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Date: 07 May 2020

Dear Ms Henderson,

SCREENING OPINION UNDER PART 2, REGULATION 11 OF THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED)

Thank you for your screening opinion request dated 13 February 2020, further information submitted on 13 March 2020 and supporting correspondence dated 30 April 2020, in regards to the proposed construction of a promenade and small boat harbour development, including new sea wall, sea defence revetment and sheet piled quay construction, dredging and the installation of additional pontoons, at Shore Street, Ullapool, Highland ("the Proposed Works").

The Scottish Ministers consider the Proposed Works to fall under paragraphs 10(m) and 12(a) of schedule 2 of the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended) ("the 2017 MW Regulations"). Consequently, the Scottish Ministers are obliged to adopt a screening opinion as to whether the Proposed Works are, or are not, an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") project under the 2017 MW Regulations.

Under regulation 10(5) of the 2017 MW Regulations, the Scottish Ministers have consulted with the relevant local planning authority The Highland Council, Scottish Natural Heritage ("SNH"), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency ("SEPA") and Historic Environment Scotland ("HES") as to their view on whether the Proposed Works are an EIA project. Copies of the consultation responses received are enclosed for your review (at Appendix I).

A consultation response was not received from The Highland Council. However, it is the Scottish Ministers' understanding that The Highland Council screened the terrestrial concerns of this project under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and concluded an EIA was not required.







When making a determination as to whether schedule 2 works are an EIA project, the Scottish Ministers must take into account the selection criteria set out in schedule 3 of the 2017 MW Regulations as are relevant to the works. In this regard, the Scottish Ministers have considered the following:

Characteristics of works

The Proposed Works involve the removal of the existing revetment and construction of a new seaward promenade, of which 315 square metres will be constructed below Mean High Water Springs. The promenade will be supported by an embankment using infill from the demolished revetment. Approximately 7061 cubic metres of rock armour will be used to reinstate the sea defence along the sea wall, within which two ramps and a set of concrete steps will be constructed on concrete support foundations. A new 82 metre ("m") long quay and small laydown area will be constructed at the west end of the promenade which will match the height of the existing quay. An anchor wall will be installed under the promenade at the west end to provide structural support for the new quay and will likely comprise 3m long sheet piles which will be installed by vibropiling for half their length, and the rest backfilled.

The area in front of, and to the west of the new quay will be dredged using a back-hoe dredger to -2.0m relative to chart datum to create a permanent inner basin in the harbour. Scour protection, likely using rock armour, will be installed on the dredge slope on the east side of the new quay. New pontoons will be installed in the dredged area along the new quay and main pier which will be secured in place by steel guides attached to the quay walls. A floating breakwater pontoon will also be anchored by mooring chains to the end of the main pier. A drawing of the Proposed Works is provided in Appendix II.

During the Proposed Works, increased sedimentation may occur within the water column, primarily associated with dredging and dredged material deposit activities. The Proposed Works also have the potential to pollute the marine environment should any release of contaminants from the dredged material occur. It is intended for these issues to be considered in the Best Practicable Environmental Option ("BPEO") document, which is required to be submitted in support of the marine licence application for dredging and deposit. Provided the contaminant levels within the dredged material do not give rise to any concerns, it is considered unlikely the dredging activities will result in significant adverse impacts to the water quality.

SEPA provided general guidance in regards to waste management, sediment runoff, and pollution prevention. Due to the scale of the Proposed Works and providing that good working practices and environmental mitigation measures are followed, SEPA advised that, with respect to its interests, the Proposed Works are unlikely to have a significant effect on the environment and therefore it does not consider an EIA to be required.







Location of the works

The Proposed Works are located immediately adjacent to the Wester Ross Marine Protected Area ("MPA"), selected for various benthic protected features. In particular, the breakwater pontoon borders the MPA boundary. Burrowed mud habitat, a protected feature of the Wester Ross MPA and a Priority Marine Feature ("PMF"), is present within the mid basin of Loch Broom but not within the area of the Proposed Works. Tall sea pens (*Funiculina quadrangularis*) are also present within the Loch Broom designated dredged material deposit site. The BPEO to be submitted in support of the dredging and deposit marine licence application will include sediment sampling and analysis to identify any potential contaminants that could have an impact on the water and seabed quality. It is intended for the presence of tall sea pens also to be considered within the BPEO.

