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Harbours Act 1964 (Schedule 3)

Title: Proposed Ilfracombe Harbour Revision Order

Applicant: North Devon District Council

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1. Proposal

North Devon District Council submitted an intention to apply for a Harbour Revision Order (HRO), to authorise construction, to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) on 17 October 2017, as required under paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the Harbours Act 1964 (the Act).

The proposal is to construct a watersports centre and new associated slipway at Larkstone Cove. There will also be the construction of a new harbour wall.

1.1 Project Background

The new harbour wall (approx. 45 metres) will be constructed of concrete blocks backfilled with granular fill, located 5 metres north from the existing harbour wall. The two walls will be bridged with concrete beams to create a new extended quayside.

There will be a watersports centre constructed on the land, with an associated slipway.

The slipway will be constructed of fifteen longitudinal reinforced concrete beams with a surface of concrete beams, supported laterally by eight cross beams and vertically by 13 reinforced concrete columns on reinforced concrete footings commencing at a point on the new harbour wall. The slipway will extend for 36 metres and have an overall width of 8 metres.

2. Location

Figure 1 - The proposed Ilfracombe Watersports Centre is located at Larkstone Cove, Ilfracombe, Devon.



3. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

Council Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment ("the EIA Directive") aims to protect the environment and the quality of life by ensuring that projects which are likely to have significant environmental effects by virtue of their nature, size or location are subject to an EIA before permission is granted.

The MMO considers that the proposed works are capable of falling under Annex II of the Directive, specifically:

10 (e) Construction of roads, harbours and port installations, including fishing harbours (projects not included in Annex I).

In accordance with Schedule 3 of the Act, the MMO must determine that an Environmental Impact Assessment is required in relation to the proposed works, if it is concluded that the project in question is likely because of its size, nature or location, to have significant effects on the environment; an assessment of the potential impacts is set out below.

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This proposal is not out of scale with the existing environment and has been designed to minimise impacts on the environment by using pre-cast sections which will be lifted in via crane. This will mitigate impacts by reducing the amount of construction plant on the foreshore and pollution to the marine environment by not mixing cement in the vicinity of the marine environment.

The area is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), however the area is reasonably developed and is not unspoilt land. As further mitigation the applicant has proposed a tree plan in the vicinity of the proposed watersports centre.

It is therefore the opinion of the MMO that the proposed activity as described is **screened out** of requiring an Environmental Impact Assessment under the Directive.

Next Steps

The MMO will provide further information regarding next steps with regard to your application for a HRO, including associated fees, when we hear from you further on this matter.

It must be noted that the proposed works, as described will also require a marine licence under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and sufficient regard must be given to the above points when submitting any application for a marine licence.



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