

Permit with introductory note

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016

Bethell Construction Limited

Flood risk activities comprising of the construction of Milltown Cycle / Footbridge over the River Irwell consisting of:

- Construction of concrete and steel ramp structure for access to south end of the River Irwell bridge structure
- Construction of raised footpath for access to north end of the River Irwell bridge structure
- Construction of Cycle / Footbridge over the River Irwell including construction of bridge abutments / piling and associated works
- Clearance works and excavations including bank reprofiling to the south bank of the River Irwell
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- Excavation of river-bed material from within dewatered cofferdam to facilitate construction of bridge pier foundation on the River Irwell
- Installation of temporary scaffolding to bridge pier on the River Irwell
- Construction of temporary access ramp, temporary working platform and temporary stone filled bulk bags / stank in the River Irwell adjacent to south bank

National Grid Reference: SD 79118 07241

Milltown Street Footbridge / Cycle Bridge, Radcliffe, M26 1WN

Permit number

EPR/KB3749MF

Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the permit

The main features of the permit are as follows.

Construction of Milltown Cycle / Footbridge over the River Irwell consisting of the following works:

- Construction of concrete and steel ramp structure for access to south end of the River Irwell bridge structure
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The status log of the permit does not form part of the permit. It sets out the permitting history, including changes to the permit or permit reference number.

Status log of the permit		
Description	Date	Comments
Application EPR/KB3749MF	Duly made 20/03/2025	Application for the construction of Milltown Street Footbridge / Cycle Bridge and associated works on the River Irwell.
Permit determined EPR/KB3749MF	15/05/2025	Permit issued to Bethell Construction Limited

End of introductory note

Permit

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Permit number

EPR/KB3749MF

The Environment Agency hereby authorises, under regulation 13 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Bethell Construction Limited ("the operator")

whose registered office is

**Dane House
Stoneclough Road
Kearsley
Manchester
M26 1GE**

company registration number 00264322

to operate the following flood risk activities:

Construction of Milltown Cycle / Footbridge over the River Irwell, which involve works of:

- Construction of concrete and steel ramp structure for access to south end of the River Irwell bridge structure
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at

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to the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this permit.

Name	Date
Peter Griffiths Flood Risk Activity Permitting (FRAP) Team Leader	15/05/2025

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

Conditions

1 Management

1.1 General management

- 1.1.1 The operator shall manage and operate the activities:
- (a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of flooding, impact on drainage and environmental harm so far as is reasonably practicable, including those risks arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints; and
 - (b) using sufficient competent persons and resources.
- 1.1.2 Records demonstrating compliance with condition 1.1.1 shall be maintained.
- 1.1.3 Any person having duties that are or may be affected by the matters set out in this permit shall have convenient access to a copy of the permit.

2 Operations

2.1 Permitted activities

- 2.1.1 The operator is only authorised to carry out the activities specified in schedule 1 table S1.1 (the “activities”).

2.2 The site

- 2.2.1 The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in red on the site plan at schedule 2 to this permit and showing National Grid Reference SD 79118 07241.

2.3 Operating techniques

- 2.3.1 The operator shall use appropriate measures, including but not limited to those in the approved Method of Work.
- (a) to minimise sediment mobilisation
 - (b) to minimise impact on biodiversity
 - (c) to ensure there is no increase to flood risk or detrimental impact on drainage;
 - (d) for the storage and disposal of waste produced; and
 - (e) to prevent and minimise environmental harm.
- 2.3.2 All liquids in containers, whose emission to water or land could cause pollution, shall be provided with secondary containment, unless the operator has used other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, leakage and spillage from the primary container.
- 2.3.3 Measures shall be taken to ensure that the activities do not cause the spread of invasive non-native species or plant or animal diseases.
- 2.3.4 Measures shall be taken to ensure that fish will be protected
- 2.3.5 The activities shall, subject to the conditions of this permit, be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the documentation specified in schedule 1, table S1.2, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3 Information

3.1 Records

3.1.1 All records required to be made by this permit shall:

- (a) be legible;
- (b) be made as soon as reasonably practicable;
- (c) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible, or are capable of retrieval; and
- (d) be retained, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, for at least 6 years from the date when the records were made.

