

28 May 2025

Dear

**ATISN 24697 Request for Information Under the Freedom of Information Act –
Environmental Status of the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) at
Broad Haven, Pembrokeshire**

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 8 May 2025. You asked for:
Information about the environmental health and status of the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Marine Protected Area (MPA) around Broad Haven, Pembrokeshire, considering a forthcoming planning application for a new housing development.

Our response

1. What is the current assessed environmental status of the Special Area of Conservation and Marine Protected Area surrounding Broad Haven?

The current Indicative Feature Assessment Report for the Pembrokeshire Marine SAC can be found here [Natural Resources Wales / Indicative feature condition assessments for European marine sites \(EMS\)](#). The West Wales Marine SAC also covers Broad Haven, however, there is no current assessment for this as it was designated after the 2018 condition assessments were undertaken.

2. Has the condition of the SAC been assessed as improving, stable, or declining in recent official reports or condition assessments?

Condition assessments for this site were last released as 'indicative assessments' in 2018 by Natural Resources Wales. SACs are not typically assessed at site level, moreover they are assessed at individual feature level. Therefore, it is not possible to provide an assessment status for the whole SAC. A protected feature is the specific habitat and/or species listed under the SAC. For Pembrokeshire Marine SAC there are six species and seven habitats listed, this includes seals and reefs for example.

3. If available, please provide copies or references to the most recent assessment reports concerning the status of the SAC and water quality in this area.

Please see link in question 1. [Water Watch Wales](#) shows the most up to date information on water quality. The waterbody most of relevance for Broadhaven is in Good Status for water quality. Broadhaven has two designated bathing waters so there will be data held on their bathing water status which can be found on the following link. [2024 bathing water classifications \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

4. Are there any active mitigation or improvement plans currently in place to address pressures such as wastewater and sewage discharges impacting the SAC?

There are no active mitigation or improvement plans in place for these SACs.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely