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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Fairhurst have been appointed by The Highland Council to prepare a Pre-application Consultation (PAC) Report in support of a construction marine licence application for the A836 Naver Bridge Replacement Scheme (“the Proposed Scheme”). Overall, the Proposed Scheme comprises:

- Approximately 450m of new carriageway including verge widening & tie-ins to A836;
- 65m bridge (comprising a prestressed and reinforced concrete composite beam and slab structure with three spans); and
- New Lay-by, Bus turning area & private accesses.

1.2 This report outlines the pre-application consultation process, which has been undertaken to enable the applicant to effectively engage with local communities and stakeholders. The consultation strategy was designed to reflect guidance within the Pre-Application Consultation procedure, in accordance with Sections 22, 23 and 24 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and with the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

1.3 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the current physical distancing guidance in place, the regulations have been amended by The Marine Works and Marine Licensing (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, which came into force on 20th May 2020. Under these amending regulations, where a pre-application consultation event must be held, this is now to be held online, with the public notice reflecting this.

1.4 During the consultation period, a range of communication methods were used to provide information about the Proposed Scheme and to ensure that people had the opportunity to offer their opinions and feedback on the proposals. The communication methods are discussed further in this report.

1.5 A completed PAC Report Form (Regulation 8 Schedule) including Signed Certification is also included in Appendix 7 of this report. All relevant supporting documentation and evidence relevant to this PAC Report is included in the appendices.

2.0 The Proposed Scheme

Background to the Scheme

- 2.1 This section outlines the needs case of the proposed Scheme.
- 2.2 The A836 road begins at the South end of the Dornoch Bridge and ends at John o'Groats, passing through Lairg, Tongue and Thurso. Naver Bridge carries the Tongue to Bettyhill section of the A836 over the River Naver at Bettyhill. It forms part of the North Coast 500 tourist route. It is a mix of single carriageway and single track with passing places. The east approach to the bridge is single carriageway and the west approach is single track with passing places, and the bridge itself is single track with no verges.
- 2.3 The existing structure is a three span wrought iron through girder bridge with a total length of approximately 62m. The substructure comprises stone masonry abutments which are situated within the River Naver. The bridge superstructure is in a poor condition and is considered to be of an age and structural type that any refurbishment scheme would be extensive and costly.
- 2.4 The bridge is narrow with only room for a single traffic lane and no provision for cyclists or pedestrians. The approach alignment is poor, particularly from the East, which coupled with the through girders means that forward visibility is substandard. The poor alignment combined with the poor condition of the structure means that a full replacement and realignment of the structure and approach roads is required. As part of this replacement scheme the existing bridge would need to be demolished.

Proposed Scheme

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- 2.7 The Proposed Scheme comprises over 450m of new carriageway and a 65m three span bridge. The new structure is situated to the south of the existing bridge over the River Naver, one mile south of Bettyhill.
- 2.8 The Proposed Scheme will involve realignment of the existing carriageway and provision of a new bridge crossing which aims to provide a more compliant road geometry and visibility which will lead to a safer section of road. It is considered that the new carriageway construction will likely be formed by cutting into the existing rock formation on the east side and onto new embankment and cutting on the west side. The proposed 65m structure comprises a prestressed and reinforced concrete composite beam and slab structure with three spans. Span length and support locations have been optimised with careful consideration of road alignment options and the effect of the bridge on the hydrology of the River Naver.
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3.0 Approach to Consultation

Consultation – Background

- 3.1 The approach to community engagement reflects the requirements and aims of the engagement process as set out in accordance with Sections 22, 23 and 24 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and with the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.
- 3.2 The legislation applies to all relevant marine licence applications submitted to Marine Scotland and the Proposed Development fall within the criteria that is subject to the public pre-application consultation procedure under this legislation.
- 3.3 The Marine Scotland Guidance sets out that *“Public pre-application consultation consists of at least one public event where local communities, environmental groups, NGOs, regulators and other interested parties are given the opportunity to consider and comment upon a prospective application for those marine licensable activities that are prescribed in the Regulations”*.
- 3.4 Careful consideration for hosting the public consultation event was required due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The regulations have been amended by The Marine Works and Marine Licensing (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, which came into force on the 20th May 2020. Under these amending regulations, pre-application consultation events, are now allowed to be held online, with the public notice reflecting this.
- 3.5 Throughout the consultation, Fairhurst has ensured that the stakeholders have been appropriately identified, had access to relevant information, and have the opportunity to participate in the consultation. To do this, a proactive consultation strategy was undertaken to ensure the required information was circulated to a wide number of stakeholders. Throughout the public engagement process, Fairhurst have been committed to:
- Providing easily accessible information on the Proposed Scheme ;
 - Provide direct means of communication to ask questions, comment and enquire; and
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- Identifying a variety of stakeholders and applying appropriate communication techniques.

