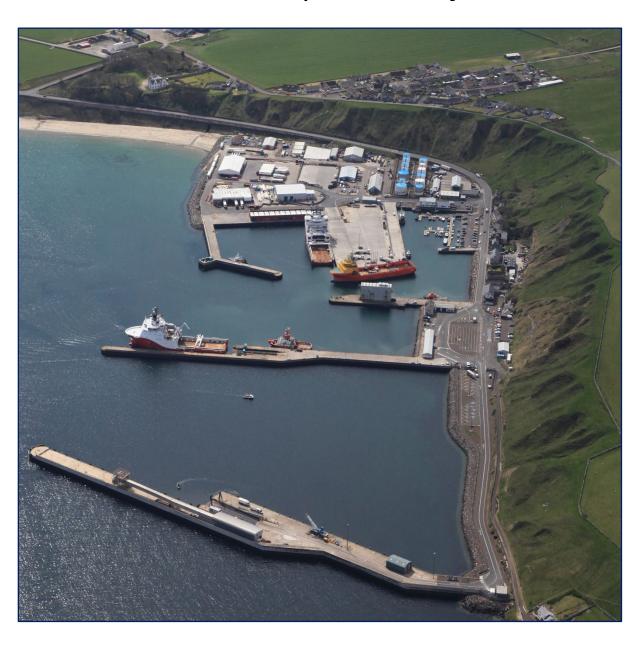


Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report: St Ola Pier Redevelopment Project





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1 Project Summary and Information

1.1 Port of Scrabster

Scrabster Harbour is a Trust Port established in 1841 and managed by Scrabster Harbour Trust. Scrabster is located on the north coast of Caithness and has a grid reference of ND10437 70310. Scrabster is situated 1.5 miles northwest of the town of Thurso.

Scrabster is the main commercial port on the north coast of the British Mainland. Scrabster is a multi-purpose port and current operations include:

- Lifeline ferry route to Orkney Islands
- Major UK landing port for Whitefish and Shellfish
- Support of Oil and Gas activity on Atlantic Margin
- Support of Marine renewables in the Pentland Firth and surrounding waters.
- Cargo operations including weekly fish cargo service from the Faroes
- Coastal tankers
- Cruise Vessels
- RNLI
- Leisure

1.2 Project Description

Scrabster Harbour Trust propose to redevelop the existing St Ola Pier. The development seeks to redevelop an existing pier, rather than created a new pier structure. A drawing showing the extent of the redevelopment works is shown below.

The proposed redevelopment in summary comprises of the following:

- Installation of new piled quay wall and pier deck to expand the existing pier. The renovated pier will be approximately 280 metres long with straight berthing faces. Some demolition works to the existing pier will be required to facilitate these works;
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 approximately 145,000 cubic metres of sandy gravel and clay;
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• Installation of a new fuel pipe and water pipeline along the seabed from the Jubilee Pier across the inner birth and on the St. Ola Pier; or installation of a new fuel pipe along land onto St Ola Pier to facilitate future development of a new fuel tank on the proposed reclamation area. The erection of a future fuel tank will be a separate project at a later date but for the purpose of EIA, the fuel tank will be approximately 15 metres diameter by 12 metres high.



2 Consenting Procedures and Requirements

2.1 Marine Licence

Under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 any activity involving the deposit or removing of substances or objects in the sea either on or under the seabed, construct/alter/improve any works in or over the sea or on or under the seabed or any kind of dredging activities, under the Mean High Water Spring (MHWS) line are all subject to marine licence according to the Act. Most of the redevelopment project falls below the MHWS and hence will require a marine licence. In addition, there will be a requirement for dredging and potentially dredging disposal which will also require a marine licence.

2.2 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The project was subject to an EIA Screening exercise in 2018 and subsequently determined to be EIA development by Marine Scotland.

An EIA Scoping exercise was subsequently undertaken in July 2018 with the submission of an EIA Scoping Report. Marine Scotland provided a scoping opinion in September which was used to inform project development and the associated EIA.

2.3 Marine Pre-Application Consultation (PAC)

The Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, prescribe the marine licensable activities that are subject to pre-application consultation and, in combination with the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, set out the nature of the pre-application process. The legislation came into force on 1st January 2014 and applies to all relevant marine licence applications submitted to Marine Scotland's Licensing Operations Team (MSLOT) on or after 6 April 2014. The redevelopment project exceeds the trigger for public consultation as outlined within the aforementioned Regulations (i.e. extension or improvement or any works which exceed 1000 square meters) and therefore a formal pre-application consultation was considered necessary in advance of the submission of the marine licence application.



3 List of Stakeholders

Scrabster Harbour Trust has an existing list of stakeholders established through current engagement activities and those stakeholder groups listed in Transport Scotland's Modern Trust Ports for Scotland Guidance for good governance.

The following bodies and groups were identified as appropriate targets for pre-application consultation.

Statutory Consultees:

- Marine Scotland;
- The Commissioners of the Northern Lighthouses;
- Historic Environment Scotland;
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA);
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA);
- Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH);

Port Users:

- Scrabster Harbour Port Users;
- Cruise Lines Operators and Ground Handlers;
- Oil and Gas Operators;
- Shipping Agents and Logistics companies;
- RNLI;
- Tenants.

Community and Economic Development Organisations:

- Highlands and Islands Enterprise;
- Nuclear Decommissioning Authority;
- Dounreay Site Restoration Limited;
- Caithness Chamber of Commerce;
- Caithness Transport Forum;
- Caithness and North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership;
- Dounreay Stakeholder Group;
- Crown Estate;
- Highland Council and local Councillors;
- Local MSPs and MP;
- Local residents/members of the public;
- Trade Union.



