP measures to achieve objective		When RBMP measure will happen	Effect of Scheme component on WFD element	Effect of Scheme component on WFD element	Effect of Scheme component on WFD element			Overall effect of Scheme on proposed measure	
No measures associated with this water body. Already at Good status								None of the features that were identified as contributing the waterbody not achieving good status (identified though data catchment explorer and the extended waterbody report) are in the vicinity of the works.	
Test C Potential to grevent attainment of Protected Area Objectives									

*assumes that mitigations embedded in the Scheme are implemented.

** assumes additional mitigation measures are also implemented.

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Detailed Impact Assessment - Effects on current status

Test A Potential to cause deterioration of current WFD Ecological Status

Warwickshire Avon - Secondary Mudrocks (GB40902G990900)			Detailed Impact Assessment	Detailed Impact Assessment Outcome						
EA Management Catchment:	Severn England Groundwater		Scheme component (ID):	: Embankments						
Overall Status (2015):	Good	Descri	iption of scheme component:	Embankment option 5 ("worst case embankment type") with 1 mbgl strip foundation along base of embankment. The scheme component does not directly intersect the WFD groundwater body however potential embankment works are estimated to be within 200 m of the WFD GWB and have therefore been included.						
Overall Status Objective:	Good by 2015	Summary of local geolo	igy (Site specific encountered geology)	1: 50,000 bedrock geology mapping and site specific ground investigation indicates that the ZoI is underlain predominantly by the Charmouth Mudstone Formation with a small area of the Rugby Limestone Member on its western edge. Superficial deposits in the ZoI comprise of Alluvium and Cheltenham Sand and Gravel (river terrace deposits) ranging from 0 – 2.7 m and 0 – 2.4 m respectively.	Cumulative effects - effects on quality element from				WFD compliance outcome - potential for	
		Sui	mmary of local hydrogeology	Groundwater monitoring data throughout the Zol across fourteen sites and eight monitoring rounds from August 2021 to February 2022. No groundwater monitoring are available in the vicinity of the Scheme component however the nearest monitoring point (M5_BH032) recorded a minimum groundwater level of 0.35 mgbl, maximum 1.7 mbgl and average of 0.98 mbgl. During the monitoring period groundwater levels fluctuated a minimum of 0.1 m and maximum of 1.35 m. Superficial Secondary A aquifer Bedrock Secondary (Undifferentiated) aquifer	scheme component(s) located in other WFD water bodies	Overall effect on quality element at water body scale	Additional mitigation requirements	Residual effect on quality element at water body scale	deterioration of current status of quality element at water body scale	
		Impact ty	ype from scheme component	Barriers to groundwater flow Groundwater control measures						
WFD Status Element	WFD Quality Element	RBMP Cycle 2 2019 Status	RBMP Cycle 2 Status Objective	Creating or altering pathways between the surface and the aquifer Remobilising existing contaminants						
	Quantitative Saline Intrusions	Good	Good	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to quantitative element.	None	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to quantitative element.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Quantitative Water Balance	Good	Good	At present the most intrusive embankment option comprises a continuous strip foundation to ~1 mbgl along the length of the embankment. This would likely be made from impermeable material and hence cause a potential minor barrier to shallow water flow on the assumption that water is flowing through the shallow superficials in the area and that the embankment foundation is	None					
Quantitative	Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems (GWDTEs) Test	Good	Good	perpendicular to flow direction. Groundwater levels in the Zol were recorded to be between 0.11 mbgl and 5.98 mbgl. The average water level was 1.59 mbgl. The option is therefore unlikely to intersect the groundwater table and cause an adverse effect to any local receptors or the waterbody as a whole. Provided excavation and disposal of pumped water is to industry standards, this risk to the groundwater body should be mitigated.		Negligible effect is anticipated when Scheme component effects are considered in combination. No measurable change in element anticipated. Additional mitigation not required.	N/A	Negligible effect is anticipated when Scheme component effects are considered in combination. No measurable change in element anticipated. Additional mitigation not required.	Compliant - no deterioration in element status anticipated	
	Quantitative Dependent Surface Water Body	Good	Good	No deterioration in status of quality element anticipated at the water body scale.	None					
	Chemical Saline Intrusions	Good	Good		None	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to chemical element.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Chemical Drinking Water Protected Areas (DrWPAs)	Good	Good		None	Negligible effect is anticipated when Scheme component effects are considered in combination. No measurable change in element anticipated. Additional mitigation not required.	N/A	Negligible effect is anticipated when Scheme component effects are considered in combination. No measurable change in element anticipated. Additional mitigation not required.	Compliant - no deterioration in element status anticipated	
Chemical	Chemical Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems (GWDTEs) Test	Good	Good	At present the most intrusive embankment option comprises a continuous strip foundation to ~1 mbgl along the length of the embankment. Provided excavation and disposal of pumped water is to industry standards and best practice is followed i.e. PPG and piling risk assessments, this risk to the groundwater body should be mitigated.	None	Element is insensitive to impact. No measurable change to chemical element.	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Chemical Dependent Surface Water Body	Good	Good	No deterioration in status of quality element anticipated at the water body scale.	None	Negligible effect is anticipated when Scheme component effects are considered in combination. No measurable change in element anticipated. Additional mitigation not required.	N/A	Negligible effect is anticipated when Scheme component effects are considered in combination. No measurable change in element anticipated. Additional mitigation not required.	Compliant - no deterioration in element status anticipated	
	General Chemical Test	Good	Good		None	Negligible effect is anticipated when Scheme component effects are considered in combination. No measurable change in element anticipated. Additional mitigation not required.	N/A	Negligible effect is anticipated when Scheme component effects are considered in combination. No measurable change in element anticipated. Additional mitigation not required.	Compliant - no deterioration in element status anticipated	