Consultation Process

- 3.6 The consultation period commenced on the 13th August 2021 and ran until the 8th October 2021. This included a period of 6 weeks between the consultation period being advertised in the newspaper and stakeholder notifications to the live online consultation event (held on the 24th September 2021). Prior to the preparation of the PAC report, a further 2 weeks followed the live online consultation event, which would allow any consultation responses to be received. This was considered a suitable period of time, particularly as there had been no responses received and no participants took part in the consultation event.
- 3.7 The online consultation website went live on the 5th July 2021, which included consultation boards and details of the live online consultation event. To help inform participants of the proposed scheme, Fairhurst produced a set of consultation boards, which included information on: The Application Site; The Proposed Scheme; Environmental Considerations; and Information on Next Steps (including information on being notified of a subsequent live online consultation event)

Live Online Consultation Event

- 3.8 The live online consultation event was hosted on Microsoft Team's on 24th September 2021 at 13:00. Despite the consultation invitation methods, no participants took part in the event. The presentation and proof that the event took place is located within Appendix 4 of this PAC report.

Communication Methods

- 3.9 During the consultation period, a range of communication methods were used to provide information about the Proposed Development and to ensure that people had the opportunity to offer their opinions and feedback on the proposals. The consultation methods included:
- A dedicated project website page, found at:
<https://www.fairhurst.co.uk/consultation/naver-bridge/>.
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- As per the legislative requirements, the Proposed Scheme was advertised in the John O’Groats Journal Newspaper at least seven days in advance of the consultation period. The advert was placed on the 13th August 2021. A copy of the notice can be located within Appendix 1 of this PAC report;
- An online presentation via Microsoft Teams (in replacement of a public event due to COVID 19);
- Direct email communication to the following Stakeholders:
 - The Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses;
 - The Maritime and Coastguard Agency;
 - The Scottish Environment Protection Agency; and
 - Nature Scott (Previously Scottish Natural Heritage)

3.10 The prospective applicant must notify the above mentioned statutory consultees that an application is to be submitted to Marine Scotland via direct email. All contactable statutory consultees responded to the notification email and copies can be found within Appendix 6. It should be noted that Marine Scotland confirmed that there is no delegate for the North Coast Marine Region currently, confirmation is also found in Appendix 6.

4.0 Consultation Findings

- 4.1 The consultation period took place between 13th August 2021 and 8th October 2021. During the consultation period, no representations were received from the public or any non-statutory consultees. There were also no participants for the online consultation event on the 24th September. Despite no confirmed attendees, Fairhurst held the online consultation event, to confirm that there were no drop-ins and to ensure continuity throughout the consultation period. A demonstration of the live online consultation event is provided in Appendix 4.
- 4.2 All statutory stakeholders that were contacted during the consultation period did respond, a summary of the responses is provided below:

Consultee	Response
Northern Lighthouse Board	13/08/21 - No objections to this proposal and will reply to the full Marine Licence application.
Maritime & Coastguard Agency	17/08/21 -Will reply to the full Marine Licence application. Did not that there is interest due to the navigation of small vessels, therefore will most likely require a methodology, and the potential impact on marine users in the full application.
SEPA	18/08/21 – SEPA confirm advice was already provided outside of the PAC process. Fairhurst can confirm that the advice was considered during the early design of the Proposed Development. There was no specific advice to make on the marine element of the application and simply refer to the standing advice.
NatureScot	30/09/21 – Nature Scot confirmed that comments given at the EIA screening stage (21/02260/SCRE) remain valid. These comments concluded that <i>“the planning application should demonstrate how water quality will be protected, fish passage will be maintained and include details of any site specific mitigation measures proposed. With appropriate mitigation and site design considerations, we consider (in our preliminary view) that it should be possible to avoid adverse effects on the SAC”</i> . The response also provided standing advice for the relevant protected species and a guidance note on dealing with construction and birds.
North Coast Marine	13/08/21 - MS confirmed that there is no delegate for the North Coast Marine Region and therefore, this consultee can be removed.

- 4.3 Fairhurst received no objections or comments to the Proposed Scheme during the consultation period. Therefore, as a result of the PAC process, no changes were made to the Proposed Scheme. As mentioned above, a number of consultees preferred to respond to the Marine License application.
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5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 Fairhurst have been appointed by The Highland Council to prepare a PAC Report in support of a construction marine licence application for the A836 Naver Bridge Replacement Scheme (“the Proposed Scheme”).
- 5.2 This report outlined the pre-application consultation process, which has been undertaken to enable the applicant to attempt to effectively engage with local communities and stakeholders, by using a range of communication methods to provide information about the Proposed Scheme, to ensure that all concerned parties had the opportunity to offer their opinions and feedback on the proposals.
- 5.3 Fairhurst considers that the pre-application consultation outlined in this PAC report, therefore, meets the guidance set out within the Pre-Application Consultation procedure, in accordance with Sections 22, 23 and 24 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and with the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.
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Appendix 1

Newspaper Public Notice

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Wick Harbour Authority Appointment of Board Members 2021

Closing Date for applications – Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 4pm

Due to completion of the term of two existing Board Members, Wick Harbour Authority is seeking applications from high quality individuals interested in being considered for Board membership. Each term of office will run from 1 November 2021 for three years.

