



FORT WILLIAM MARINA & SHORELINE COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

This project will assist with fulfilling nearly all the General Policies in Scotland's National Marine Plan.

GEN 1 – This extension to the pontoons primary purpose is to increase the tourism sector in a remote area of Scotland.

GEN 2 - It aims to provide economic benefit to communities, including local job creation and local training either directly or through supply chain projects.

GEN 3 - There will be significant social benefits for locals to have easier access to the Loch, for marine visitors to access the shore and help with the regeneration of Fort William and whole area. It will make the coastal environment much more appealing and make it of interest and improve the wellbeing of all those who work in, live in, pass through or visit the area. It will enable folk who live the other side of the Loch to easily access Fort William and we already have one person who comes over by boat to do his weekly shopping thus saving him a 2 hour round trip by car!

GEN 4 - We are liaising with the Thomas Telford Corpach Marina group to ensure that the two proposals for pontoons within a 3 mile distance are complementary projects. Our combined aim is "to develop facilities for visitors to the Fort William and Lochaber area, and for the whole community to enjoy and benefit from." There is no other user of the Loch in this specific area for the extension. We are also liaising with Loch Lomond Seaplanes to potentially provide a regular service to Glasgow which will be of huge benefit to folk travelling up to Fort William in an hour rather than 4 hours by train, 3 hours by coach or 2.5 hours by car! We have received enquiries from a local who wants to start up fishing trips from the pontoons. A new cruise boat company called Cruise Loch Linnhe wish to base their tours from the pontoons. Another local wishes to start up wild life tours from the pontoons.

GEN 5 - We feel that by encouraging marine tourists to come to Fort William by sea it will help to reduce the number of visitors by road thus assisting with the overall effect on climate change.

GEN 6 - There is nothing of historic importance in the extension area.

GEN 7 - The area for the extension is currently a bit of an eyesore and the extension will improve the area aesthetically and visually and make it a place of interest for folk to watch what is going on in the Loch.

GEN 8 - The extension will not have any impact on coastal processes or contribute to coastal flooding.

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GEN 9 - The extension will not have any effect on the health of the marine area. It is not a Natura 2000 site, nor an MPA nor a SSSI.

GEN 10 - It is unlikely that our extension will bring any non-native invasive species to the Loch.

GEN 11 - We appreciate that any marine litter is unacceptable and the Pontoon Manager will be tasked to ensure that users of the pontoons make full use of the bins and facilities available in the town.

GEN 12 - All users of the pontoons will be expected to comply with all rules to ensure there is no deterioration of the quality of waters.

GEN 13 - The noise during construction will be mitigated by ensuring our engineers follow the relevant Marine Scotland protocols. They will follow the appropriate monitoring mitigation that we put in place during the construction phase through their method statement. This will protect cetaceans such as porpoises and whales and sea mammals such as seals which frequent Loch Linnhe and are very sensitive to noise caused by piling machines which transmits very loudly under water and would scare such creatures.

GEN 14 - No air emissions are expected with this project.

GEN 15 – We have been liaising closely with The Highland Council Transport Team and Transport Scotland to ensure that our plans do not negatively impact on the terrestrial side of the project.

GEN 16 – The whole waterfront area from between the Lochaber Yacht Club and the Old Fort is designated as an area for a Marina in the West Highland and Islands Local Development Plan. Our extension to the pontoons is a tiny step towards fulfilling this plan.

GEN 17 – We wholeheartedly agree that any decisions must be made with fairness.

GEN 18 – We have done our utmost to engage with as many different parties as possible from the public, the statutory consultees, The Highland Council, local Councillors, the local Community Council, marine users, planners the local businesses and sailing club.

GEN 19 – We will do our best to ensure our decisions are based on sound scientific and socio-economic evidence.

GEN 20 – We will do our best to ensure that we are kept informed of new data and information to reduce any impact on the area.

GEN 21 – We will do our best to be aware of any cumulative impact from the improvement we plan to make in this area.