3.1.2 The operator shall keep on site all records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by this permit, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.2 Reporting

3.2.1 The operator shall send all reports and notifications required by the permit to the Environment Agency using the contact details supplied in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.3 Notifications

3.3.1 The Environment Agency shall be notified no less than 7 days before the commencement of the activities.

3.3.2 The Environment Agency shall be notified no more than 7 days after the activities are completed.

3.3.3 The Environment Agency shall be notified without delay following the detection of any breach of a limit specified in the permit or any significant environmental effects resulting from the activities or of any breach of the permit.

3.3.4 Written confirmation of actual or potential incidents or effects and breaches referred to in 3.3.3 shall be submitted within 24 hours.

3.3.5 The Environment Agency shall be notified within 14 days of the occurrence of the following matters, except where such disclosure is prohibited by Stock Exchange rules:

Where the operator is a registered company:

- (a) any change in the operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address; and
- (b) any steps taken with a view to the operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.

Where the operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:

- (a) any change in the operator's name or address; and
- (b) any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the operator.

In any other case:

- (a) the death of any of the named operators (where the operator consists of more than one named individual);
- (b) any change in the operator's name(s) or address(es); and
- (c) any steps taken with a view to the operator, or any one of them, going into bankruptcy, entering into a composition or arrangement with creditors, or, in the case of them being in a partnership, dissolving the partnership.

- 3.3.6 Where the operator proposes to make a change in the nature or functioning, or an extension of the activities, which may have consequences for flood risk, drainage or the environment and the change is not otherwise the subject of an application for approval under the Regulations or this permit:
- (a) the Environment Agency shall be notified at least 14 days before making the change; and
 - (b) the notification shall contain a description of the proposed change in operation.

3.4 Interpretation

- 3.4.1 In this permit the expressions listed in schedule 3 shall have the meaning given in that schedule.
- 3.4.2 In this permit references to reports and notifications mean written reports and notifications, except where reference is made to notification being made “without delay”, in which case it may be provided by telephone.
- 3.4.3 Any reference to a distance of a number of metres from a flood defence structure, drainage work, remote defence or sea defence is a reference to that distance as measured from the foot of the foregoing as the case may be.
- 3.4.4 Any reference to a distance of a number of metres from a river control work is a reference to that distance as measured from the nearest part of the river control work.
- 3.4.5 Any reference to a distance of a number of metres from a watercourse is a reference to that distance as measured horizontally from the foot of the bank on the landward side of the watercourse

Schedule 1 – Operations

Table S1.1 activities		
Activity reference	Description of activities	Limits of activities
	Permanent Works	
P1	Construction of concrete and steel ramp structure for access to south end of the River Irwell bridge structure	The activity shall be commenced within 3 years of the date of the grant of the permit and completed within 9 months of commencement. The activities shall be undertaken outside of the period from 15 March to 15 June inclusive to protect spawning fish and their spawn The activities shall be carried out in accordance with below drawings: • Bridge general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-001, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • South approach ramp general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-002, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Site layout, drawing No.: 660-023-003, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • South abutment general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-005, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Earthworks – Plan, drawing No.: 660-023-030, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Earthworks – Sections, drawing No.: 660-023-031, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Approach ramp parapet plan and details, drawing No.: 660-023-053, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Approach Ramp Parapet Sections, drawing No. 660-023-054, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Cross section of bridge pier Showing proposed access scaffold, drawing No.: B1512 SK02, Rev B, dated 14/04/2025 • Plan showing access scaffold for construction of brick cladding of pier with materials loading bay, drawing No.: B1512 SK01, Rev B, dated 14/04/2025

