

**Montrose Port Authority**  
**Disposal of maintenance dredged material at Montrose FO 010**  
**(Lunan Bay)**  
**Marine licence application**  
**Continuation Sheet for Question 15 (Associated Works)**

In 2018, Marine Scotland – Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) refused Montrose Port Authority's (MPA) marine licence application for continued disposal of maintenance dredged material at Montrose FO 010 (Lunan Bay), citing that they did not agree with the conclusion of the Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) Assessment as they considered there could be other practicable uses such as nourishment of Montrose Bay and Annat Bank.

In June 2019, MPA, MS-LOT, Scottish Natural Heritage and Angus Council met to discuss working in collaboration to find alternative uses of the dredged material. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the feasibility of using maintenance dredged material as a resource for coastal defence schemes, to and identify potential funding sources.

MPA is currently undertaking site-selection exercise to identify potential disposal/beneficial use site(s) within Montrose Bay, which includes gathering available data and information in the Montrose Bay area, and collection of data (e.g. bathymetric survey), to identify whether there are potential site(s) within Montrose Bay that could be suitable for disposal of dredged material. Recognising that such studies take time, MPA is applying for a one-year licence to continue to dispose at the existing Lunan Bay site, to enable navigable depths to be maintained and the port to remain operational.