

CONSENT AND LICENSING



Project	:	Brightlingsea Harbour Dredging and Restoration
Client	:	Brightlingsea Harbour Commissioners
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Description : Exo Environmental were appointed Principal Designer and Project Manager of a 4 year dredging and restoration project by the Brightlingsea Harbour Commissioners. This project aimed to remove 53,000m³ of accumulated sediment from within the historic Brightlingsea Harbour and beneficially reuse the majority of the arising material to restore 5ha of local intertidal and saltmarsh habitat.

Due to the quality and extent of the local habitats and the rich biodiversity they support, the site is located within several national and international designated sites. In addition, due to the range of dredging and restoration techniques and the spatial distribution of the dredging and restoration sites, the project was considered to be highly complex by the regulating authorities.

An extensive suite of supporting documentation was prepared for the licensing application including Habitat Regulations, Environmental Impact and Clearing the Waters for All Assessments. Leading archaeologists were also contracted to prepare an assessment of all risks to local heritage assets.

Thanks to our thorough understanding of the legislative background, stakeholder engagement events and environmental monitoring the project, the project is progressing well with no licensing issues encountered. At the time of writing, Year 2 is under way following the submission of our Year 1 summary reports, which were accepted without any comments from the MMO, further highlighting the quality and attention to detail we pride ourselves in.

