DRAFT Installation of a temporary floating structure in a Main River

Exemption conditions

a. The floating structure is installed for no more than 8 weeks and removed immediately if, within that period, it is no longer required;

b. The floating structure shall be no longer than 20 metres in length

c. The floating structure shall occupy no more than 20% of the width of the channel

d. The floating structure is located no less than 100 metres from any other floating structure.

e. The activity shall not be carried out within 200 metres radius of a European designated nature conservation site, SSSI or National Nature Reserve;

f. The activity shall not be carried out within 50 metres of a flood defence structure or river control work or drainage work

g. The activity is not installed within 100 metres of any non-agricultural buildings that are within the floodplain of a main river

h. The floating structure must be securely attached to the bank at all times;

i. The works must not disturb the bed and banks of the main river beyond the necessary minimum, or cause any pollution, including release of suspended solids in the water.

j. The works must not use vehicles or wheeled or tracked machinery on the bed or bank of the main river.

k. All reasonable steps are taken to protect aquatic plants and aquatic animals found around the floating structure;

l. Except where it is unsafe to do so, debris lodged against the floating structure is removed within 24 hours

m. The operator shall register with the Environment Agency to receive flood alerts for the location of the activities and: (a) take action to ensure that there is no increased flood risk to third parties as a result of carrying out the activities; (b) remove the structure within 4 hours of a flood alert being issued, or when requested by the Environment Agency.

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End of exemption

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