

Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority: Access Slipway and Car Park – Scotland’s National Marine Plan:

General Policies:

Gen 2: Economic Benefit – The facility will create business opportunities for local operators, both at the Water Sports & Activity Hub and on the water, fostering partnerships with local businesses, accommodation, and hospitality providers.

Gen 3: Social Benefit – Collaborations with local businesses will help attract more tourists and spending. Enhanced water access will offer safer, more enjoyable experiences for novices and individuals with disabilities.

Gen 4: Co-existence – A new slipway will support launching and recovering leisure boats and small fishing vessels. Additional land will expand marina revenue, provide boat storage, and improve customer service through more parking and space.

Gen 5: Climate Change - Our project supports climate action through reduced carbon emissions via our choice of construction materials, and design considers future climate change.

Gen 6: Historic Environment - We will protect and enhance heritage assets throughout our work. Our design carefully considers local historic sites and features.

Gen 7: Landscape and Seascape - Our design respects the visual impact on Scotland's renowned coastal views. We recognise these landscapes support local tourism, create a sense of place, and enhance quality of life for coastal communities. Our design reflects this importance.

Gen 8: Coastal Processes - The development is designed to withstand coastal changes and flooding. Our works will not harm coastal processes or increase flood risks.

Gen 9: Natural Heritage – Impacts on EPS (European Protected Species) will be assessed once the Contractor's method has been confirmed and an EPS Licence and risk assessment will be submitted.

Gen 12: Water Quality - We maintain water quality standards in line with key directives including the Water Framework Directive and Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

Gen 13: Noise Management - Through design choices we have sought to minimise or eliminate harmful noise and vibration effects, especially on sensitive species.

Chapter 12: Tourism and Recreation

Objective 3 – Partnerships between local businesses and the Water Sports & Activity Hub will boost tourism and village spending.

Objective 4 – Independent of the existing marina pontoons, new 'dry' berthing and accessible kayak launching will improve water access for novices and people with disabilities.

Objective 5 – The development will enable launching and recovery of boats up to 25 tons via a modern submersible trailer, with reclaimed foreshore providing extra marina space for storage and parking.

Objective 7 – The facility will generate local business opportunities and improve access to water for all, including an accessible kayak launch system for safer experiences.

Chapter 13: Shipping, Ports, Harbours, and Ferries

Objective 1 – A new slipway, pontoon and modern boat launch and recovery system will improve water access for novices and people with disabilities and allow boat launches up to 25 tons.