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The ability to work well within a committee, to grasp and deal with complex issues and to express your own views clearly will also be required. Residence within a reasonable distance (e.g. 50 miles) of the harbour and familiarity with local issues will also be desirable.

The appointments will be made on the basis of merit and aptitude in accordance with the Modern Trusts Ports for Scotland – Guidance for good governance. Board Members will be expected to attend meetings and otherwise devote one to two days per month to the work of the Board. Duties are similar to those of a company director and will include responsibility for the proper exercise of the statutory functions of the Board. No remuneration beyond necessary expenses will be provided.

Applicants will also be required to demonstrate ability and a proven track record in their chosen profession or other activities and, to complement the existing range of expertise on the Board should ideally have professional or personal experience in one or more of the following areas:

- the trade and industry of the North-east of Scotland, preferably with knowledge of the freight or maritime transport sector; and/or
- knowledge and interest in the local and wider community and the economic and social context within which the Port operates.

Wick Harbour Board is committed to equality of opportunity, encouraging a diverse range of application, and to the principle of appointments on the basis of merit with openness and transparency of process in accordance with the Guide to Good Governance for Trust Ports.

Go to <http://www.harpermacleod.co.uk/wickharbour> for an application pack.

Alternatively, application packs can be collected from Wick Harbour Authority at its office located at Harbour Office, Wick, KW1 5HA or e-mail office@wickharbour.co.uk to request one.

Completed applications should be sent to: FAO Board Secretary
Wick Harbour Authority Board m Wick Harbour Authority, Harbour Office, Wick, KW1 5HA
office@wickharbour.co.uk

The Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

- Marine Licence application for works at Naver Bridge, Naver, Bettyhill, Thurso.

Notice is hereby given that Fairhurst will be submitting an application for a marine licence to Marine Scotland under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010. The marine licence is for the development of a three-span bridge, adjacent to the existing bridge over the River Naver as part of the A836 Naver Bridge Replacement Scheme.

The consultation period will commence on 13th August 2021 running until 24th September 2021, when details of the proposed development will be available via:

<http://www.fairhurst.co.uk/consultations>

Responses to the consultation can be made either by: Writing to the Planning Team at Fairhurst, 1 Amgrove Court, Barrack Road, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, NE4 6DB; or e-mailing josh.murphy@fairhurst.co.uk

The online consultation is being organised in accordance with The Marine Works and Marine Licensing (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020.

Comments made to Fairhurst on behalf of the prospective applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. If the prospective applicant makes an application for a marine licence there will be an opportunity for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application.

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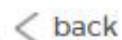


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Appendix 2

Online Consultation Website

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If you can please provide your feedback by Friday 24th September 2021.

Appendix 3

Online Consultation Boards

The A836 Naver Bridge Replacement Scheme

Welcome

Welcome to this public consultation on the proposed marine license for a replacement for Naver Bridge, Naver, Bettyhill, Thurso.

Fairhurst are undertaking Pre-Application Consultation in support of a forthcoming Marine License application, for the proposed development of a three-span bridge, adjacent to the existing bridge over the River Naver, as part of the A836 Naver Bridge Replacement Scheme.

We value the input the public can provide during the consideration of proposed marine based development and welcome your feedback at this stage. This event has been organised in accordance with the Scottish Government's published 'Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013'.

If you have any questions, members of the Project Team can be contacted via the details given and are available to answer any questions or listen to any views that you may have on the project. This consultation period will also include a live consultation event on Friday 24th September 2021. Details of how you can participate are provided below.