4 Stakeholder Engagement Methodology

4.1 Statutory Requirements

The Marine Licensing (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, in combination with the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, set out the nature of the pre-application consultation process.

The programme of Pre-Application consultation was undertaken in line with the aforementioned legislation with the following completed:

- **4.1.1 Requirements** Notification to the following statutory consultees that an application for a marine licence for a prescribed activity is to be submitted to MS-LOT (Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team):
 - The Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses;
 - The Maritime and Coastguard Agency;
 - The Scottish Environment Protection Agency;
 - Scottish Natural Heritage;
 - and any delegate for the relevant marine region or regions, when such delegates have been established under Section 12(1) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

The notifications were undertaken in line with the requirements; a copy of the associated notification letter(s) is included in Appendix 4.1 of this report.

4.1.2 Requirements - Undertaking of at least one pre-application Public Consultation 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.

No less than 6 weeks in advance of the pre-application consultation event, the prospective applicant must also publish in a local newspaper a notice containing:

- A description, including location, of the marine licensable activity.
- Details as to where further details concerning the activity may be obtained.
- The date and place of the pre-application consultation event.
- A statement explaining how persons wishing to provide comments may do so and the date by which this must be done.
- A statement clarifying that comments are made to the prospective applicant and not to MS-LOT and that there will be an opportunity for representations to be made to MS-LOT on the application.

The consultation event must be held in a suitably accessible venue. The venue must be suitably accessible both in terms of allowing physical access by persons of impaired mobility and being local to the proposed marine licensable activity. This is to allow the provision of information



to, and attendance by, persons who are most likely to have an active interest in the proposed activity. The venues in which these events are held are likely to vary in size and nature, dependent largely upon the availability of public buildings in those parts of Scotland close to where the proposed marine licensable activities are to take place. It is expected by MS-LOT that the typical venue which will be used will be a local town hall or hotel.

The newspaper notice was published in accordance with the requirements; a copy of the newspaper notice is provided in Appendix 4.2 of this report. The notice was placed in the John O'Groat Journal which has a circulation of approximately 4,600.

The public consultation event is summarised in greater detail in Section 6 of this report.

4.1.3 Requirements - Notification of the aforementioned Public Consultation Event to the following statutory consultees:

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- The Scottish Environment Protection Agency;
- Scottish Natural Heritage;
- and any delegate for the relevant marine region or regions, when such delegates have been established under Section 12(1) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

The notification should include basic information relating to the application and include the time and location of the consultation event. The notification must be made at least 6 weeks in advance of the event.

The notifications were undertaken in line with the requirements; a copy of the associated notification letters are included in Appendix 4.3 of this report.



5 Additional Stakeholder Engagement

The project team undertook the statutory pre-application notifications as outlined in Section 4 of this report. Additionally, a number of further measures (outlined below) were undertaken to raise the profile of the project and engage with stakeholders, particularly in advance of the public consultation event; these measures were undertaken in exceedance of the statutory requirements.

5.1 Public Notices

In addition to the statutory public notice referenced in Section 4.1.2, further public notices were placed in both the John O'Groat Journal and Caithness Courier, the week of the public consultation event. These papers have a circulation figures of approximately 4,600 and 3,250 respectively. These public notices gave further project information and encouraged people to visit the event and give feedback.

A copy of the public notice is provided in Appendix 5.1 of this report.

5.2 Direct Stakeholder Contact

Those bodies listed in Section 3 of the report, were notified directly of the public consultation event via email and/or a letter drop.

Details of the public consultation event were also circulated via Caithness Chamber of Commerce (via both email and social media), and verbally through the Caithness Transport Forum held on 13th June 2019. Sample copies of these communications are provided in Appendix 5.2 of this report.

5.3 Further Event Advertisement

The public consultation event was advertised through placement of event flyers in locations within the Port and the surrounding vicinity. A copy of the flyer is provided in Appendix 5.3 of this report.



6 The Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Event

The Pre-Application Consultation event was held in line with the statutory requirements of The Marine Licensing (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

6.1 Key Points

Timing – the event was held 6 weeks after the publication of the public notice detailed in Section 4.1.2 of this report;

Location – the event was held in the St.Ola House, Scrabster harbour, within the vicinity of the proposed project works;

Access and Availability – the event was held on the ground floor of St.Ola House in order to ensure accessibility for all stakeholders; the event was held from 2.00pm – 8.00pm to facilitate stakeholders to attend *after work*;

Provision of Project Information - project information was provided on large scale (A1) display boards with project team staff available to provide additional information and/or address stakeholder questions;

Collection of Stakeholder Comments – questionnaires were made available at the event to collect comments from stakeholders; opportunity was provided to respondents to return questionnaires during or after the event.

6.2 Summary of Event Display Materials

The following materials were provided at the public consultation event:

Six (A1/colour) exhibition boards were displayed at the event (as follows):

- Board 1: Project Summary (1)
 - Background to Scrabster Harbour Trust
 - Aims of the St Ola Pier Redevelopment Project
 - Anticipated Project
 - Project description
- Board 2: Project Summary (2)
 - Marine Licensing and Environmental Assessment
 - Environmental assessment
 - Current project timeline
- Board 3: Location Plan
- Board 4: Extent of the Works



- Board 5: Illustrative General Arrangement
- Board 6: Illustrative Sections

The exhibition boards (reduced to scale) are included in Appendix 6.1 of this report. In addition to the exhibition boards, a viewpoint map was provided showing the current harbour layout.

