

## **HARBOURS ACT 1964 (AS AMENDED)**

### **PROPOSED BRISTOL CITY DOCKS AND PORTISHEAD HARBOUR REVISION ORDER**

#### **NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A HARBOUR REVISION ORDER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bristol City Council (“the applicant”) has applied to the Marine Management Organisation (“the MMO”) for a Harbour Revision order under section 14 of the Harbours Act 1964.

The proposed order would modernise and consolidate the statutory harbour powers applying in relation to Bristol City Docks and Portishead Pier (“the Harbours”). The proposed order provides clarity on the limits of the Harbours and the general functions of the applicant; provisions relating to the use of revenue, the establishment of a reserve fund and borrowing; provisions relating to charges; modernised powers of management and control of the Harbours to vest in the applicant including in relation to general directions, special directions and byelaws; the establishment of an advisory body or bodies consisting of stakeholders with which the applicant is required to consult on material matters; powers to vest in the applicant which include powers to develop or dispose of land, grant tenancies and for other commercial activities; powers to vest in the applicant relating to the delegation of functions, moorings, bunkering, aids to navigation, dredging, landing places, works, parking places, vehicles, wrecks, unserviceable vessels and obstructions; and provisions for tidal works and for the Council to prosecute or defend legal proceedings. To facilitate the above, article 71 of the proposed order causes the enactments set out in Schedule 3 to the proposed order to cease to have effect, article 72 of the proposed order revokes / repeals the enactments set out in Schedule 4 to the proposed order, and articles 61 to 70 of the proposed order amend the enactments set out those articles to the proposed order.

The proposed order would not authorise the construction or alteration of a project or confer development consent. Accordingly, Council Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (as amended) which is codified by Council Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU) does not apply to the proposals and no environmental statement has been supplied.

A copy of the draft order and accompanying documents is deposited at the offices of the applicant at Harbour Office, Underfall Yard, Cumberland Road, Bristol BS1 6XG.

The draft order and accompanying documents are also available for inspection at the offices of the MMO in Newcastle Upon Tyne by appointment at the email address below or may be viewed on the MMO’s website at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/harbour-orders-public-register>

Any person desiring to make an objection or representation concerning the application should write to the Harbour Orders Team, Marine Management Organisation, Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 7YH

or email to [harbourorders@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:harbourorders@marinemanagement.org.uk). An objection or representation **should**:

- i. be received before the expiry of a period of 42 days starting with the date at the foot of this notice (but see the last paragraph of this notice below);
- ii. be made in writing quoting reference HRO/2024/00001;
- iii. state the grounds of the objection or representation;
- iv. indicate who is making the objection or representation; and
- v. give an address to which correspondence relating to the objection or representation may be sent.

The MMO will pass to the applicant a copy of any objections and other representations received.

If an objection is duly made and not withdrawn then the MMO may cause an inquiry to be held. Any objections duly made and not withdrawn and any representations duly made will be considered before the MMO decides whether or not to make the order.

The statutory 42-day public consultation on the HRO starts on 29 April 2025. As this 42-day consultation will run across 2 public holidays, the MMO is agreeable to consider consultation responses received up to 2 days beyond the 42-day consultation period. The final date for consultation responses to be received is therefore **11 June 2025**.

Dated: 29 April 2025

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