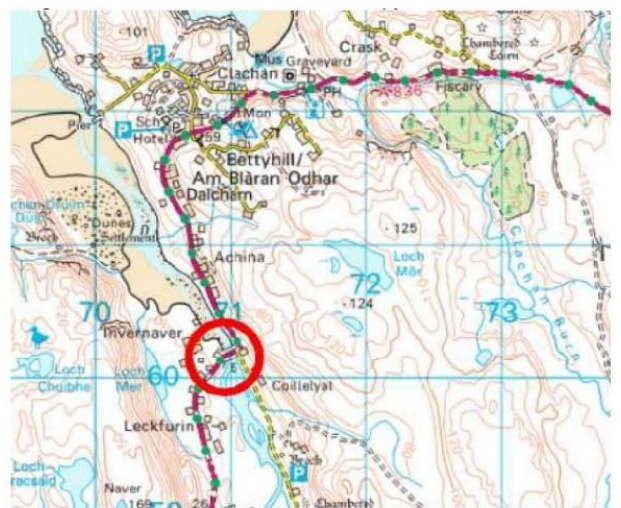
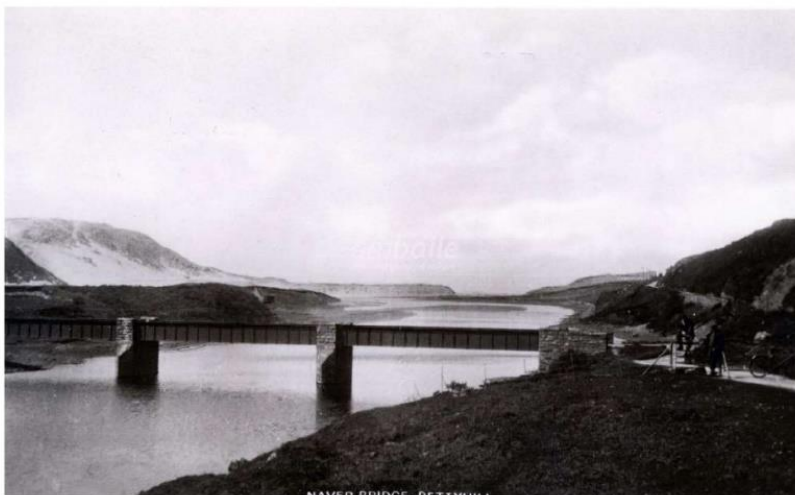
The Site

The proposed development site is located to the South East of the small hamlet Invernaver and to the south of the small village of Bettyhill. The application site spans the River Naver, via the existing A836 Naver Bridge and includes land on both sides of the river.

The land surrounding the site is made up from agricultural and grazing land. There is no national landscape designations surrounding the site.

A few residential properties surround the road which forms the A836 carriageway.

The existing Naver Bridge was built over 140 years ago, without this important transport link the nearest alternative is a 26 mile diversion around Strathnaver.



The Proposed Scheme

The proposed development forms a new three span bridge adjacent to the existing bridge over the River Naver. This proposal seeks to replace the existing single carriageway bridge, which currently has no provision for pedestrians, cyclists or two way traffic.

These proposed works will include:

- Demolition of existing bridge over the River Naver; and
- Construction of new beam and slab structure three span bridge.



The Indicative Plan above provides the current design of the proposed development – subject to change

Providing High-Quality Transport Infrastructure

The new bridge will provide a number of benefits over the existing bridge, including:

- Greater visibility and therefore safety due to the new alignment;
- Greater width to allow for two lane traffic, improving traffic flows;
- Reduced Maintenance costs compared to existing steel structure;
- Safer accesses for existing properties along the A836; and
- Improved Connectivity for Non-Motorised Users (NMUs)



Environmental Considerations

Ecology

- The span of the application site (to the south of the existing bridge) overlaps with the boundary of the River Naver Special Area of Conservation (SAC);
- A series of specialist ecology baseline surveys are being undertaken to inform the design and associated assessment process for the Proposed Scheme;
- A range of construction standard mitigation measures will be proposed that will aim to avoid or minimise potential impacts on the River Naver SAC, notable habitats and species, including Atlantic salmon and freshwater pearl mussels;
- Following completion of the specialist ecology baseline surveys, the Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) would assess the impacts of the Proposed Scheme on the ecological receptors and identify project specific mitigation to further minimise or compensate for potential impacts; and
- This assessment will demonstrate how water quality will be protected, fish passage will be maintained and include details of any site specific mitigation measures proposed in order to avoid adverse effects on the SAC.

Landscape

- The proposed new replacement infrastructure has the potential to affect landscape and visual receptors within the study area; and
- There are very few receptors in the locality and the Proposed Scheme design will incorporate appropriate embedded mitigation to avoid or reduce environmental impacts on the identified environmental receptors.

Noise & Air Quality

- For the construction phase, all work will be undertaken in accordance with a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Dust Management Plan (DMP).

Flood Risk, Drainage & Hydrology

- A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) is proposed to accompany the planning application. The FRA will consider various potential sources of flood risk including joint probability fluvial/tidal effects established through numerical modelling of the River Naver reach upstream and downstream of the bridge location; and
- It is expected that any surface water discharge from the Proposed Scheme will be made to a tidal reach of the River Naver. On this basis, it is not anticipated that there will be any significant increases in flood risk from surface water run-off as a result of the Proposed Scheme.

What Happens Next?

Moving Forward



Public consultation Event



Consideration of
All comment responses



Submission of the PAC report



Preparation and Submission of Marine License Application



Submission
Autumn 2021



We are currently at Pre-Application Consultation stage, where consideration of all comments from the general public and interested parties (your views!) will be given consideration before preparation of the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report, which will be submitted with the Marine License application.