Plates 6.1 and 6.2 are provided as illustrations of the event in progress and the aforementioned materials in place.

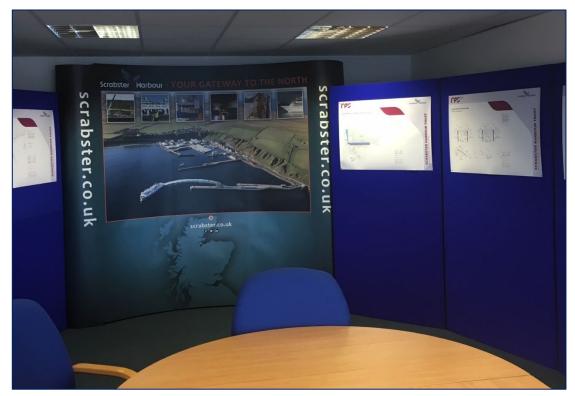


Plate 6.1 Display Materials in Place at the Public Consultation Event





Plate 6.2 Attendees at the Public Consultation Event

6.3 Summary of Stakeholder Feedback

Forty-five people attended the public consultation event.

A total of twenty feedback questionnaires were returned; nineteen on the day of the event and one submitted after the event.

A sample questionnaire is provided in Appendix 6.2 of this report; the full results are of the feedback questionnaires are included in Appendix 6.3 of this report.

In summary the feedback indicated the following:

- The variety of communication channels used to publicise the event had been successful.
- All respondents said that they had been provided with enough information regarding the project
- Noise and Vibration plus traffic were the main environmental issues associated with the project.
- Nineteen of the respondents said that the project will be beneficial for the economy. Only
 one person considered that the project would not be beneficial. One respondent gave a
 positive response but additionally an unsure response as they had doubts regarding the
 cruise aspect.



- Considering the information provided 19 people indicated support for the project with only one individual not. With regards to specific reasons for their answer, most respondents (12 returns) gave no comments. Of those who did comment, the economic benefits of the project were highlighted.
- Regarding specific comments on the project, most respondents (10 returns) did not leave
 a comment. Of the remainder the bulk of comments were concerns from the residents of
 the nearby former lighthouse expressing concern regarding visual issue, traffic, noise,
 piling and vibration causing landslides and property damage plus potential coastal
 erosion.
- The respondents were predominantly male (13 returns) and in the age group 40-59 years
- In terms of stakeholder groups represented, there was a good cross section of the SHT stakeholder groups who responded with the breakdown as follows:

Local Business 5 (persons)

Local Community 8
Port Employee 1
Port User 5
No information given 2

6.4 Consideration of Stakeholder Feedback

The Trust along with the project team has considered the comments received during the preapplication consultation phase.

Whilst the majority of respondents indicated support for the project, some concerns were raised with regards to associated environmental issues relating to visual impacts, traffic, noise, piling and vibration (land stability) and coastal erosion.

Such matters have been considered within the context of the project design process but significantly, these matters have also been addressed both during the project EIA scoping and reporting phase.

It is considered that these matters have been addressed adequately and sufficient information (baseline, impact assessment and mitigation proposals) is provided within the project marine licence applications and environmental statement.



7 Reporting and Recording

7.1 Data Collection

Data was collected via a formal feedback form. It has been recorded in a consistent form to allow comparisons and quantitative summaries to be made.

7.2 Stakeholder Database

A stakeholder database has been established to record the contact details of those wishing to be kept appraised of the progress of the project. This will be maintained and employed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and will solely be used to provide information about the proposed development in accordance with the requests from specific respondents.

7.3 Recording Feedback

Formal feedback was obtained in the form of standardised questionnaires provided at the public consultation event.



8 Post Application

8.1 Ongoing Engagement

This document has focussed on the pre-application consultation phase, specific to that required under the Marine Licensing application process for the St Ola Pier Redevelopment Project.

However, it should be noted that as a Trust port, Scrabster Harbour Trust has multiple stakeholder and associated communication methods which will continue to be used to communicate the progress of the project both through the statutory approvals phase (post application) but also during construction and operational phases.

8.2 Ongoing Project Contact

Should further information be required in respect of the project, the following project team member should be contacted:

- Sandy Mackie (Project Manager) Scrabster Harbour Trust sandy.mackie@scrabster.co.uk
- Alastair McKinley (Marine Licence and EIA) RPS <u>alastair.mckinley@rpsgroup.com</u>
- Sarah Gibson (Engineering and Design) RPS sarah.gibson@rpsgroup.com



APPENDICES

Appendix 4.1 Marine Licence Notification Letters



Date: 03 April 2019

Scottish Natural Heritage Great Glen House Leachkin Road Inverness IV3 8NW Elmwood House 74 Boucher Road BELFAST BT12 6RZ T: +44 2890 667 914

Dear Sir/Madam,

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I am writing on behalf of Scrabster Harbour Trust (SHT) to give you notice as required by and in accordance with Section 23 of The Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, that an application for a marine licence is to be submitted to Marine Scotland in relation to the proposed redevelopment of St. Ola Pier, Scrabster Harbour, Thurso, KW12 7UJ.

