

26.0 Mitigation and Monitoring – Addendum

Introduction

- 26.1 In August 2025, Fairhurst Group LLP (“the Agent”) acting on behalf of Dumfries and Galloway Council (DGC) (‘the Applicant’), submitted consent applications for both Planning Permission from the Local Planning Authority (LPA) and Marine Licences from Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team (MD-LOT) for the proposed expansion and redevelopment of Stranraer Marina, including dredging (“hereafter referred to as the proposed development”).
- 26.2 The applications to the Consenting Authorities were accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) (August 2025). Since the production of the EIAR (August 2025), an Addendum Benthic Ecology Chapter (September 2025) has been prepared and submitted to the Consenting Authorities, as additional environmental information.
- 26.3 This Addendum Mitigation and Monitoring Chapter updates the findings presented within Chapter 26 of the previously submitted EIAR (August 2025), in relation to Benthic Ecology.

Mitigation Schedule

- 26.4 **Table 26.1** below presents a summary of the standard and additional mitigation measures as presented within the Benthic Ecology Addendum Chapter.
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Table 26.1: Additional Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule

Mitigation Item/ Category	Timing of Measure	Description
Benthic Ecology		
Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)	Construction Stage	<p>As part of the proposed development, a final Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) will be developed in order to ensure that the construction methods used are appropriate and so that any additional mitigation measures may be applied.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that with construction and operational activities there will be a risk of contamination and the introduction of new species. However, control measures for the dredging process, including those related to INNS, will be specified as part of the CEMP that will be developed by the dredging contractor. The measures to be outlined in the CEMP are likely to significantly reduce the risk of any spread of INNS occurring. The CEMP should include details of control measures for INNS, such as the inspection and washing of equipment, and control of ballast water discharges for any vessels or dredgers to be used in the construction process. The CEMP should also reference and take into account the Solway Firth Biosecurity Action Plan, and the local measures adopted and recommended across the wider Solway Firth area. The plan should pay specific attention to the prevention of any impacts on native oysters.</p>
Biosecurity Plan	Operational Phase	<p>A Biosecurity Plan for the marina will be developed for the ongoing operational phase of the project to address the risks posed by operation of the marina, such as increased vessel traffic to the area. The Biosecurity Plan should also take the existing Solway Firth Biosecurity Action Plan into consideration when determining the control measures to take, and should specifically reference and consider native oysters.</p>

Summary and Conclusions

- 26.5 The previously submitted EIAR (August 2025) noted the importance that the final Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) will have during the construction phase of the proposed development. The final CEMP would be relatively wide ranging in scope to address and minimise potential effects on receptors.
- 26.6 The Benthic Ecology Addendum Chapter (September 2025) also recognises the important role that a Final CEMP will have in terms of mitigation. In addition, it is also requested that a Biosecurity Plan for the marina be developed for the ongoing operational phase of the project to address the risks posed by operation of the marina, such as increased vessel traffic to the area. The Biosecurity Plan should also take the existing Solway Firth Biosecurity Action Plan into consideration when determining the control measures to take.
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Abbreviations

CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
DGC	Dumfries and Galloway Council
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIAR	Environmental Impact Assessment Report
INNS	Invasive Non-Native Species
LPA	Local Planning Authority
MD-LOT	Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team

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