

**Montrose Port Authority**  
**Deposition 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 deposition 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.

In June 2019, MPA, MS-LOT, NatureScot and Angus Council met to discuss working in collaboration to find alternative uses of the dredged material and identify potential funding sources. Since 2019, this stakeholder group has met periodically to discuss progress.

In 2020, MS-LOT issued a one-year licence to MPA to deposit material at Lunan Bay, and a trial deposition within Montrose Bay.

Following initial hydrodynamic modelling, MPA has identified four potential deposit sites within Montrose Bay and is currently undertaking additional modelling to refine the site location. Once a site has been selected, a characterisation exercise will be undertaken to determine the suitability of the site for deposition of dredged material.

Until the characterisation exercise has been concluded and an alternative deposit site has been designated by MS-LOT as open for use, MPA must continue to carry out maintenance dredging to enable navigable depths to be maintained and the port to remain operational.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, MPA's resources have been stretched since March 2020, and have focused on essential port operations, so investigations into the new deposit site have not progressed as quickly as planned. As such, MPA is applying for a further one-year licence to continue to deposit at the Lunan Bay site whilst investigations continue.