Fairhurst are currently aiming to formally submit the Marine License in Autumn 2021. Marine Scotland will then respond with a formal decision approximately 13 weeks from the submission date of the Marine License Application.

Thank you for viewing our online Public Consultation Event and we hope to have provided sufficient information and answered any questions you may have regarding the proposals at this stage.

We would love to hear your thoughts! - Please send in your comments and feedback to Josh.Murphy@fairhurst.co.uk

If you can please provide your feedback by Friday 24th September 2021.

Should you want to be notified of our subsequent live Consultation event/ Q&A session (to allow for further meaningful interaction) please email Josh Murphy at josh.murphy@fairhurst.co.uk

Fairhurst will then be in contact to discuss your availability and operational requirements for this follow up event.

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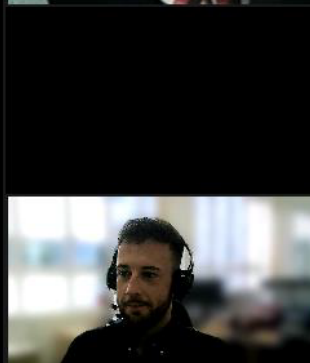
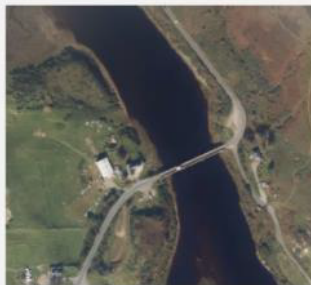
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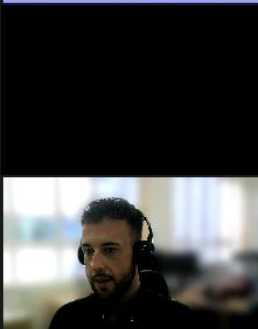
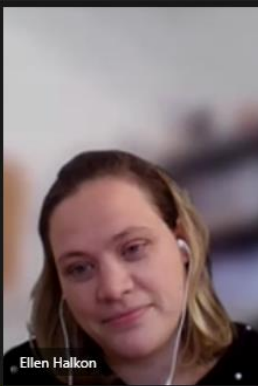
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We value the input the public can provide during the consideration of proposed marine based development and welcome your feedback at this stage. This event has been organised in accordance with the Scottish Government's published 'Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013'.

The Site

The proposed development site is located to the South East of the small hamlet Invernaver and to the south of the small village of Bettyhill. The application site spans the River Naver, via the existing A836 Naver Bridge and includes land on both sides of the river.

The land surrounding the site is made up from agricultural and grazing land. There is no national landscape designations surrounding the site.

A few residential properties surround the road which forms the A836 carriageway.

The existing Naver Bridge was built over 140 years ago, without this important transport link the nearest alternative is a 26 mile diversion around Strathnaver.



The Proposed Scheme

The proposed development forms a new three span bridge adjacent to the existing bridge over the River Naver. This proposal seeks to replace the existing single carriageway bridge, which currently has no provision for pedestrians, cyclists or two way traffic.

These proposed works will include:

- Demolition of existing bridge over the River Naver; and
- Construction of new beam and slab structure three span bridge.



The Indicative Plan above provides the current design of the proposed development – subject to change

Providing High-Quality Transport Infrastructure

The new bridge will provide a number of benefits over the existing bridge, including:

- Greater visibility and therefore safety due to the new alignment;
- Greater width to allow for two lane traffic, improving traffic flows;
- Reduced Maintenance costs compared to existing steel structure;
- Safer accesses for existing properties along the A836; and
- Improved Connectivity for Non-Motorised Users (NMUs)



Environmental Considerations

Ecology

- The span of the application site (to the south of the existing bridge) overlaps with the boundary of the River Naver Special Area of Conservation (SAC);
- A series of specialist ecology baseline surveys are being undertaken to inform the design and associated assessment process for the Proposed Scheme;
- A range of construction standard mitigation measures will be proposed that will aim to avoid or minimise potential impacts on the River Naver SAC, notable habitats and species, including Atlantic salmon and freshwater pearl mussels;
- Following completion of the specialist ecology baseline surveys, the Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) is being undertaken to assess the impacts of the Proposed Scheme on the ecological receptors and identify project specific mitigation to further minimise or compensate for potential impacts; and
- This assessment will demonstrate how water quality will be protected, fish passage will be maintained and include details of any site specific mitigation measures proposed in order to avoid adverse effects on the SAC.

Landscape

- The proposed new replacement infrastructure has the potential to affect landscape and visual receptors within the study area; and
- There are very few receptors in the locality and the Proposed Scheme design will incorporate appropriate embedded mitigation to avoid or reduce environmental impacts on the identified environmental receptors.

