

## 27.0 Statement of Significance and Conclusions – Addendum

### Introduction

- 27.1 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”).
- 27.2 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.
- 27.3 This Addendum Statement of Significance and Conclusions Chapter updates the findings presented within Chapter 27 of the previously submitted EIAR (August 2025), in relation to Benthic Ecology.
- 27.4 **Table 27.1** summarises the residual effects identified by the Benthic Ecology topic specialist, as reported in the Addendum Benthic Ecology Chapter (September 2025).
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**Table 27.1: Summary of Residual Effects**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Summary of Residual Effects</b>
<b>Benthic Ecology</b>	<p>The application of the additional mitigation measures, identified in Addendum Chapter 12 (Benthic Ecology) would serve to reduce the magnitude of the impacts in relation to Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) on benthic ecology. Through the adoption of control measures to reduce the risk of spreading and facilitating INNS, the overall magnitude of impacts from INNS associated with the proposed development decreases to Low, and the resulting significance of effect to Negligible for subtidal and intertidal habitats, and Slight Adverse for native oysters, for both the construction and operational phases of the project. Therefore, no significant adverse effects, in EIA terms are predicted.</p> <p>The Addendum Benthic Ecology chapter, also concludes that as a result of the artificial habitat creation, subtidal habitats as a receptor have the potential to experience Slight Beneficial effects.</p>



## Summary and Conclusions

- 27.5 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.
- 27.6 As noted within the Addendum Benthic Ecology Addendum Chapter (September 2025), a final 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.
- 27.7 In addition to the CEMP, 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.
- 27.8 As noted above, with the application of additional mitigation measures, the magnitude of the impacts would reduce in relation to Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) on benthic ecology, and no significant adverse effects, in EIA terms are predicted.
- 27.9 The Addendum Benthic Ecology chapter, also concludes that as a result of the artificial habitat creation, subtidal habitats as a receptor have the potential to experience Slight Beneficial effects.
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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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