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The detailed design of the proposed redevelopment is still being finalised. However, it is anticipated that the proposed works will comprise:

- (1) Installation of new piled quay wall and pier deck to expand the existing pier. The renovated pier will be approximately 280 metres long with straight berthing faces. Some demolition works to the existing pier will be required to facilitate these works.
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- (5) Either:

Installation of a new fuel pipe and water pipeline along the seabed from the Jubilee Pier across the inner birth and on the St. Ola Pier; or

Installation of a new fuel tank on the proposed reclamation area. The fuel tank will be approximately 15 metres diameter by 12 metres high. A new fuel pipe will be installed along land onto St Ola



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- In addition, on 25th September 2018, Marine Scotland, having considered the documentation provided in a request for a scoping opinion issued by RPS on behalf of the applicant Scrabster Harbour and consulted with the appropriate consultation bodies, issued a scoping opinion adopted by the Scottish Ministers, under Regulation 14 of The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended) ("the 2017 MW Regulations"), as to the scope and level of detail of information to be provided in the Environmental Impact Assessment report for the proposed re-development of St. Ola Pier, Scrabster.

In line with the aforementioned requirements of The Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, the project Marine Licence will be submitted no sooner than 12 weeks from the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely, for RPS	
[Redacted]	
Alastair McKinley.	
cc:	Sandie Mackie, SHT (sandy.mackie@scrabster.co.uk)



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Alastair McKinley.

CC:

Sandie Mackie, SHT (sandy.mackie@scrabster.co.uk)



Date: 03 April 2019

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The detailed design of the proposed redevelopment is still being finalised. However, it is anticipated that the proposed works will comprise:

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Date: 03 April 2019

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Appendix 4.2 Public Consultation Statutory Notification

North and West Division

Caithness General Hospital, Wick Ambulatory Care Unit

Staff Nurse - Band 5

£24,670 - £30,742 pro-rata

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a registered nurse to work within the developing Ambulatory Care Unit in Caithness General Rospital. As part of the Caithness General Redesign Programme, this new model of care provides day-case services to improve care and reduce the need for prolonged hospital stay, thus treating the population on an outpatient basis.

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We are looking for a candidate who is proactive and enthusiastic to further support the development of the Ambulatory Care Unit. As part of a satellite integrated team, you will provide assessment and subsequent treatment of patients attending the unit within the services covered: daily renal dialysis, blood transfusions, various IV Initions for chronic conditions, and chemotherapy.

Previous experience in either Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy or Haemodialysis is desirable but not essential as a comprehensive training package will be provided. It is anticipated that the successful candidate will predominately be based within the Chemotherapy & IV Infusions room, with potential Haemodialysis experience to follow at a later date.

As a valued member of the team you will be supported by a personal development plan/appraisal, extensive training and competencies achievement, and development opportunities within NHS Highland.

This is a part-time post of 30 hours per week, to be worked in accordance with service requirements. Possible negotiation of reduced hours (no less than 23 hours per week) would be considered with evidence of current skill set.

Informal enquiries and arranged drop-in visits are welcomed and encouraged by Bruce Honeym: (Senior Charge Nurse) and Muriel Baroja-Rodriguez (Senior Staff Nurse) – Ambulatory Care Unit, Caithness General Hospital, Wick, Tel: 01955 880201.

Application forms/full information packs are available (quoting Job Ref: 008/19.20ES1) from the Employment Services Team, by e-mailing northarea.recruitment@nhs.net or telephoning 01955 ing date for completed applications: 12 noon, Monday 13th May 2019.



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NHS

Highland



Secretary to the Board of Management

£27,940 - £30,715 (pro-rata)

An exciting opportunity has arisen to contribute to the development of North Highland College UHI. Recent changes to legislation have transformed Scotland's Colleges into a new regional structure which works strategically to help learners and employers to achieve their aspirations. The Board of Management are seeking to appoint an individual who will support and advise its members in maintaining the highest standards of governance and ensure that the College continues to deliver an outstanding service.

The post is permanent, part time and will average 21 hours per week.

Applicants should be educated to degree level or equivalent or with relevant background experience, possess excellent communication and report writing skills and have experience of supporting a diverse range of needs in a committee structure and of working within a compliance environment

Interested in applying? Please go to www.northhighland.uhi.ac.uk/staff/vacancies to download an application pack. CVs will not be accepted but may accompany your application form

Closing date for completed applications: Friday, 17 May 2019

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SCRABSTER HARBOUR TRUST - REDEVELOPMENT OF ST. OLA PIER MARINE LICENSING PUBLIC PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION EVENT

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or by post to:

Scrabster Harbour Trust

c/o RPS

Elmwood House

74 Boucher Road

Belfast

BT12 6RZ

Submissions should be received not later than 21st June 2019.

Any comments made are to Scrabster Harbour Trust and not to Marine Scotland. In the event of the submission of a marine licence application by Scrabster Harbour Trust, an opportunity will be given for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application.

www.highland.gov.uk

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

ications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined online at http://wam.highland.gov.uk; cally at the AREA PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS OFFICE, HIGHLAND COUNCIL, CAITHNESS HOUSE, MARKET PLACE, WICK, KWI 4AB; or electronically at your nearest Council Service Point. You can find your nearest Service Point vi rw.highland.gov.uk/directory/16/a_to_z

Written comments should be made to the EPC at the contact details below within the time period indicated from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation about this proposal should note that their letter or email will be disclosed to any individual or body who requests sight of representations in respect of this proposal.