Noise & Air Quality

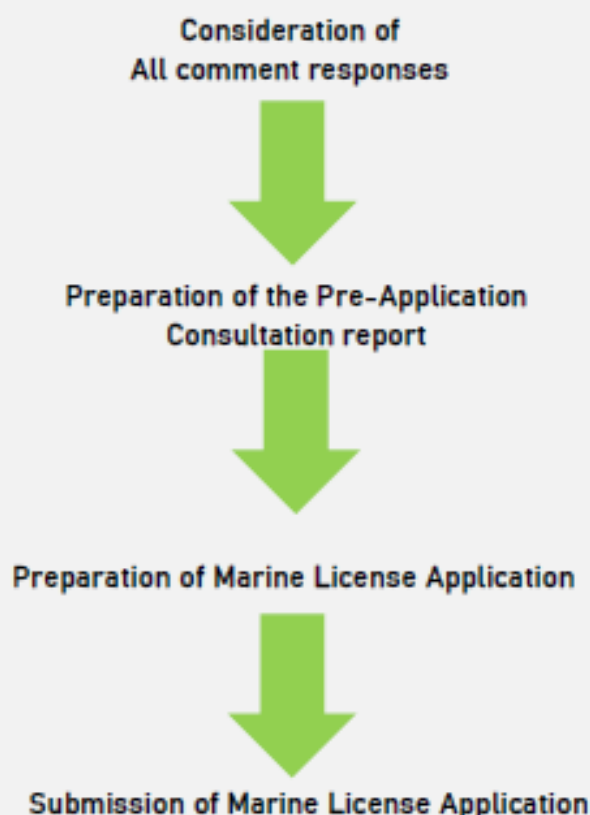
- For the construction phase, all work will be undertaken in accordance with a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Dust Management Plan (DMP).

Flood Risk, Drainage & Hydrology

- A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) is proposed to accompany the planning application. The FRA will consider various potential sources of flood risk including joint probability fluvial/tidal effects established through numerical modelling of the River Naver reach upstream and downstream of the bridge location; and
- It is expected that any surface water discharge from the Proposed Scheme will be made to a tidal reach of the River Naver. On this basis, it is not anticipated that there will be any significant increases in flood risk from surface water run-off as a result of the Proposed Scheme.

What Happens Next?

Moving Forward



We are currently at Pre-Application Consultation stage, where consideration of all comments from the general public and interested parties (your views!) will be given consideration before preparation of the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report, which will be submitted with the Marine License application.

Fairhurst are currently aiming to formally submit the Marine License in Autumn 2021. Marine Scotland will then respond with a formal decision approximately 13 weeks from the submission date of the Marine License Application.

Thank you for attending our online Public Consultation Event and we hope to have provided sufficient information and answered any questions you may have regarding the proposals at this stage.

We would love to hear your thoughts! - Please send any additional comments and feedback to Josh.Murphy@fairhurst.co.uk by Friday 8th October 2021

Appendix 6

Stakeholder Responses

- 1) NatureScot**
- 2) SEPA**
- 3) Northern Lighthouse Board**
- 4) Maritime and Coastguard Agency**
- 5) Marine Scotland – Confirmation**



Thu 30/09/2021 12:04

Sian Haddon <Sian.Haddon@nature.scot>

RE: Pre Application Consultation for Marine Licence application: Naver Bridge, Naver, Bettyhill, Thurso.

To Josh Murphy

Cc Michael Jones



21_02260_SCRE - EIA screening for A836 Naver Bridge replacement scheme - Response - 08 June 2021 (A3479197).pdf
670 KB

Morning Josh,

I've had a look at the information for this proposal on your website and can confirm our comments given at the screening stage remain valid. The only thing I would add is in relation to protected species (e.g. otter, breeding birds etc.) that may be present within the area of works – our website includes [standing advice](#) for the relevant species and a guidance note on [dealing with construction and birds](#) which may be of use to you.

If you require advice on specific elements of the survey work, results or proposed mitigation measures prior to submission of your application, please come back to us.

The pre-application information looks to have incorporated our screening advice, which we welcome, so I include a copy of our previous response for information only.

I hope the above is useful and please accept my apologies for the delay in confirming this for you.

Kind regards,

Sian

Siân Haddon | Area Officer, Northern Isles & North Highland

NatureScot | The Links, Golspie Business Park, Golspie, Sutherland KW10 6UB | t: 01463 701 608

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Please note I am currently working from home, so please e-mail me in the first instance.