Test B Potential to prevent future attainment of Good Ecological Status

RBMP measures to achieve objective	Where RBMP measure will happen	When RBMP measure will happen	Effect of Scheme component on WFD element	Overall effect of Scheme on proposed measure	
No measures associated with this water body. Already at Good status					

Test C Potential to prevent attainment of Protected Area Objectives

Addressed elsewhere in Environmental Scoping Report

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** assumes additional mitigation measures are also implemented.

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RAYG traffic light decision matrix for assessing magnitude of effects on surface water quality element status class

Type of effect	Impact of scheme element on WFD element i.e. in individual cells	Impact on WFD element i.e. at end of row	Impact on WFD water body i.e. the combined effect on the water body as a result of all the effect on WFD elements	Examples	Outcome
Moderate Beneficial	Impacts when taken on their own have the potential to lead to significant improvement.	Impacts in combination with others have the potential to lead to the improvement in the class of a WFD element.	Impacts in combination with others have the potential to lead to the improvement in the WFD status of the water body.	Creation of significant areas of riparian habitats (for example, within a river diversion) which enhance the value of the water body. Removal of hard bank protection. Removal of barriers to fish species. Major improvement to groundwater quality or improved quality of GWDTE due to groundwater contributions.	Increase in status class for that water body.
Minor / localised beneficial	Impacts when taken on their own have the potential to lead to a minor localised or temporary improvement.	Impacts in combination with others have the potential to lead to a minor localised improvement of the WFD element.	Impacts in combination with others have the potential to lead to a minor localised or temporary improvement that does not affect the overall WFD status of the water body.	Minor habitat creation measures such as creation of marginal berms up/downstream of a structure. Minor improvement to groundwater quality or improved quality of GWDTE due to groundwater contributions.	Localised improvement, no change in status of WFD water body.
Green (no effect)	No measurable change to any quality elements.	No measurable change to any quality elements.	No measurable change to any quality elements.	Clear span bridge which causes no significant light shading. Changes to flow with no likely impact in macroinvertebrate community/contamination in areas with highly tolerant invertebrate community (e.g. Average Score Per Taxon <4). Minor, temporary encroachment into the channel Improvement in the existing surface water quality through improvement to existing drainage systems. Minor, temporary changes to groundwater levels	No change
Yellow – Localised/ temporary adverse effect	Impacts when taken on their own have the potential to lead to a minor localised or impact.	Impacts in combination with others have the potential to lead to a minor localised or temporary impact on the WFD elements. Consideration will be given to habitat creation measures.	Impacts in combination with others have the potential to lead to a minor localised or temporary impact on the WFD elements. Consideration will be given to habitat creation measures.	Loss of macrophytes/phytobenthos due to shading from a bridge or other structure Temporary loss of invertebrates/macrophytes etc. during channel re-alignment Estimated loss in diversity of invertebrates for e.g. <100m of water body (due to habitat loss, changes to flow etc.). Localised loss of fish habitat/numbers of fish. Reduction in water quality with negligible knock on effects to biological elements Localised changes to groundwater levels or quality with no impact to GWDTE or protected water bodies.	No change in status of WFD water body when balanced against mitigation embedded in the scheme.
