003 - National Marine Plan Considerations for Ardrossan Marina Dredge

The project has been considered against the principles and general policies of Scotland's National Marine 2015 and was found to be in keeping with those relevant to the nature of the works. Those relevant considerations include Gen2 - Economic Benefit ; Gen3 - Social Benefit;; in addition to Gen7 --Landscape and Seascape ; Gen8 -Coastal Processes and Flood Risk; and Gen13 -Noise.

The overall project is considered to represent both an economic and social benefit in relation to the development of a new marina in the Ardrossan area Gen 2 and Gen 3 are key project objectives in the development of the use of the marine environment with associated employment and income. The reuse of the dredge arisings as part of the Ardrossan North Shore site also represents an economic and social benefit in relation to the development of that site for a future mixed use including a school campus ara.

The dredging project is not considered to have an impact on Landscape and Seascape as per Gen7.

The dredging campaign itself is not considered to have an impact to coastal processes or flood risk. The reuse of the dredge arisings as part of the Ardrosasan North Shore site will provide a key benefit in relation to the flood protection level requirements for that development, as identified from the project risk assessment. This provision satisfies the requirements of Gen 8.