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Activity reference	Description of activities	Limits of activities
P2	Construction of raised footpath for access to north end of the River Irwell bridge structure	The activity shall be commenced within 3 years of the date of the grant of the permit and completed within 9 months of commencement. The activities shall be undertaken outside of the period from 15 March to 15 June inclusive to protect spawning fish and their spawn The activities shall be carried out in accordance with below drawings: • Bridge general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-001, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Site layout, drawing No.: 660-023-003, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • North abutments general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-004, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • North approach ramp, drawing No.: 660-023-035, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025
P3	Construction of Cycle / Footbridge over the River Irwell including construction of bridge abutments / piling and associated works	The activity shall be commenced within 3 years of the date of the grant of the permit and completed within 9 months of commencement. The activities shall be undertaken outside of the period from 15 March to 15 June inclusive to protect spawning fish and their spawn The activities shall be carried out in accordance with below drawings: • Bridge general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-001, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • South approach ramp general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-002, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Site layout, drawing No.: 660-023-003, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • North abutments general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-004, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • South abutment general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-005, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025

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		• Bridge pier general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-006, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Earthworks – Plan, drawing No.: 660-023-030, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Earthworks – Sections, drawing No.: 660-023-031, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • North approach ramp, drawing No.: 660-023-035, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Approach ramp parapet plan and details, drawing No.: 660-023-053, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Approach Ramp Parapet Sections, drawing No. 660-023-054, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Cross section of bridge pier Showing proposed access scaffold, drawing No.: B1512 SK02, Rev B, dated 14/04/2025 • Plan showing access scaffold for construction of brick cladding of pier with materials loading bay, drawing No.: B1512 SK01, Rev B, dated 14/04/2025
P4	Clearance works and excavations including bank reprofiling to the south bank of the River Irwell	The activity shall be commenced within 3 years of the date of the grant of the permit and completed within 9 months of commencement. The activities shall be undertaken outside of the period from 15 March to 15 June inclusive to protect spawning fish and their spawn The activities shall be carried out in accordance with below drawings: • Bridge general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-001, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • South approach ramp general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-002, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Site layout, drawing No.: 660-023-003, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • South abutment general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-005, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025

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P5	Demolition and removal of old bridge structure on the River Irwell	The activity shall be commenced within 3 years of the date of the grant of the permit and completed within 9 months of commencement. The activities shall be undertaken outside of the period from 15 March to 15 June inclusive to protect spawning fish and their spawn The activities shall be carried out in accordance with below drawings: • Bridge general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-001, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Existing bridge to be demolished GA plan and elevation, drawing No.: 660-023-101, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025
P6	Excavation of river-bed material from within dewatered cofferdam to facilitate construction of bridge pier foundation on the River Irwell	The activity shall be commenced within 3 years of the date of the grant of the permit and completed within 9 months of commencement. The activities shall be undertaken outside of the period from 15 March to 15 June inclusive to protect spawning fish and their spawn The activities shall be carried out in accordance with below drawings: • Site layout, drawing No.: 660-023-003, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025 • Bridge pier general arrangement, drawing No.: 660-023-006, Rev C1, dated Jan 2025

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Temporary or enabling works		
T1	Temporary dewatering including installation of temporary sheeted cofferdam with hydraulic waling support frame to facilitate construction of bridge pier foundation on the River Irwell	The activity shall be commenced within 3 years of the date of the grant of the permit and completed within 9 months of commencement. The activities shall be undertaken outside of the period from 15 March to 15 June inclusive to protect spawning fish and their spawn The activities shall be carried out in accordance with below drawings: - Cross section of bridge pier Showing proposed access scaffold, drawing No.: B1512 SK02, Rev B, dated 14/04/2025 - Plan showing access scaffold for construction of brick cladding of pier with materials loading bay, drawing No.: B1512 SK01, Rev B, dated 14/04/2025
T2	Installation of temporary scaffolding to bridge pier on the River Irwell	The activity shall be commenced within 3 years of the date of the grant of the permit and completed within 9 months of commencement. The activities shall be undertaken outside of the period from 15 March to 15 June inclusive to protect spawning fish and their spawn The activities shall be carried out in accordance with below drawings:

