

## Port of Sunderland Consultation Notice

### PORT OF SUNDERLAND BYELAWS – INFORMAL CONSULTATION

As you may be aware, Sunderland City Council as the harbour undertakers in respect of the Port of Sunderland has been, over a considerable period of time, reviewing the current Port of Sunderland Byelaws 1978.

Informal consultation took place during 2013 on a set of proposed new port byelaws, with Sunderland City Council being extremely grateful to those who responded at that time. All comments/suggestions received have been carefully considered and where appropriate, acted upon and changes incorporated into the draft byelaws.

#### **Second round of informal consultation :**

We recognise that informal consultation is an important stage in developing the proposals for the draft byelaws and we wish to ensure we take account of the views of as many interested parties as possible. As we also recognise a considerable period of time has passed since we last informally consulted and the draft byelaws have changed either through our own reflection or following comments received from the first round of consultation, we would like to give interested parties a further opportunity to put forward any **new** comments/suggestions on the proposed draft byelaws at this stage. This informal consultation process is intended to enable stakeholders, port users and other interested parties to comment on any aspect of the proposed byelaws, including suggestions for deletions, amendments and additional provisions.

Kindly note that all comments received during the last round of informal consultation were carefully considered and therefore it is only **new** comments/suggestions that we are interested in receiving during this second round of informal consultation. Feedback received during this round of informal consultation will help inform the byelaws that we ultimately submit for confirmation to the Department for Transport, therefore we encourage everyone to respond.

Informal consultation will commence will end on Sunday, 23/04/2017.

Any comments you may have regarding the above proposals should be made in writing by one of the following means, to arrive no later than Sunday, 23/04/2017:

**On-line:** Sunderland City Council Consultation Calendar by pasting the following link into your browser: [goo.gl/WdWnl3](http://goo.gl/WdWnl3)  
**(Preferred means of contact)**

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The following documents are attached :

- Appendix 1 : Latest draft copy of the proposed new Port of Sunderland Byelaws (March, 2017);
- Appendix 2 : Port of Sunderland Byelaws 1978; and
- Appendix 3 : Consultation Notice