Alternative locations where Reference **Development Address Proposal Description** application may be inspected and time period for comments

19/01317/FUL West Church, Latheron Conversion & change of use of existing church to domestic dwelling

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS

ePlanning Centre, The Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, INVERNESS IV3 5NX Email: eplanning@highland.gov.uk

In the Wick Sheriff Court No WCK-LI of 2019 FRANCIS STREET CLUB AND INSTITUTE LIMITED

INSTITUTE LIMITED
(Company Number SP002107)

I, Alexander lain Fraser, of FRP
Advisory LLP, Suite 2B Johnstone
House, 52-54 Rose Street, Aberdeen,
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Appendix 4.3 Public Consultation Statutory Notification Letters



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Appendix 5.1 Public Consultation Additional Notifications



YOUR GATEWAY TO THE NORTH

SCRABSTER HARBOUR TRUST ST OLA PIER REDEVELOPMENT

Scrabster Harbour Trust intends to redevelop the existing St Ola Pier at Scrabster Harbour.

A drop in public consultation event will be held within the Board Room, St Ola House, Scrabster between 2.00pm and 8.00pm on Friday 14th June 2019.

Everyone is welcome to attend and the Trust would value your feedback on the project proposals.



Appendix 5.2 Direct Stakeholder Communications

Sandy Mackie

From:

Sent:

Lorraine Ryan

12 June 2019 11:32

To:

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Cc:

Subject: Attachments: SHT - Redevelopment of St Ola Pier Public Consultation OPR-CON-003_1 Signed Letter to Stakeholders.pdf

Follow Up Flag:

Follow up Completed

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Dear All

Please see attached an invite to attend the Public Consultation for the redevelopment of the St Ola Pier, which will be held in the Scrabster Harbour Trust Boardroom, St Ola House, Scrabster on Friday 14th June 2019 between 1400hrs and 2000hrs.

Everyone is welcome and the Trust would value your feedback on the project proposals.

Kind Regards

Lorraine

Lorraine Ryan

Temporary Admin

Scrabster Harbour, Harbour Office, Scrabster, Caithness, KW14 7UJ

t: +44(0)1847892779 f: +44(0)1847892353 e: temp@scrabster.co.uk w: www.scrabster.co.uk



7th June 2019 Ref: OPR/CON/003

To All Scrabster Harbour Users/Stakeholders and Residents

REDEVELOPMENT OF ST OLA PIER

As you may be aware Scrabster Harbour Trust has been advancing plans to redevelop the existing St Ola Pier.

Detailed design is nearing completion and an environmental impact study for the project has been prepared. The Trust intends to apply to Scottish Ministers for consent to the development.

As part of the consenting process, a drop in consultation event will be held between 1400 hours and 2000hrs in the Scrabster Harbour Trust Boardroom, St Ola House, Scrabster on Friday 14th June 2019.

Everyone is welcome and the Trust would value your feedback on the project proposals. Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

SANDY MACKIE
Trust Manager

Sandy Mackie

From:

Caithness Chamber of Commerce <info@caithnesschamber.com>

Sent:

11 June 2019 11:23

To:

Sandy Mackie

Subject:

MEMBER EVENT: Scrabster St. Ola Pier Redevelopment - Public Consultation, 14

June 2019

Follow Up Flag:

Follow up

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MEMBER EVENT: Scrabster St. Ola Pier Redevelopment - Public Consultation, 14 June 2019

Dear Member,

Scrabster Harbour Trust would like to invite you to a drop-in consultation event on their plans to redevelop the existing St. Ola Pier. This will take place from **14:00-20:00** in the Scrabster Harbour Trust Boardroom, St. Ola House on Friday 14th June 2019. An information notice can be downloaded by <u>clicking here</u>.

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Kind regards,

David

David Swanson Marketing & Communications Manager

Caithness Chamber of Commerce

Naver Business Centre, Naver House, Naver Road, Thurso, Caithness, KW14 7QA

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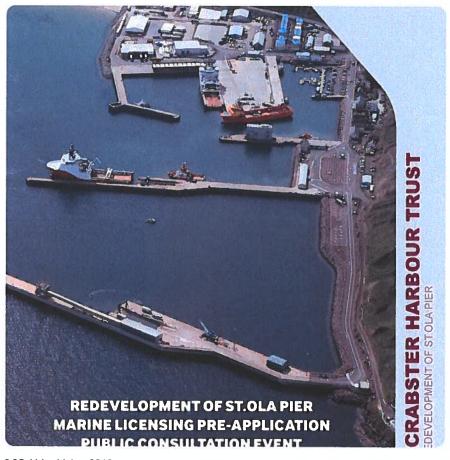






Following

.@scrabsterport are hosting a public consultation event & would love to see you there. Go along to on Friday 14th June to learn about the #redevelopment plans of the St Ola Pier & ask any questions or share any opinions you might have. #Caithness



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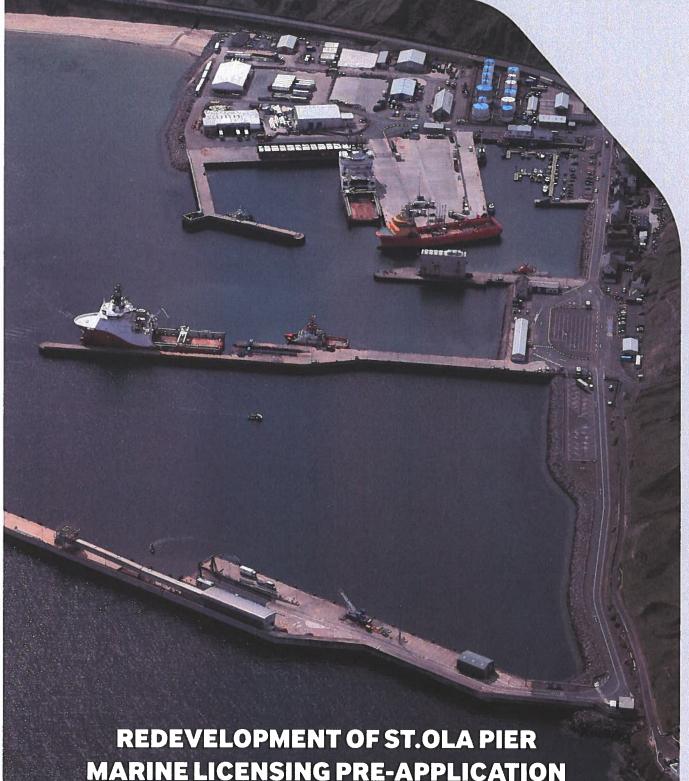
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Appendix 5.3 Event Flyer