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Wed 18/08/2021 13:15

Planning.North <Planning.North@sepa.org.uk>

1206 - Pre Application Consultation for Marine Licence application: Naver Bridge, Naver, Bettyhill, Thu

To Josh Murphy



1491 - Naver Bridge Replacement - Preliminary Enquiry for Flood Risk and Drainage Strategy - SEPA response
Outlook item

OFFICIAL – BUSINESS

Dear Mr Murphy

Thank you for your email below which was passed onto our team. We have already provided advice to your colleague Bob on the proposals which I attach for your information in case you've not seen it. I can confirm that we have no specific advice to make on the marine element of the application and in this regards you should simply refer to our standing advice - [lups-gu13.pdf](https://sepa.org.uk/lups-gu13.pdf) (sepa.org.uk)

Any pre-application consultations should be sent to SEPAs planning teams via this email address if north of and including Highland and Aberdeenshire – and planning.southeast@sepa.org.uk and planning.sw@sepa.org.uk for those further south. However we only need be consulted if the standing advice does not cover the issues you are interested in and there is a site specific issue on which you would like advice.

Kind regards

Susan

Susan Haslam

Senior Planning Officer - Planning Service North
Graesser House, Dingwall Business Park, Dingwall

Email: planning.north@sepa.org.uk

Mobile:

Please note my working days are Monday to Thursday and Friday morning

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Fri 13/08/2021 11:47

Adam Lewis <Adam.Lewis@nlb.org.uk> on behalf of navigation <navigation@nlb.org.uk>

RE: Pre Application Consultation for Marine Licence application: Naver Bridge, Naver, Bettyhill, Thurso.

To Josh Murphy

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Good morning Josh,

Thank you for sending over the Pre-Application documents relating to the bridge replacement works at Naver.

I have attached NLB’s response to the PAC, and as mentioned in our letter, we will respond in kind to the formal ML application.

Regards

Adam

Official - Northern Lighthouse Board Email

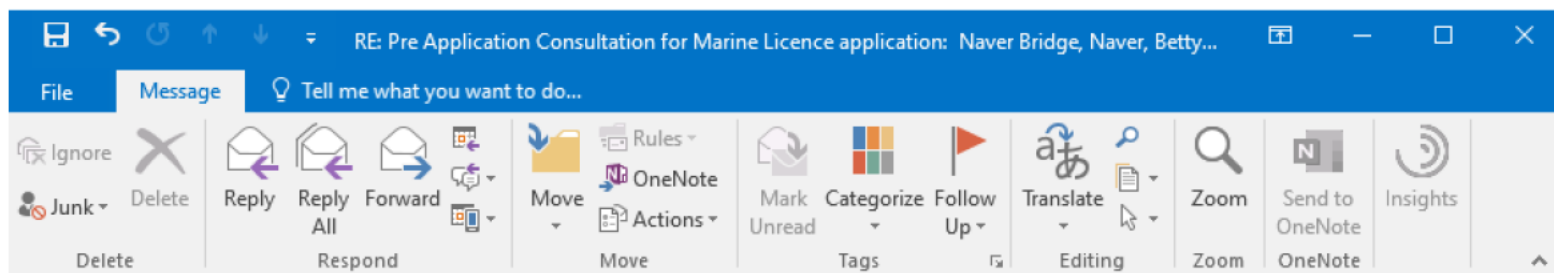
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Tue 17/08/2021 15:59

 navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>

RE: Pre Application Consultation for Marine Licence application: Naver Bridge, Naver, Bettyhill, Thurso.

To  Josh Murphy;  Info Line

Cc  Public Relations;  Sam Chudley

Dear Josh,

Thank you for the notification regarding your proposed Marine Licence application submission to Marine Scotland for the Naver Bridge works.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency is a statutory consultee to Marine Scotland and we will be formally consulted on your marine licence application from the safety of navigation perspective. We will assess the full details of your proposals at that time. Based on the information provided so far, the works appear to be outside of any Statutory Harbour Authority jurisdiction (although this should be confirmed) and that the river Naver is navigable for smaller craft. We would therefore have an interest in the works, the methodology, and the potential impact on marine users.

Kind regards

Helen

Helen Croxson

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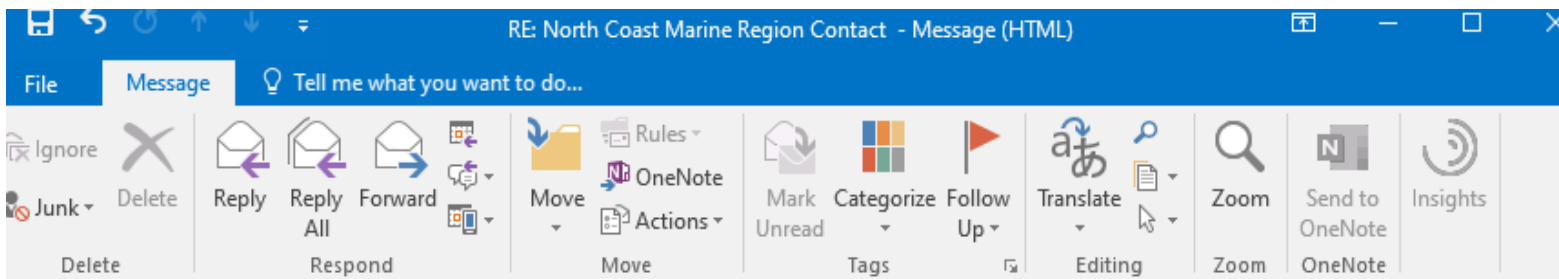
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Please note my working days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.