Amber – adverse widespread or prolonged effect	Impacts when taken on their own have the potential to lead to a widespread or prolonged impact. Consideration will be given to habitat creation measures.	Impacts in combination with others have the potential to have an adverse impact on the WFD element. Additional mitigation will be applied.	Impacts in combination with others have the potential to have an adverse impact on the WFD water body. The current WFD risk category will be taken into account when assessing these combined impacts. Consideration will be given to habitat creation measures.	Loss of macrophytes/phytobenthos for a significant length of water due to shading from a long (e.g. >200m) culvert or other similar structure. Likely significant drop in invertebrate diversity over e.g. >300m of water body (due to habitat loss /siltation or combination of various impacts etc.). Obstruction to upstream migration of fish to spawning grounds in a salmonid river therefore affecting fish in the whole of the WFD water body. Reduction in water quality with potential to cause knock on effects to biological elements. Adverse changes to GWDTE or baseflow contributions to protected surface water bodies.	Adverse effect but risk of status change needs to be considered with any additional mitigation, and taking into account the level of confidence.
Red – adverse impact on an individual quality element and/or overall status of water body	Impacts when taken on their own have the potential to lead to a widespread or prolonged impact even with mitigation in place.	Impacts in combination with others have the potential to have an adverse impact on the WFD element and change its class. Consideration will be given to habitat creation measures.	Impacts in combination with others have the potential to have an adverse impact on the WFD water body and change its status. The current WFD risk category will be taken into account when assessing these combined impacts. Consideration will be given to habitat creation measures.	Loss or extensive change to a fishery Significant loss of hydromorphological diversity likely to impact the water body scale such as channelisation of a natural watercourse using hard engineering for a significant length. Creation of barriers which will inhibit migration and movement of fish within the system. Significant decline in water quality resulting in knock on effects to biological elements at the water body scale. Loss of or extensive change to GWDTE or baseflow contributions to protected surface water bodies. Any significant change in groundwater quality reducing WFD status.	Decrease in status of WFD water body when balanced against additional mitigation. Outcome is considered to be certain.

	: SMR (water resources and flood risk)
Relative EIA Receptor Value	EIA Receptor value criteria
Major or Moderate Benefit	In addition to below, Contribution to improvement in water body WFD classification. Removal of existing polluting discharge, or removing the likelihood of polluting discharges occurring to a watercourse. Improvement in water body WFD classification.
Moderate or Minor Benefit	HEWRAT assessment of either acute soluble or chronic-sediment related pollutants becomes pass from an existing site where the baseline was a fail condition. Calculated reduction in existing spillage risk by 50% or more (when existing spillage risk is <1% annually).
Negligible	No risk identified by HEWRAT (pass both acute-soluble and chronic-sediment related pollutants). Risk of pollution from spillages <0.5%.
Minor Adverse	Failure of either acute soluble or chronic sediment related pollutants in HEWRAT. Calculated risk of pollution from spillages ≥0.5% annually and < 1% annually. Minor effects on water supplies.
Moderate Adverse	Failure of both acute-soluble and chronic-sediment related pollutants in HEWRAT but compliance with EQS values. Calculated risk of pollution from spillages ≥1% annually and <2 % annually. Partial loss in productivity of a fishery. Degradation of regionally important public water supply or loss of major commercial/industrial/agricultural supplies. Contribution to reduction in water body WFD classification.
Major Adverse	Failure of both acute-soluble and chronic-sediment related pollutants in HEWRAT and compliance failure with EQS values. Calculated risk of pollution from a spillage ≥2% annually (spillage assessment). Loss or extensive change to a fishery. Loss of regionally important public water supply. Loss or extensive change to a designated nature conservation site. Reduction in water body WFD classification.