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**Our ref:** NA/2024/116720/01-L01  
**Your ref:** 24NP0043  
**Date:** 18 June 2024

Dear Adam

**REPLACE THE EXISTING DECK WITH A NEW PRECAST BEAM AND SLAB  
DESIGN AND RESURFACING SWINDON KENNELS BRIDGE HEPPLER  
NORTHUMBERLAND NE65 7AP**

Thank you for referring the above application which we received on 21 May 2025.

**Environment Agency Position**

We have **NO OBJECTIONS** to the proposed development as submitted. However, we have the following comments/advice to offer:

**Flood risk**

The development will not increase flood risk on or off site. There must be no reduction in the cross-sectional areas beneath the bridge as per the submitted plans.

**Fish - Advice to LPA/Applicant**

Fish passage should be maintained at all times to ensure the works do not present a barrier to fish movement. Failure to maintain fish passage could result in committing an offence under Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 and the Eel Regulations 2009.

Any works within the water should be carried out between 1st June to 30th September to avoid sensitive period for migratory fish which is between 1st October and 31st May inclusive. This is to avoid disturbance to spawning fish and/or their habitat and eggs. If work is carried out outside this window there is a risk of committing an offence under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975.

**Pollution Prevention - Advice to LPA/Applicant**

Juvenile Lamprey are likely to be present in the river sediments at this location and could be adversely impacted by any in-channel work. Any sediment excavated from the river edge should be left on the bank close to the water for a period of 24 hours to allow lamprey to return to the river. Any silt removed from in behind cofferdams should also be checked thoroughly for lamprey.

Environment Agency

Tyneside House Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AR.

Customer services line: 03708 506 506

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All works should adhere to the Pollution Prevention Guidance for Businesses provided by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Environment Agency, in particular the section 'Construction, inspection and maintenance' that includes 'Work in, over or near a river, stream, lake or pond'. Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pollution-prevention-for-businesses>.

**Decision notice - Information for LPA**

In accordance with the planning practice guidance (determining a planning application, paragraph 019), please notify us by email within two weeks of a decision being made or application withdrawn. Please provide us with a URL of the decision notice, or an electronic copy of the decision notice or outcome.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely

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