The Inner Hebrides and the Minches Special Area of Conservation ("SAC") is located 4.4 kilometres from the Proposed Works. There are records of porpoise sightings in Loch Broom although most of these sightings are in the outer basin, rather than the mid basin where the Proposed Works are located. The installation of sheet piles is proposed to be carried out in shallow waters and mainly above Mean Low Water Springs. Yet there remains the potential for marine mammals to be impacted by the underwater noise caused by piling.

An unclassified wreck was identified on Canmore, the online catalogue of the National Record of the Historic Environment, located approximately 35m north of the end of the breakwater pontoon at a water depth of 3m at lowest astronomical tide. However, the wreck is classed on Canmore as DEAD (not detected in repeated surveys and therefore not considered to exist) and the position quality is noted to be "unreliable". A Protocol for Archaeological Discovery will be implemented for the Proposed Works which will be used in the event of a discovery of archaeological artefacts and appropriate steps taken to protect the archaeological value of these artefacts, in conjunction with The Highland Council and HES. HES confirmed it is content that the information provided shows no evidence of a wreck within the footprint of the Proposed Works and therefore it does not consider an EIA to be required.

Characteristics of the potential impact

SNH advised that, although there may be direct impacts on the protected features of the Wester Ross MPA from the pontoon mooring arrangements or from the indirect effects of any hydrodynamic changes, there do not appear to be any habitats sensitive to these effects in the immediate vicinity. As regards the deposit of dredged material at the Ullapool dredge deposit site, SNH noted that tall sea pens are particularly vulnerable to this activity advising that any deposit of material within this site would need to avoid the areas where this feature occurs.

Additionally, in relation to the Inner Hebrides and the Minches SAC, SNH noted that the installation of driven piles in the marine environment without mitigation is likely to produce noise levels capable of causing injury and disturbance to marine mammals and advised that further consideration be given to this risk. SNH confirmed that, while they do not consider the Proposed Works to require EIA, an Environmental Management Plan may be







necessary to minimise the risk of injury to marine mammals from piling noise, as per the 2010 Joint Nature Conservation Committee guidance on the subject.

The Scottish Ministers are content that the further research and mitigation proposed by SNH above, in particular the production and implementation of an Environmental Management Plan and the identification of suitable dredged material deposit areas (in order to avoid adverse impacts to tall sea pens), is sufficient to ensure no significant effects on the environment. It is the Scottish Ministers' expectation that this mitigation will be detailed in any subsequent application(s) submitted for the Proposed Works and formalised in conditions, as appropriate, attached to any marine or European Protected Species licence subsequently granted for the Proposed Works.

Conclusion

In view of the findings above, the Scottish Ministers are of the opinion that the Proposed Works are not an EIA project under 2017 MW Regulations and, therefore, an EIA is not required to be carried out in respect of the Proposed Works.

If you increase, alter or extend the Proposed Works, you are advised to contact Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team again to confirm if the screening opinion is still valid.

A copy of the screening opinion has been forwarded to The Highland Council planning department. The screening opinion has also been made publicly available through the Marine Scotland Information website.

If you require any further assistance or advice on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Bamlett Licensing Operations Team Marine Scotland







Our ref: PCS/170739 Your ref: NONE

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25 March 2020

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Dear Sir/Madam

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 Shore Street Widening & Promenade - Consultation on Request for Screening Opinion

Ullapool, Ross and Cromarty

Thank you for consulting SEPA on the screening opinion for the above development proposal by your email received on 24 March 2020.

Based on the information submitted to us we consider that, with respect to interests relevant to our remit, the proposed development will be **unlikely to have a significant effect** (in the context of the Regulations) on the environment and therefore Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required. This is on the assumption that modest or plainly and easily achievable environmental mitigation measures will be put in place.

Given the scale of works, in this instance, we consider modest or plainly and easily achievable environmental mitigation measures to be the relevant advice set out in Table 1 of our <u>standing</u> <u>advice</u>. In case it is of interest we have enclosed our response to the planning application screening as well.

