

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

BRIEFING NOTE - ABERDEEN HARBOUR EXPANSION PROJECT

Land at Bay of Nigg, Coast Road / Greyhope Road, Torry

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HARBOUR REVISION ORDER & MARINE LICENCES: RESOLUTION OF CONCERNS

The Planning Development Management Committee resolved on 10th December 2015 to confirm its support for the principle of the development, subject to resolution of a number of outstanding concerns. A period of negotiation with Aberdeen Harbour Board has now concluded. Aberdeen Harbour Board has proposed a package of mitigation and other measures to address the concerns raised by Aberdeen City Council, which includes a commitment to secure delivery of the measures by both the formal Harbour Revision Order (HRO) process and a stand-alone legal agreement between Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeen Harbour Board. The package includes various works and improvements to the Coast Road, including cycle and pedestrian connections, an Outline Mitigation and Compensation Plan to address various environmental and landscape impacts and an Outline Local Training Initiative Action Plan. Detailed Plans will be delivered through the legal agreement. Taken as a whole, the package of measures is sufficient to address the outstanding concerns identified in the Committee's resolution.

On 29th March 2016 the Director of Communities Housing and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Convener of the Communities Housing Infrastructure Committee and the Convener of the Planning Development Management Committee, decided to lift the objection to the Harbour Revision Order and Marine Licence. Transport Scotland were advised accordingly on 31st March 2016. In lifting the objection, the Scottish Minister has been invited to consider Aberdeen City Council's position that the "power to deviate" specified in the draft HRO is excessive and thus should be reduced and that there are notable gaps in information contained in the Environmental Statement, which also generally downplays the overall impacts of the development.