

# Peterhead Smith Quay

## Ground Investigation Works

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Marine Planning and Policy Statement

Peterhead Port Authority (PPA)

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## 1. Introduction

Scotland's National Marine Plan (NMP) (Scottish Government, 2015) is a strategic framework based on the UK Marine Policy Statement, designed to guide the sustainable development, use, and protection of Scotland's marine environment. It outlines priorities, objectives, and policies for managing marine activities including shipping, ports, harbours and ferries (Chapter 13).

This Marine Planning and Policy Statement, submitted as part of the Peterhead Smith Quay Ground Investigation licence application, details the Ground Investigation Works' (GIW) proposed response to relevant national, regional and local marine plans and policies, including Scotland's National Marine Plan, and concludes that the works are in accordance with these plans and policies.

### 1.1. Sector Policies

Chapter 13 of the Scottish NMP outlines the sector specific objectives and policies for shipping, ports, harbours and ferries that are considered important for planning and decision-making. The NMP emphasises the need to promote the development of Scottish ports and harbours as they are essential for the continuation and growth of economic prosperity. The key issues to consider when for marine planning include:

1. Supporting economically productive activities.
2. The interaction of ports, harbours, shipping and ferries with other users of the marine environment.
3. Living within environmental limits.
4. Climate change.

## 2. Policy Considerations

The policies considered relevant to these Works have been identified from both the general and sector-specific policies outlined in the Scottish NMP. These policies and how they have been considered as part of this project are summarised in Table 2.1. The full list of policies, along with their descriptions, can be found in the Scotland's National Marine Plan (Scottish Government, 2015).

*Table 2.1 Scottish marine policies (transport and general) considered relevant to the Peterhead Smith Quay Extension project and how they have been taken into consideration during the design and planning phases.*

Project design/considerations	Relevant Scottish Marine Policies
<p>The GIW are the initial step towards the proposed expansion of an existing port to provide additional berthing capacity and deck space servicing a range of industrial shipping activity. Therefore, these existing activities will not be displaced and navigational safety will be ensured. Furthermore, no change to the existing visual seascape/landscape is expected as the works relate to ground investigation.</p>	<p>TRANSPORT: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 GENERAL: 4, 5, 7, 15, 16,</p>

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<p>The existing quay serves a range of terminal and quayside services relating to the renewable energy, subsea, oil and gas decommissioning and pelagic fishing industries as it can accommodate the new generation of larger vessels.</p> <p>There are no ferry routes or tourism boats that operate out of this port as it is catered solely to industrial activity which in turn generates socio-economic benefits in the area.</p>	<p>TRANSPORT: 3, 4, 6</p> <p>GENERAL: 2, 3, 4</p>
<p>The proposed extension of Smith Quay is an anticipated permitted development within the proposed project area, however the GIW precede the extension and therefore no cumulative impacts are anticipated.</p>	<p>TRANSPORT: 2</p> <p>GENERAL: 21</p>
<p>There are no Historic Environment Scotland sites within 18 km of the project area. Furthermore, listed buildings within Peterhead have been considered as part of the EIA process.</p>	<p>GENERAL: 6</p>
<p>The considerations are inherent within the planned works. Due to the nature of the GIW, no permanent and short duration, there is expected to not be adverse impact on coastal processes or climate change.</p>	<p>TRANSPORT: 5</p> <p>GENERAL: 5, 8</p>
<p>Protected species that fall under Scottish Conservation Regulations are considered in the submitted Environmental Appraisal to ensure that there is no likely significant effect on them.</p>	<p>GENERAL: 9</p>
<p>Potential environmental impacts, such as marine litter, noise, water and air quality, are considered in the submitted Environmental Appraisal. This is conducted in accordance with The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017<sup>1</sup>.</p>	<p>GENERAL: 11, 12, 13, 14</p>
<p>Adaptive project planning and progress management is reflected in the utilisation of a risk register, that is regularly reviewed and updated.</p>	<p>GENERAL: 17, 18, 19, 20</p>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2017/115/regulation/10>