If you have any queries relating to this letter, please e-mail us at planning.dingwall@sepa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Cerian Baldwin Planning Officer Planning Service

Enclosure: SEPA Response to planning application screening

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This advice is given without prejudice to any decision made on elements of the proposal regulated by us, as such a decision may take into account factors not considered at this time. We prefer all the technical information required for any SEPA consents to be submitted at the same time as the planning or similar application. However, we consider it to be at the applicant's commercial risk if any significant changes required during the regulatory stage necessitate a further planning application or similar application and/or neighbour notification or advertising. We have relied on the accuracy and completeness of the information supplied to us in providing the above advice and can take no responsibility for incorrect data or interpretation, or omissions, in such information. If we have not referred to a particular issue in our response, it should not be assumed that there is no impact associated with that issue. For planning applications if you did not specifically request advice on flood risk, then advice will not have been provided on this issue. Further information on our consultation arrangements generally can be found on our website planning pages.



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4 March 2020

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Submitted to Online Planning Portal

Dear Ms Maguire

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

Request for EIA Screening Opinion - Widening of road, formation of promenade and small boat harbour Land at Shore Street, Ullapool

Thank you for consulting SEPA on the screening opinion for the above development proposal by your email received on 19 February 2020.

Advice to the planning authority

Based on the information submitted to us we consider that, with respect to interests relevant to our remit, the proposed development will be **unlikely to have a significant effect** (in the context of the Regulations) on the environment and therefore Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required. This is on the assumption that modest or plainly and easily achievable environmental mitigation measures will be put in place.

Whether or not EIA is required, this must be demonstrated through the information we have requested below. To **avoid delay and potential objection**, the information outlined in Section 1 below must be submitted in support of the application.

1. Existing waste water drainage infrastructure

1.1 We are pleased to note that the applicant is already undertaking discussions with Scottish Water regarding the public sewer infrastructure. It should also be ensured that all discharges from the Scottish Water gullys within the area are not obstructed. It should also be ensured that there are adequate waste facilities for users of the small boat harbour development as well.

1.2 Any changes to existing waste water infrastructure should be detailed within the planning application and we recommend that these are discussed with us **prior** to the submission of the planning application so that we can ensure that these meet the required standards.

2. Flood risk

- 2.1 The area is within the medium likelihood (0.5% annual probability or 1 in 200 year) flood extent of the SEPA Flood Maps and may be at medium to high risk of coastal flooding. We have no specific flood risk concerns with the proposed works as it involves widening an existing road, and other water compatible uses. However we offer the following advice which may help inform the design of the proposals.
- 2.2 The approximate 1 in 200 year flood level for the area is 4.1mAOD based on extreme still water level analysis using the Coastal Flood Boundary (CFB) method. This does not take into account the potential effects of wave action, climate change, funnelling or local bathymetry at this location. The wave study states that the 1 in 200 year still water level for the area is 3.9mAOD. SEPA has carried out additional work to extent the CFB method into estuaries and sea lochs, so this may account for the difference in stated levels.
- 2.3 We are pleased to note that the study has been updated to include the most recent climate change predictions to 2100. We would also recommend a minimum 0.6m freeboard is applied above the CFB and climate change levels to account for uncertainties and the effects of wave action. This means we would recommend that the design level for development is a minimum 5.59mAOD.
- 2.4 The supporting information states that there is expected to be a reduction in overtopping post development. Although the proposals would likely offer some improvement to flood risk in the area, we understand they would not represent a formal flood scheme. We recommend that The Highland Council Flood Team are consulted as the Flood Risk Management Authority, and may be able to offer more detailed advice on the works and flood risk in the area.
- 2.5 The supporting information concludes that no mitigation would be required as no significant flood risk impacts are expected. Depending on the phasing of the works, there may be an increased risk if the new defences are not in place, or the current defences are being improved. The Highland Council may be able to provide more advice on suitable mitigation during the works if required.
- 2.6 Although the wave study has considered the most recent climate change predictions, it concludes that in the 2100 water level event the area would still flood from the drainage system even if the wall was raised further. While the proposals would offer some improvements to the current flood risk, it appears it would not be able to resolve longer term flooding issues in the area. The Highland Council Flood Team may have more detailed comment on this issue.