Fri 13/08/2021 13:58

MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot

RE: North Coast Marine Region Contact

To: Josh Murphy

Hi Josh,

I can confirm there is no delegate for the North Coast Marine Region currently so you may miss that consultee out.

Kind regards,

Hamish

From: Josh Murphy <josh.murphy@fairhurst.co.uk>

Sent: 13 August 2021 12:52

To: MS Marine Licensing <MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot>

Cc: Cruickshank L (Lyndsay) <Lyndsay.Cruickshank@gov.scot>; Marine Scotland Mailbox <MarineScotland@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: North Coast Marine Region Contact

Hi Hamish

As per the marine pre application reg, I need to contact the following:

(a)the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses;

(b)the Maritime and Coastguard Agency;

(c)the Scottish Environment Protection Agency;

(d)Scottish Natural Heritage; and

(e)North Coast Marine Region (*any delegate for a marine region where the application for a marine licence is for an activity which is to be carried out wholly or partly in that region.*)

I can't find an email for a delegate of (e) the norty coast marine region

Thanks

Josh Murphy

Appendix 7

PAC Report Form

SCHEDULE

Regulation 8

Form

PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION REPORT

Marine (Scotland) Act 2010: Section 24

1. Proposed Licensable Marine Activity

Please describe below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form the proposed licensable marine activity, including its location

Naver Bridge Replacement Bridge

2. Applicant Details

Title Initials Surname

Mr Josh Murphy

Trading Title
(if appropriate)

Address

Fairhurst

1 Amersay Court

Barnack Road

Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 6DB

Name of contact
(if different)

Position within Company
(if appropriate)

Senior Planner

Telephone No.
(inc. dialing code)

0191 221 0505

Fax No.
(inc. dialing code)

Company Registration No.

Email

Is this prospective applicant the proposed licensee?

YES ☒

NO ☐

If NO, please complete Section 3 below.

3. Proposed Licensee Details

Title

Initials

Surname

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Trading Title
(if appropriate)

Address

The Highland Council Headquarters Glenurquhart Road Inverness	IV3 5NX
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Name of contact
(if different)

Position within Company
(if appropriate)

Telephone No.
(inc. dialing code)

Fax No.
(inc. dialing code)

Company Registration No.

Email

Bryan.Stout@highland.gov.uk

4. Pre-application Consultation Event

Please describe below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form the pre-application consultation event

Microsoft Teams Meeting - 24th September 2021
The presentation was presented by Fairhurst (Michael Jones), and consisted of slides featuring current plans and information of the Proposed Scheme. A Q&A session then followed.

5. Information provided by the Prospective Applicant at the Pre-application Consultation Event

Please provide below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form details of any information provided by the prospective applicant for a marine licence at the pre-application consultation event

Dedicated Website <https://www.fairhurst.co.uk/consultation/naver-bridge/>
Online Presentation Boards, including plans and information.
Direct Contact details for Fairhurst were public.

6. Information received by the Prospective Applicant at the Pre-application Consultation Event

Please provide below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form details of any comments and objections received by the prospective applicant for a marine licence at the pre-application consultation event

No new information was received during the course of consultation.

7. Amendments made, or to be made, to the Application for a Marine Licence by the Prospective Applicant following their Consideration of Comments and/or Objections received at the Pre-application Consultation Event

Where any amendments are made, or are to be made, by the prospective applicant for a marine licence to the marine licence application as a direct result of their consideration of comments and/or objections received at the pre-application consultation event, please provide below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form details of such amendments

No comments or objections were received that would need amendments to be made.

8. **Explanation of Approach taken by the Prospective Applicant where, following Relevant Comments and/or Objections being received by the Prospective Applicant at the Pre-application Consultation Event, no Relevant Amendment is made to the Application for a Marine Licence**

Where, following comments and/or objections having been received by the prospective applicant for a marine licence at the pre-application consultation event, no relevant amendment is made to the application for a marine licence by the prospective applicant, then please provide below or, where there is insufficient space, in a document attached to this form an explanation for the approach taken

No comments/ objections that could be actioned were received.

CERTIFICATION

Insert name

Josh Murphy

Insert Address

Fairhurst

1 Amgrove Court, Barrack Road,

Town

Newcastle upon Tyne,

County

Postcode

NE4 6DB

I certify that I have complied with the legislative requirements relating to pre-application consultation and that the pre-application consultation has been undertaken in accordance with the statutory requirements.

Signature _____

Date _____