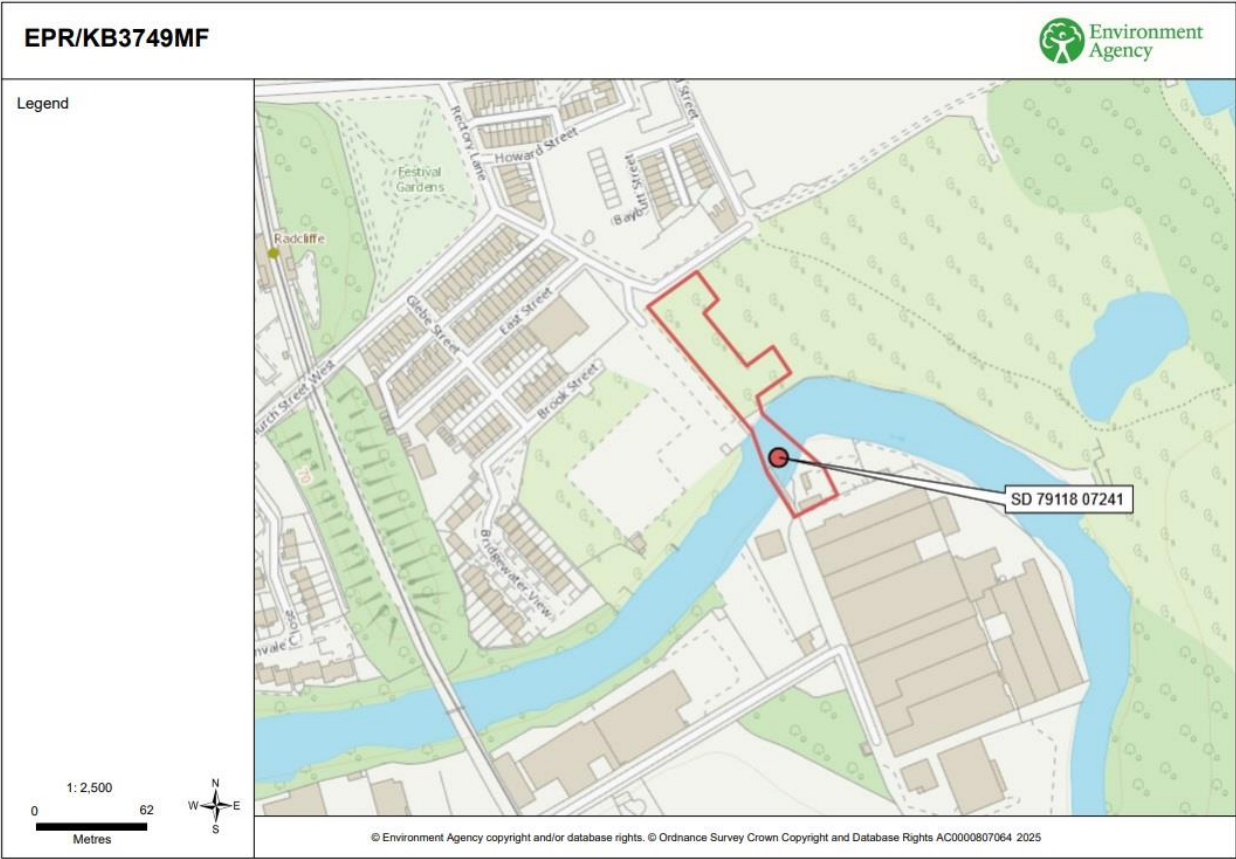
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T3	Construction of temporary access ramp, temporary working platform and temporary stone filled bulk bags / stank in the River Irwell adjacent to south bank	The activity shall be commenced within 3 years of the date of the grant of the permit and completed within 9 months of commencement. The activities shall be undertaken outside of the period from 15 March to 15 June inclusive to protect spawning fish and their spawn The activities shall be carried out in accordance with below drawings: - Cross section of bridge pier Showing proposed access scaffold, drawing No.: B1512 SK02, Rev B, dated 14/04/2025 - Plan showing access scaffold for construction of brick cladding of pier with materials loading bay, drawing No.: B1512 SK01, Rev B, dated 14/04/2025

Table S1.2 Operating techniques			
Requirement	Measures (if measures are specified)	Document reference	Date Received
Condition 2.3.1	Approved Method of Work	Milltown Street Cycle Bridge Method Statement, Document Ref B1512/MS, Rev C, dated 15/04/2025	15/04/2025
Condition 2.3.1 (c) to ensure there is no increase to flood risk or detrimental impact on drainage	The Operator shall register with the Environment Agency Greater Manchester Merseyside & Cheshire area to receive flood warnings and Schedule 8 Heavy rainfall alerts for the duration of the activities and (a) take all	Section of Site Clearance on Page 8 of the Milltown Street Cycle	15/04/2025