Regulatory advice for the applicant

3. Regulatory requirements

3.1 Management of surplus soils may require an exemption under The Waste Management Licensing (Scotland) Regulations 2011. Proposed crushing or screening will require a

permit under The Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2012. Consider if other environmental licences may be required for any installations or processes.

- 3.2 Any changes to existing waste water infrastructure will need to meet the requirements of The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (As Amended) (CAR).
- 3.3 A Controlled Activities Regulations (CAR) construction site licence will be required for management of surface water run-off from a construction site, including access tracks, which:
 - is more than 4 hectares,
 - is in excess of 5km, or
 - includes an area of more than 1 hectare or length of more than 500m on ground with a slope in excess of 25°

See SEPA's <u>Sector Specific Guidance: Construction Sites (WAT-SG-75)</u> for details. Site design may be affected by pollution prevention requirements and hence we strongly encourage the applicant to engage in pre-CAR application discussions with a member of the regulatory services team in your local SEPA office.

- 3.4 Below these thresholds you will need to comply with <u>CAR General Binding Rule 10</u> which requires, amongst other things, that all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure that the discharge does not result in pollution of the water environment. The detail of how this is achieved may be required through a planning condition.
- 3.5 Details of regulatory requirements and good practice advice for the applicant can be found on the <u>Regulations section</u> of our website. If you are unable to find the advice you need for a specific regulatory matter, please contact a member of the regulations team in your local SEPA office at Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall Business Park, Dingwall IV15 9XB Tel: 01349 862 021.

If you have any queries relating to this letter, please contact me by telephone on 01349 860415 or e-mail at planning.dingwall@sepa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Cerian Baldwin Planning Officer Planning Service

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Bamlett R (Rebecca)

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Sent: 16 April 2020 12:13 **To:** Bamlett R (Rebecca)

Subject: RE: Ullapool Harbour Trust (per Affric Ltd) - Shore Street Widening & Promenade - Ullapool, Ross and Cromarty - Consultation on Request

for Screening Opinion - Response Required by 14 April 2020

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for your email.

From the information provided, we consider that the proposed works are not an EIA project.

I hope this is of assistance.

Regards Alexander

Alexander Macdonald | Operations Officer

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Response Required by 14 April 2020

Dear Alexander,

Thank you for providing the below response to the Ullapool screening consultation.

Regulation 10(6) of the The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations), require SNH to provide a view as to whether the proposed works are an EIA project, as defined in the EIA Regulations. The deadline for providing this view was 14 April 2020.

Could therefore you please confirm SNH's view as soon as possible as to whether the proposed works are an EIA project or not.

Kind regards, Rebecca

Rebecca Bamlett
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Request for EIA Screening Opinion - Widening of road, formation of promenade and small boat harbour, Land 100M South Of 16 Shore Street Shore Street Ullapool Thank you for the consultation regarding the request for a screening opinion on the above proposed development.

The proposed development is adjacent to the Wester Ross Nature Conservation Marine Protected Area (NC MPA) and lies close to the Inner Hebrides and the Minches Special Area of Conservation (SAC) for harbour porpoise. We have also responded to the Highland Council regarding a screening opinion and copy our response below:

Wester Ross Nature Conservation Marine Protected Area (NC MPA)

The proposal is close to the Wester Ross NC MPA selected for various protected features on the seabed. The site's status means that the requirements of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 apply. Consequently, there is a requirement to consider the effect of the proposal on the NC MPA before it can be consented.

Breakwater pontoon

The new breakwater pontoon appears to be close to (or is just within) the boundary of the MPA. As such there may be direct impacts from the mooring arrangements for the new structure, or from the indirect effects of any changes in hydrodynamics on the protected features. However, from our records, there are not likely to be any very sensitive habitats to these effects (i.e. maerl or flame shell beds) in close proximity, therefore these effects can be screened out.

Disposal of material

The proposed development includes disposing of dredged material in the Ullapool (Loch Broom) dredge spoil disposal site. The screening report correctly identifies that the site contains a protected feature of the Wester Ross MPA – Burrowed mud - and that tall sea pens are present. Tall sea pens are particularly vulnerable to this activity and any disposal of material within this site would need to avoid the areas where this feature occurs. This could be achieved for example, by using drop down video equipment to identify areas within the disposal site that does not have this feature.

