

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: SWANSEA UNIVERSITY
Project Number: 2011-0262
Country: *United Kingdom*

Project Description: The purpose of the project is to finance the new Bay Science and Innovation Campus of Swansea University. This capital investment project is dedicated to the development of an Innovation Hub aimed at driving regional regeneration in Wales through the pursuit of R&D activities in collaboration with commercial entities. The new campus will house the university's College of Engineering and the College of Business, Economics and Law. The site will provide a state of the art environment focused on innovation. It should facilitate the development and growth of high-tech clusters in Wales by bringing together academic research, industrial R&D, and undergraduate and postgraduate students on a single site.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social outcomes at Project Completion.

The site for Swansea University's new Bay Campus was a former petrochemical processing, storage and transfer location. As a result of a historic spillage, there was found to be an area of contaminated land that required treatment to remove and reduce the concentrations of hydrocarbons in the contaminated soil. Ongoing monitoring was also required to ensure the mitigation interventions were successful. These remediation measures formed a planning condition as part of the planning permission given to the development of the new Bay Campus.

The promoter has provided copies of the monitoring reports to the EIB team confirming that the requirements of the planning condition are being met.

Further a new nature reserve was created as part of the scheme in accordance with the requirements of the planning permission.

There are no further significant environmental or social issues noted.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter, a completion site visit by the EIB team and the inputs provided by Soil Monitoring Consultant during and after construction that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.