Table S1.2 Operating techniques			
Requirement	Measures (if measures are specified)	Document reference	Date Received
	necessary steps, including appropriate mitigation measures, to ensure that the activities do not result in an unacceptable increase in flood risk to any third party (b) if requested by the Environment Agency, remove the structure from the watercourse within 2 hours.	Bridge Method Statement, document ref.: B1512/MS, Rev C, dated 15/04/2025	
Condition 2.3.4 Measures shall be taken to ensure that fish will be protected	Water trapped by the placement of the bulk bags will be subject to a fish rescue prior to dewatering by suitably qualified ecologist (as per CEMP) and any fish found will be re-located a suitable distance upstream of the works.	Section of Site Clearance on Page 5 of the Milltown Street Cycle Bridge Method Statement, document ref.: B1512/MS, Rev C, dated 15/04/2025	15/04/2025
Condition 2.3.4 Measures shall be taken to ensure that fish will be protected	Dewatering will be done via pumps with inlet screening to a maximum of 10mm to ensure no fish are drawn into the pump.	Section of Site Clearance on Page 5 of the Milltown Street Cycle Bridge Method Statement, document ref.: B1512/MS, Rev C, dated 15/04/2025	15/04/2025
Condition 2.3.3 Measures shall be taken to ensure that the activities do not cause the spread of invasive non-native species or plant or animal diseases.	The INNS Management Plan should be followed pre-works, during works and after the works are completed to ensure that the INNS on site do not re-establish	Section 4.11 of Post-Works Mitigation on Page 7 of the Construction Ecological Management Plan, Ver 1.1, dated 10/04/2025	11/04/2025
Condition 2.3.1 (b) to minimise impact on biodiversity	The riverbank should be reinstated including a soft landscaping scheme predominantly based on native species, once any existing resident INNS have been appropriately managed in	Section 4.11 of Post-Works Mitigation on Page 7 of the	11/04/2025

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	accordance with the INNS Management Plan which is informed by the Environment Agency's comments on the proposed development	Construction Ecological Management Plan, Ver 1.1, dated 10/04/2025	
Condition 2.3.4 Measures shall be taken to ensure that fish will be protected	Fish will be protected from piling sound and vibration by use of the silent piling (press-in/hydraulic piling) technique	Section 4.7 of Freshwater Fish on Page 5 of the Construction Ecological Management Plan, Ver 1.1, dated 10/04/2025	11/04/2025

Schedule 2 – Site Plan



Schedule 3 – Interpretation

“application” means the application for this permit, together with any additional information supplied by the operator as part of the application and any response to a notice served under Schedule 5 to the EP Regulations.

“authorised officer” means any person authorised by the Environment Agency under section 108(1) of The Environment Act 1995 to exercise, in accordance with the terms of any such authorisation, any power specified in section 108(4) of that Act.

“EP Regulations” means The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2016 No.1154 and words and expressions used in this permit which are also used in the Regulations have the same meanings as in those Regulations.

“main river” means a watercourse or part of a watercourse designated as main river on the statutory main river map held by the Environment Agency.

“Method of Work” means a document forming part of the operator’s management system, setting out the working methods for carrying out the activity and what measures will be taken to avoid or minimise the risks of environmental effects.

“approved Method of Work” means the operator’s Method of Work approved by the Environment Agency

“environmental effects” means:

- (a) flooding or risk of flooding;
- (b) harm to the environment or risk of harm to the environment; and
- (c) detrimental impact on drainage or risk of detrimental impact on drainage.

“environmental harm” means a result of human activity which may:

- (a) cause harm to the conservation, protection and enhancement of any species and habitats designated under any enactment as having special protection or priority;
- (b) prevent the achievement of environmental objectives within the meaning of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC;
- (c) cause pollution; or
- (d) otherwise adversely affect the protection and enhancement of the environment.

END OF PERMIT