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Dear Sir/Madam

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**HARBOURS ACT 1964 SECTION 40A: DESIGNATION OF THE STATUTORY HARBOUR AUTHORITIES FOR 26 HARBOURS IN ENGLAND AND 5 NON-FISHERY HARBOURS IN WALES WITH THE POWER TO GIVE HARBOUR DIRECTIONS**

The Harbours Act 1964 was amended by section 5 of the Marine Navigation Act 2013 which inserted new sections 40A-40D inclusive which provide a mechanism by which the Secretary of State may, by order, designate harbour authorities with the power to give harbour directions to better regulate shipping and improve safety within their harbour area.

This consultation seeks your views on the applications received from statutory harbour authorities for 26 harbours in England and 5 non-fishery harbours in Wales requesting to be designated with the power to give harbour directions.

One of the applicant harbour authorities (Associated British Ports - ABP - in respect of Ipswich) has existing powers of general direction which overlap with the harbour directions powers that would be conferred under section 40A of the Harbours Act 1964. If ABP Ipswich is designated their existing powers of general direction (see paragraphs 1.17-1.23 of the consultation document) would need to be repealed.

**The consultation will close on Friday 16 January 2015.**

Responses and any questions or comments should be sent to the following e-mail address:

[harbourdirections@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:harbourdirections@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

**When responding, please quote “Harbour directions DfT 2014-31” and the name(s) of the relevant harbour(s).** If you wish you may use the optional response document that has been included with the consultation document on the Department’s website.

Alternatively responses may be sent by post to Caroline Wall at the above address. Paper copies of the consultation documentation are also available on request.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Wall', written in a cursive style.

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**HARBOUR DIRECTIONS POWER: LIST OF 31 HARBOURS THE STATUTORY HARBOUR AUTHORITIES (SHAs) FOR WHICH HAVE APPLIED TO BE DESIGNATED**

Associated British Ports (ABP) Goole<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Grimsby<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Hull<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Immingham<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Barrow<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Fleetwood<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Garston<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Ipswich<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Kings Lynn<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Lowestoft<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Plymouth (Mill Bay)<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Silloth<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Teignmouth (Quays)<sup>P</sup>  
 ABP Barry<sup>W P</sup>  
 ABP Cardiff<sup>W P</sup>  
 ABP Newport (South Wales)<sup>W P</sup>  
 ABP Port Talbot<sup>W P</sup>  
 ABP Swansea<sup>W P</sup>  
 Cattewater<sup>T</sup>  
 Chichester<sup>T</sup>  
 Crouch<sup>T</sup>  
 Dart<sup>T</sup>  
 Falmouth Docks and Engineering Company<sup>P</sup>  
 Falmouth Harbour Commissioners<sup>T</sup>  
 Fowey<sup>T</sup>  
 Hayle<sup>P</sup>  
 Mostyn<sup>P</sup>  
 Peel Ports (PP) Manchester Ship Canal<sup>P</sup>  
 PP Heysham<sup>P</sup>  
 Salcombe<sup>LA</sup>  
 Sutton (Plymouth)<sup>P</sup>

**KEY**

**W** = Welsh non-fishery harbours

**P** = Private company-owned harbours - 24

**T** = Trust ports (independent statutory bodies with no shareholders or owners) – 7

**LA** = local authority-owned harbour (South Hams District Council) - 1

n.b.

(1) the Scottish Ministers are responsible for designating SHAs for Scottish harbours

(2) the Welsh Ministers are responsible for designating SHAs for Welsh fishery harbours

