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NATURAL RESOURCES WALES

**SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST: OPERATIONS REQUIRING
CONSULTATION WITH NATURAL RESOURCES WALES (NRW)**

SITE NAME: **SCOVESTON FORT**

UNITARY AUTHORITY: **PEMBROKESHIRE**

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: **16th December 2022**

The operations listed below may damage the features of interest of Scoveston Fort Site of Special Scientific Interest. Before any of these operations (also referred to as Operations Likely to Damage the Special Interest, OLD SI) are undertaken you must consult Natural Resources Wales, and may require our consent. **The list of operations is not a prohibited list.**

It is usually possible to carry out some of these operations in certain ways, or at specific times of year, or on certain parts of the SSSI, without damaging the features of interest. If you wish to carry out any of these operations, please contact the local office of Natural Resources Wales. An officer will give you advice and where appropriate issue our consent. Please help us by using the enclosed form to ask us for consent to carry out any of these operations.

In certain circumstances it will not be possible for Natural Resources Wales to consent these operations, because they would damage the features of interest. Where possible an officer will suggest alternative ways in which you may proceed, which would enable a consent to be issued. To proceed with these operations without Natural Resources Wales' consent is an offence. **If consent is refused, or conditions attached to it, which are not acceptable to you, you will be provided with details of how you may appeal to Welsh Government.**

Ref No	Type of operation
1.	Cultivation, including ploughing, rotovating, harrowing and re-seeding.
2.	Grazing, the introduction of grazing and alterations to the grazing regime (including type of stock, intensity or seasonal pattern of grazing).
3.	Stock feeding, the introduction of stock feeding and alterations to stock feeding practice.
4.	Mowing or cutting vegetation, the introduction of mowing or cutting and alterations to the mowing or cutting regime (such as from haymaking to silage).
5.	Application of manure, slurry, silage liquor, fertilisers and lime.

6. Application of pesticides or other toxic, harmful or irritant chemicals, including those for remedial timber treatment and invertebrate/fungus control, terrestrial and aquatic herbicides (weed killers), and the use of veterinary products.
7. Dumping, spreading or discharging of any materials which might obstruct access to the roost building or produce noxious fumes in or near the roost buildings.
8. Burning, including burning or incineration of materials which may cause smoke or fumes to enter the structure.
9. Release into the site of any wild, feral, captive-bred or domestic animal, plant, seed or micro-organism and any genetically modified organism.
10. Killing, injuring, disturbing, taking or removal of any wild animal, or the eggs/nests of any wild animal or the disturbing, taking, damaging or destroying of any wild animal in its place of shelter excluding pest control.
11. Destruction, displacement, removal or cutting of any plant or plant remains, including tree, shrub, herb, hedge, dead or decaying wood, moss, lichen, fungus, leaf-mould, turf or peat.
12. The introduction of tree, hedgerow and/or woodland management and alterations to tree, hedgerow and/or woodland management including planting, felling, pruning and tree surgery, thinning, coppicing, changes in species composition and removal of fallen timber.
- 13a. Drainage including the use of mole, tile, tunnel or other artificial drains.
- 13b. Modification to the structure of water courses including rivers, streams, springs, ditches, dykes, drains, including their banks and beds, as by re-alignment, regrading, damming or dredging.
- 13c. Management of aquatic and bank vegetation for drainage purposes.
14. Alterations to water levels and tables and water utilisation including irrigation, storage and abstraction from existing water bodies and through boreholes. Also the modification of current drainage regime, (e.g. through the installation of new pumps).
15. Infilling or digging of ditches, dykes, drains, ponds, pools, marshes, quarries or pits.
20. Extraction of minerals including peat, shingle, hard rock, sand and gravel, topsoil, subsoil, chalk, lime, limestone pavement, shells and spoil.

21. Destruction, construction, removal, rerouting, or regrading of roads, tracks, walls, fences, hardstands, banks, ditches or other earthworks, including soil and rock exposures.
22. Storage of materials, including those likely to produce noxious fumes.
23. Erection of permanent or temporary structures or the undertaking of engineering works, including drilling or the laying, maintenance or removal of pipelines and cables, above or below ground.
24. Modification of natural or man-made features (including entrances), demolition, re-roofing, structural change, refurbishments, renewal and replacements of features likely to expose damage, destroy, obstruct access or change internal conditions of the bat roosting area. The clearance of boulders, large stones, loose rock or scree, the battering, buttressing or grading of features and infilling of pits and quarries.
25. Removal of geological specimens, including rock samples, mineral and fossils.
26. Use of vehicles, machinery, artificial lighting, or other devices likely to damage the features of interest, including those likely to produce light, noise, fumes and heat which may result in killing, injury or disturbance of bats.
27. Recreational activities likely to damage the features of interest including those likely to produce noise, fumes and heat which may result in the killing, injury or disturbance of bats.
28. Game and waterfowl management and hunting practises, introduction of game or waterfowl management and alterations to game and waterfowl management and hunting practices.

Notes:

- i. This is a list of operations appearing to Natural Resources Wales to be likely to damage the special features of this SSSI, as required under section 28(4)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as substituted by Schedule 9 to the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
- ii. Where an operation has been granted a consent, licence or permission from another authority separate consent will not normally be required from Natural Resources Wales, however you should always give notice to Natural Resources Wales prior to exercising such consent, licence or permission.
- iii. Any reference to animal in this list shall be taken to include any mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird, fish or invertebrate (including honey bees).