Inner Hebrides and the Minches Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

The proposed development includes the installation of sheet piles. The installation of driven piles in the marine environment without mitigation is likely to produce noise levels capable of causing injury and disturbance to marine mammals. Although the screening document has determined that there will be no likely significant effects, we would encourage the applicants to consider this risk further, particularly in relation to the SAC and whether it may be necessary to produce an Environmental Management Plan (EMP), as per the guidance in the JNCC 'statutory nature conservation agency protocol for minimising the risk of injury to marine mammals from piling noise'.

http://data.jncc.gov.uk/data/31662b6a-19ed-4918-9fab-8fbcff752046/JNCC-CNCB-Piling-protocol-August2010-Web.pdf

Regards,

Alexander Macdonald | Operations Officer

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Subject: Ullapool Harbour Trust (per Affric Ltd) - Shore Street Widening & Promenade - Ullapool, Ross and Cromarty - Consultation on Request for Screening Opinion -

Response Required by 14 April 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED) ("the EIA Regulations")

CONSULTATION UNDER PART 2, REGULATION 10(5) OF THE EIA REGULATIONS

Ullapool Harbour Trust (per Affric Ltd) - Shore Street Widening & Promenade - Ullapool, Ross and Cromarty

Ullapool Harbour Trust have requested the Scottish Ministers adopt a screening opinion in relation to the above proposed works under regulation 10(1) of the EIA Regulations.

I should be grateful if you would please review the associated <u>information</u> and, as required by regulation 10(5) of the EIA Regulations, provide your view as to whether the above proposed works are an EIA project as defined in the EIA Regulations.

In accordance with regulation 10(6) of the EIA Regulations, please ensure you provide your view no later than 14th April 2020.

Kind regards, Marc

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08 April 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 Request for Screening Opinion for Shore Street Widening & Promenade at Ullapool Harbour Trust (per Affric Ltd)

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 24 March 2020 seeking our comments on an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening opinion for the above proposed development. This letter contains our comments for our historic environment interests. That is world heritage sites, scheduled monuments and their setting, category A-listed buildings and their setting, gardens and designed landscapes and battlefields on their respective Inventories.

Your archaeological and conservation advisors will also be able to offer advice for their interests. This may include unscheduled archaeology, category B- and C-listed buildings and conservation areas.

Our Screening opinion

An EIA is required for this proposed development. This is due to the lack of information included in this consultation relating to the potential for a significant effect of the proposed development on the potential unrecorded marine archaeology. Given the lack of information included with the application, it is not clear how this proposal could proceed in accordance with the provisions of the UK or Scottish Marine Plans.

Our advice

We note from paragraph 4.2 of the screening report that there are no wrecks within the footprint of the development and dredge area, however, there is one unclassified wreck in the vicinity of the development which lies approximately 35m north of the end of the breakwater pontoon (57.89583°N, -5.15500°E) at a water depth of 3m (lowest astronomical tide) (Canmore, 2019). It is mentioned that this wreck may lie within navigation routes into the inner harbour after the end pontoon is installed. We have concerns about this as the potential for marine archaeology is flagged up but there is no clarification on what would be put in place to mitigate any potential impacts. We would

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suggest that further investigation is undertaken to identify the potential for unrecorded archaeology and mitigation measures are described.

The guidance in <u>The Crown Estate Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries</u> document will help with the design of suitable actions and mitigation measures. We also recommend that the developer takes account of the <u>Joint Nautical Archaeological Committee's Code of Practice for Seabed Development</u> as part of the assessment of the impact of this proposal.

If you find that there is no marine archaeology in the area, we would be happy to be rescreened as no EIA would be required for our interests.

We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Chloe Porter and they can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8653 or by email on chloe.porter@hes.scot.

Yours faithfully

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Historic Environment Scotland

Bamlett R (Rebecca)

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Subject: Ullapool Screening Consultation

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Dear Rebecca,

We welcome the further investigation undertaken to identify the potential for unrecorded archaeology. The information provided shows a lack of evidence of a wreck within the footprint of the planned works. On the basis of this further information, we are content that no EIA would be required for our interests.

Kind Regards,

Chloé

Chloé Porter (AssocRTPI) | Senior Casework Officer | Heritage Directorate

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