POLICY NOTE

ABERDEEN HARBOUR REVISION ORDER 2016

SSI 2016/

1. The above instrument is to be made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 of the Harbours Act 1964 ("the 1964 Act") and is subject to affirmative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

2. The purpose of this Order is to enable the construction, operation and maintenance of an extension to the existing harbour by Aberdeen Harbour Board and to modify the existing harbour limits to include the new facilities in Nigg Bay.

3. The importance of this project has been recognised in the Third National Planning Framework published in June 2014 which recognises 14 projects as being of national significance, among them Aberdeen Harbour extension.

4. The works provisions contained in the Order specify the infrastructure to be constructed including breakwaters and quayside to create a sheltered harbour within Nigg Bay.

Consultation

5. Public consultation was undertaken on the draft Order and Environmental Statement and additional environmental information as specified within Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act. 28 objections were received and 5 were subsequently with drawn based on proposed modifications to the Order.

6. Following provision of additional clarification material on environmental impacts and the written representations of objectors 23 objections remained from 21 local residents, Royal Yachting Association and Whale and Dolphin Conservation. Modifications were made to the order to mitigate effects on the local environment and various protected species and these modifications together with additional material provided, enabled a number of objectors including Scottish Natural Heritage and Aberdeen City Council to withdraw their objections.

Financial Effects

7. There are no financial effects on the Scottish Government from this Order. No Regulatory Impact Assessment has therefore been carried out in respect of this Order

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