MARINE LICENSING PRE-APPLICATION **PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT**

> 14TH JUNE 2019 2PM - 8PM ST.OLA HOUSE, SCRABSTER

SCRABSTER HARBOUR TRUST REDEVELOPMENT OF ST. OLA PIER



Appendix 6.1 Event Display Materials





PROJECT SUMMARY

Background to Scrabster Harbour Trust

- -Scrabster Harbour is a Trust port.
- -The Trust exists for the benefit of stakeholders, which includes port users, employees, the local community and businesses and local / national government.
- -The Trust is responsible for maintaining the balance between generating economic activity and safeguarding the environment.
- -Scrabster Harbour Trust's vision is to develop Scrabster Harbour into one of the major generators of economic growth in Caithness by positioning the harbour as a port of choice for vessels operating in the seas to the North of Scotland.
- -The Trust has an established track record of successfully delivering large scale infrastructure projects.
- -The Trust has invested in the region of £20 million in the past 7 years—As a result Port revenues have grown by 58% between 2012 and 2018; 100% of any surpluses are reinvested in the Port.
- -The importance of Scrabster, to the Caithness and North Sutherland, has been independently assessed; 403 FTE jobs are supported at present both directly and indirectly by the port.

Aims of the St.Ola Pier Redevelopment Project

To prepare for the future, safeguard jobs and create more business opportunities.

Maximise the contribution of port to the local economy and community. This is particularly important as the area prepares for a future without Dounreay.

Anticipated Project

The project outputs (assessed at Year 5 following construction, FY 2025-26) are as follows:

Short term employment and local business benefits over construction period

6% increase in total vessel arrivals at Scrabster

20% increase in total vessel tonnage at Scrabster

18% increase in port revenues

Generation of 46.3 FTE jobs, with associated increase in Gross Value Added (GVA) and total economic output of the Harbour

Additional 30,000 cruise passengers arriving at Scrabster, on vessels carrying a total of 10,500 crew

Cruise passenger and crew spend in Caithness of £1.830 million per annum.

Further opportunities for local supply chain development in the energy and tourism sectors

Project Description

The existing St Ola Pier is situated within the centre of the harbour and incorporates a 100 metre long berth to the southwest, a linkspan and a further 115 metre berth which was used by the Orkney Ferry prior to the Queen Elizabeth Pier being constructed in 2003.

The detailed design is nearing completion; at present the proposed works are anticipated to comprise of the following:

- -Installation of new piled quay wall and pier deck to expand the existing pier. The renovated pier will be approximately 280 metres long with straight berthing faces. Some demolition works to the existing pier will be required to facilitate these works.
- The outer side of the pier will be dredged to achieve a depth of approximately -9.0 metres Chart Datum (CD). The volume of dredged material generated by these works will be approximately 145,000 cubic metres of sandy gravel and clay.
- The inner side of the pier will be dredged to provide a consistent berth depth of -7.5 metres CD. The volume of dredged material generated by these works will be approximately 8,000 cubic metres of sandy gravel and clay.
- Reclamation Area with Revetment facing: the reclamation & revetment area will be approximately 8,300 square meters at the root of the pier to provide storage for cargo handling.
- Installation of either a new fuel pipe and water pipe along the seabed from the Jubilee Pier across the inner birth and on the St. Ola Pier or installation of a new fuel tank on the proposed reclamation area.





PROJECT SUMMARY

Marine Licencing and Environmental Assessment

The project has been determined by Marine Scotland as being a licensable activity which is subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment and requiring an Environmental Statement.

Scrabster Harbour Trust have engaged their consultants RPS to undertake all necessary studies to inform both the Environmental Impact Assessment and the project design.

Environmental Assessment

In line with the scoping opinion provided by Marine Scotland, the project EIA considers a wide range of environmental matters including the following:

ALTERNATIVES	WATER QUALITY
WASTE MANAGEMENT	MARINE BIODIVERSITY
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION	TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY AND ORNITHOLOGY
NOISE AND VIBRATION	NAVIGATION
GEOLOGY, HYDROGEOLOGY AND CONTAMINATION	AIR QUALITY
COASTAL PROCESSES	CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

Current Project Timeline

March 2018 – Following submission of an EIA Screening Request by Scrabster Harbour Trust the Project was determined to be EIA development by Marine Scotland

July 2018 – An EIA Scoping Report was issued to Marine Scotland to identify potentially significant issues for detailed

July 2018 – An EIA Scoping Report was issued to Marine Scotland to identify potentially significant issues for detailed examination and those that can be 'scoped out' of future assessments

September 2018 – Marine Scotland provided a detailed Scoping Opinion outlining the matters which were to be scoped in or out of the project EIA

