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Your ref: 00009582  
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Dear Marine Scotland

[The Marine Works \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017](#)  
[Staffin Community Trust - Harbour Development - Staffin Slipway, Isle of Skye](#)  
[Marine Licence & EIA Report](#)

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 16 December 2021. We have considered it and its accompanying EIA Report in our role as a consultee under the terms of the above regulations and for our historic environment remit. Our remit is World Heritage Sites, scheduled monuments and their setting, category A-listed buildings and their setting, gardens and designed landscapes (GDLs) and battlefields in their respective inventories, and Historic Marine Protected Areas (Marine (Scotland) Act 2010). In this case, our advice also includes matters relating to marine archaeology outwith the scope of the terrestrial planning system.

**Our Advice**

We do not wish to object to the planning application. We are content that with appropriate mitigation in place there will not be significant impacts on the site or setting of any of our historic environment interests.

We understand that the proposals are to improve existing slipway operations by construction of a curved breakwater of approx. 350m length, provision of pontoons, construction of a 70m long x10m wide slipway, reclamation of 2,022m<sup>2</sup> of land to provide hardstanding, provision of office and WCs and storage units, utilities and improvements to the access road.

We have reviewed the information in the supporting EIA Report. We can confirm that we are content that the proposed works are not likely to have a significant impact on marine archaeological assets providing the proposed archaeological mitigation is implemented. We are content that the methodology used in the EIA Report to assess impacts on marine archaeological assets and terrestrial assets is appropriate. The application documents show an awareness of the issues around potential marine archaeological impacts and contain evidence that thorough desk-based assessments have been conducted during the development of the scheme.

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We are content to agree that there is low potential for discovery of unknown marine archaeological assets within the development area. We welcome that the scheme contains suitable measures for unexpected discoveries (a Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries (PAD) to be implemented as stated at paragraph 6.6.1.1 of the EIA Report).

We are content that the mitigation measures proposed for marine archaeological assets are acceptable and follow best practice. We are therefore content that the proposed works are not likely to have a significant impact on marine archaeological assets providing the proposed archaeological mitigation is implemented.

We recommend that the mitigation in the form of the Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries is included as a condition that the PAD be submitted to and approved by Marine Scotland in advance of the works commencing. HES will be happy to provide advice on the content of any PAD submitted if that would be helpful.

Our comments should be treated as a material consideration, and this advice should be taken into account in your decision making. Our view is that the proposals do not raise historic environment issues of national significance and therefore we do not object. Our decision not to object should not be taken as our support for the proposals. This application should be determined in accordance with national and local policy on development affecting the historic environment, together with related policy guidance.

### **Further Information**

This response applies to the application currently proposed. An amended scheme may require another consultation with us.

Guidance about national policy can be found in our 'Managing Change in the Historic Environment' series available online at [www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/planning-and-guidance/legislation-and-guidance/managing-change-in-the-historic-environment-guidance-notes/](http://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/planning-and-guidance/legislation-and-guidance/managing-change-in-the-historic-environment-guidance-notes/). Technical advice is available through our Technical Conservation website at [www.engineshed.org](http://www.engineshed.org).

Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Victoria Clements who can be contacted by phone on [REDACTED] or by email on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

**Historic Environment Scotland**