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Planning Application Accompanied by an Environmental Statement and Further Environmental Information

**The Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
(Article 8)**

**The Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015
(Regulation 20)**

Belfast City Council

Application No: LA04/2016/0421/F

Proposal: Construction of a new multi-purpose facility at D3 for berthing of cruise ships, and for lay-by and transient storage of project cargo, break bulk and dry bulk during cruise ship off season. Development comprises the construction of 340m long solid quay with mooring dolphins, dredging of the berthing pocket and infilling behind the new quay wall using imported clean fill materials, construction of a 25m wide piled relieving slab along the quay length, with heavy duty paving surfacing on the quay/slab hinterland, access road, security gates, access barrier and kiosk at Airport Road West, modular terminal building, shore side facilities, lighting, fencing, screen bund and landscaping.

Location: Land at D3, adjacent to the RSPB Reserve, Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9DY
RPS on behalf of Belfast Harbour has submitted a planning application for their site known as D3, Belfast Harbour.

The primary proposed end use of the completed infrastructure is for the berthing of cruise ships during the cruise season, generally from March through to September, to accommodate the steady growth in this sector.

During the off-season for the cruise industry, generally from October through to March, it is proposed to use the berthing facilities for lay-by, and general cargo handling such as break bulk cargo, project cargo and dry bulk. It is not intended that the facility would be utilised for Lift-on/Lift-off (Lo-Lo), Roll-on/Roll-off (Ro-Ro) or handling of liquid bulk cargo.

There are no proposals for long term storage at D3, rather the proposed development is for primarily transient storage which has no requirement for silos or storage buildings. The short term storage of bulk materials will be restricted to c.4m in height with mobile bunker wall units employed as required to facilitate storage of loose cargo. It is proposed to utilise material handlers or road going mobile cranes for offloading vessels. There will be no requirement for fixed cranes or hoppers

Following a review of the initial testing results with DAERA Marine Division, a further sampling and testing regime as stated in Chapter 10 of the Environmental Statement (ES) was agreed with DAERA Marine Division, to provide further information on the actual extent of the TBT contaminated material focusing on the area surrounding MBH15 where the TBT had been encountered during the initial testing.

As a result of this testing the following chapters of the ES have been amended to reflect the results;

Chapter 1 - Introduction & Project Description

Chapter 6 - Marine Ecology

Chapter 10 - Flood Risk & Water Quality

Chapter 11 - Coastal Processes & Hydrodynamic Modelling

The application and associated ES may be examined during normal office hours at the DfI: Strategic Planning Division, Causeway Exchange, 1-7 Bedford Street, Town Parks, Belfast BT2 7EG. It is advisable to make an appointment before calling at the office, tel: 03002007830.

The application and associated ES may also be viewed at the Planning NI Web Portal via Public Access www.planningni.gov.uk

The ES is available for viewing and can be purchased from Belfast Harbour Office, Corporation Square, Belfast, BT1 3AL, Tel: 02890 554422

The cost is:

Environmental Statement (ES) – Hard Copy (All volumes) £80.00

Environmental Statement (ES) – Digital Copy £5

Written representations in relation to this planning application should be forwarded to the Strategic Planning Division, Causeway Exchange, 1-7 Bedford Street, Town Parks, Belfast BT2 7EG not later than 4 weeks from the date of this advertisement.

Please quote the reference number in all correspondence.

In connection to this application three Marine Licence Applications have been submitted to DAERA: Marine Division (formally DOE Marine Division).

Applications for a (Marine Construction Licence, Disposal at Sea Licence & a Dredging Licence)

under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

Ref: ML122_15 – Marine Construction Licence

ML149_16 – Dredge Licence

ML150_16 – Disposal at Sea Licence

Marine Licence applications have been made by the Belfast Harbour Commissioners to:

Construct a new multi-purpose facility at D3 for berthing of cruise ships, and for lay-by and transient storage of project cargo, break bulk & dry bulk during cruise ship off-season. The development comprises the construction of a 340m long solid quay with mooring dolphins, dredging of the berthing pocket & infilling behind the new quay wall using imported clean fill materials, construction of a 25m wide piled relieving slab along the quay length, with heavy duty paving surfacing on the quay/slab hinterland, access road, security gates, access barrier & kiosk at Airport Road West, modular terminal building, lighting, fencing, screen bund and landscaping. The proposal involves dredging, and the disposal of dredged material at the North Channel Disposal Ground;

in the location of:

D3, directly opposite Victoria Terminal 4, within Belfast Harbour Estate.

DAERA Marine Division, is the Marine Licensing authority for Northern Ireland, and controls the deposit and removal of materials from the high water mean spring tide mark out to 12 nautical miles.

You may contact Marine Division to arrange to view the applications, ES, or to request a copy – Tel (028) 90 569247

Written representations in connection to the marine licence may be made within the next 42 days to:

DAERA Marine Division, 2nd Floor, Klondyke Building, Cromac Avenue, Malone Lower, Belfast, BT7 2JA

Comments received may be supplied to any third party, on request.