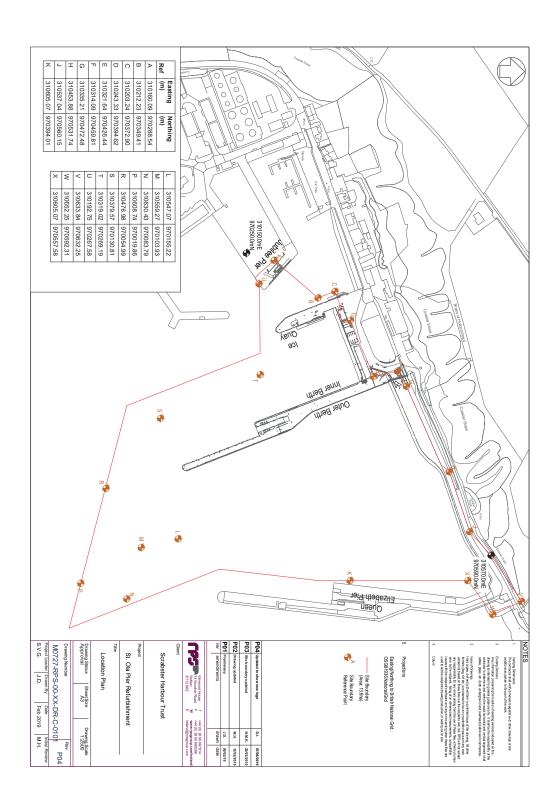
October 2018 – June 2019 - Project design progressed in parallel with completion of the EIA and write up of Environmental Statement

June/July 2019 – Submission of project marine licence application

December 2019 – Appointment of Contractor

January 2020 – Commencement of construction works (dependent upon licensing)

June 2021 – Completion of construction works

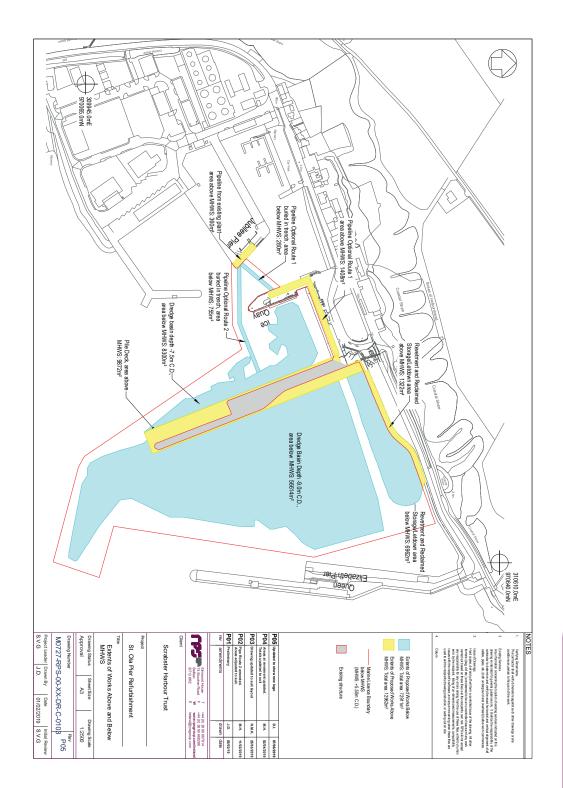




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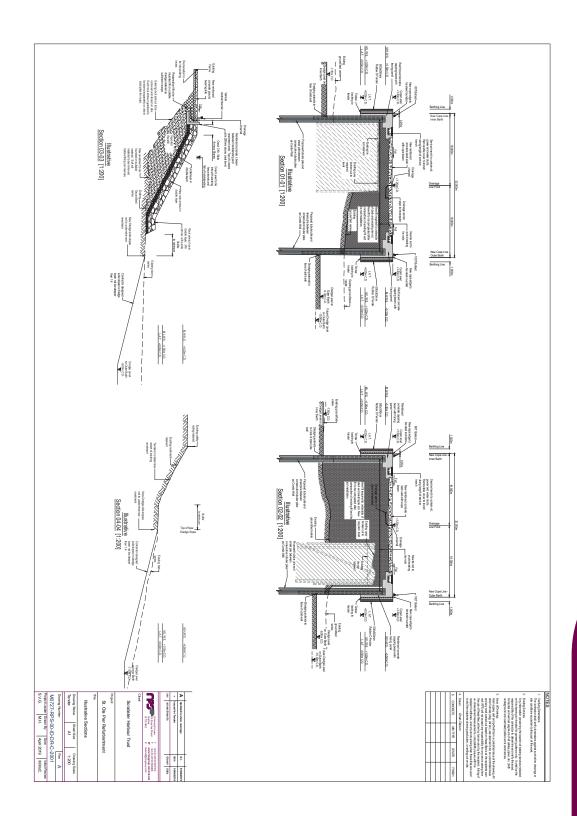


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ILLUSTRATIVE SECTIONS Draft for Consultation







Appendix 6.2 Sample Feedback Questionnaire





Public Consultation Feedback Form

As part of our consultation process, we want to hear your views on the St. Ola Pier Redevelopment project; based on what you have learned at today's event please complete the following questions:

