



Angus Council: Arbroath Harbour Conservancy and Environmental Policy

The Duty Holder for Arbroath Harbour acknowledges their common law duty of care to users of the harbour regarding conservancy and environmental duties. The following specific provision are recognised:

- o Environmental duties laid out in the 'Harbour Act 1964', Section 48A; Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act (2011), which requires public bodies, including Statutory Harbours, to have regard to biodiversity in their activities; and Habitats Directive under the Conservation (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1994.

This commitment covers the Harbour Authority's jurisdiction and its immediate approaches. The following specific provisions are made:

- To keep a 'vigilant watch' for changes in the harbour's berthing area and approaches;
- o Evaluation and remove obstructions that may become a danger to safe navigation;
- o Ensure the provision of necessary Aids to Navigation for the harbour based on formal risk assessment and in consultation with the Northern Lighthouse Board, in their role as the General Lighthouse Authority;
- o Promulgate effectively navigational, tidal and weather information to harbour users;
- o Commission such hydrographic surveys as regularly as necessary to identify the least available depths; and
- o Maintain a close liaison with, and provide relevant data to, the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office. Such data includes bathymetric survey data of the seabed plus any additions or changes to navigation aids and charted features.

Duty Holder signature of approval and authority:

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