

ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL

Draft Masterplan for Orkney Harbours

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Statement of Reasons

This statement has been produced to comply with Section 10 and Section 8(2)(b) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

The Masterplan for Orkney Harbours will provide a framework for the future growth and development of the harbour business. It will seek to identify future construction projects and allocation of resources concerning the development of Orkney Harbours and piers over the next 20 years (2020-2040).

There is potential for proposals developed as part of the Masterplan to have a significant effect on the environment; therefore a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Masterplan for Orkney Harbours is required. Carrying out a SEA will allow for environmental issues to be considered and addressed throughout the Masterplan process.

The findings of the SEA will be presented in an Environmental Report which will be issued for public consultation along with the Masterplan.