1. How	did you learn about today's	event?
	wspaper/Public Notice [] ord of Mouth []	Online/Social Media [] Direct Correspondence []
Other (p	please specify)	
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2. Do yo	ou feel you have been provi	ded with sufficient information regarding the project?
Yes[]	No []	
		ow we can improve this in the future?
•••••		
••••••		•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
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	do you regard as being the I that apply)	e main environmental issues associated with the project?
Air	Quality []	Traffic []
Eco	ology []	Cultural/Built Heritage []
Noi	se & Vibration []	Coastal Processes/Erosion []
	ter Quality [] ual Impact []	Waste Management []
	u think the proposed St. Ol	a Pier Redevelopment Project will be beneficial for the
Yes[]	No[]	Unsure []
	g account of the information lopment Project?	n provided, do you support the proposed St. Ola Pier
Yes[]	No []	Unsure []
Please	provide reasoning for your ar	nswer:





6. Do you have any specific comments or questions regarding the project?
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7. In order to determine that we have consulted with a wide stakeholder group, please complete the following sections:
Gender: Male [] Female []
Age: <16[] 17-24[] 25-39[] 40-59[] 60+[]
Stakeholder Group: Local Community [] Local Business [] Local Authority [] Port Employee [] Port User [] National Authority []Other Group []
8. Should you wish to be kept informed of the progress of the project, please provide your contact details as follows:
Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:
Email:

Data Protection Information:

This form is in respect of the proposed St. Ola Pier Redevelopment Project; this information will be held by Scrabster Harbour Trust (SHT) personnel only for the purpose of engagement in the public consultation process.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force across the EU on the 25th May 2018. At SHT we take our obligations under data protection law seriously and we're committed to keeping your personal data private and secure. SHT ensures that your personal information is stored strictly in accordance with data protection law including the GDPR. Our privacy policy is available on the SHT website - www.scrabster.co.uk



Appendix 6.3 Feedback Questionnaire Analysis



Public Consultation 14th June 2019 Feedback Analysis

The consultation event was well attended with a total of 45 people attending. A total of 20 feedback forms were completed, the summary of responses is as follows

Question 1. - How did you learn about today's event? (In some cases the individuals ticked more than one box).

Direct Correspondence	11
Newspaper/Public Notice	3
Social Media/Online	4
Word of Mouth	4
Other – Chamber of Commerce	1
Total Responses	23

Question 2. – Do you feel you have been provided with sufficient information regarding the project?

Υ	20
N	0
Total Responses	20

Question 3. - What do you regard as being the main environmental issues associated with the project? (Individuals were allowed to tick all that applied).

Air Quality	2
Coastal Processes/Erosion	5
Cultural/Built Heritage	1
Ecology	1
Noise & Vibration	10
Traffic	11
Visual Impact	4
Waste Management	4
Water Quality	2
Other - Further erosion off shore on other side of bay	1
Other - None, do not see any significant environmental issues whatsoever	1
Total Responses	42

Question 4. - Do you think the proposed St Ola Pier Redevelopment Project will be beneficial for the economy?

No	1
Unsure	1
Yes	19
Total Responses	21

One respondent thought increased oil and gas activity would benefit the economy but was unsure about cruise activity so ticked two boxes.

Question 5 - Taking account of the information provided, do you support the proposed St Ola Pier Redevelopment Project?

Total Responses	20
Yes	19
No	1

Please provide reasoning for your answer

Additional income for both harbour and local businesses as well as Caithness	
in general	1
Could make better use of the pier as already got two deep water piers which are not being used to full potential	1
Cruise Liners	1
For oil and gas and additional jobs is always good news	1
Great for area by generating new jobs and bringing more people to the area. More appeal for companies to use the harbour	1
I believe that the expansion will benefit the local community and businesses and boost the local economy	1
If this development generates the increased cruise ship and related vessel uptake then it can only be good for this local economy.	1
Job Prospects, Tourism, Import/Exportation	1
No comments	12
Similar project in Kirkwall has had a very positive impact on the economy of that town	1
Will bring an economic boost to the area and be good for tourism	1
More Cruise Ships = more economic growth in Thurso	1
Wider Range of Vessels using the harbour = more soundly based economic	
model	1
Total Responses	24

Some respondents gave more than one reason

Question 6 - Do you have any specific comments or questions regarding the project?

Don't like idea of fuel tank visually as will be ugly for us and all passengers of ferries. It's also a hazard for nuclear movements	
	1
Good Information. Please contact me for Aerial footage and progress time- lapse, thanks	1
I don't think using (possibly) the dredging spoil as pier infill would be a good idea, should you get a pier wall breach.	1
I fully support the project and am delighted to see the harbour prosper	1
I think this will be good for the local area	1
Increased Traffic to pier will cause queuing traffic, blocking my drive	1
It makes a change to see a project allowing a facility expand and progress	
rather than cutting back on what can be offered.	1
Did not give feedback	10
Piling will cause more damage to my house	1
Piling will trigger landslide of steep surrounding banks	1
Please keep lifeboat station informed of impact on service if any	1
Selfishly we are concerned about noise and erosion of fields above our drive	
(landslips) - Lighthouse	1
Why have you not had a meeting asking Harbour users their opinion	1
It's an excellent addition to the local infrastructure and I support it	
wholeheartedly	1
Total Responses	23

Question 7. – In order to determine that we consulted with a wide stakeholder group, please complete the following sections:

Gender

Female	5
Male	13
Did not give information	2
Total Responses	20

Age

Total Responses	20
Did not give information	1
60+	6
40-59	10
25-39	3

Stakeholder Group

LB	5
LC	8
PE	1
PU	5
No Information given	2
Total Responses	21

Some respondents picked more than one group.

8. – Should you wish to be kept informed of the progress of the project, please provide your contact details as follows:

17 people left their details