Planning the construction works

Three further consultations after the preferred scheme has been confirmed, which will include discussion of how best to minimise impacts during construction.

Tourism and recreation

The design of the construction works could affect your business. We will work with you to design the scheme and plan the construction works so that the effects on your business are minimised. As part of the design process, we will carry out conversations with business owners and managers to plan how the construction works will be carried out during the summer season. The contractor will have to supply equipment to minimise visual impact during construction.

Navigation and moorings

All of the proposed options include new walkways in the international zone area which may result in an increased need for navigation services. We will engage with organisations to provide navigation advice. All of the proposed options will include walkway access in the international zone area which may result in an increased need for navigation services. We will engage with organisations to provide navigation advice.

Traffic & transport

Traffic on the roads is expected to increase in traffic on the roads and around Millport during construction. We have developed a traffic management plan to help to manage traffic during construction. The traffic management plan will be reviewed and updated as the construction progresses.

Environmental Assessment

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will need to be completed, because the scheme will change the environment. Federal Government Guidance advises that a single impact assessment and approval procedure which includes planning confirm the EIA. We will consult with you as part of the Environmental Assessment process and take your views into account during the decision-making process.

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The Interim Environmental Assessment showed that the most important issues for the local community are: impacts on the natural environment, including visual appearance, impacts on the economy, and impacts on residents. The importance of these issues is affected by the investment from North Ayrshire Council in consultation, and the changes that have been made to the scheme proposed during consultations.

Predicted impacts on the physical environment and natural habitats have been assessed as relatively limited, particularly after construction is complete. These impacts can be mitigated through appropriate design and construction methodology. Further assessments and mitigation plans for both the offshores and onshore works, will be undertaken as part of the EIA, which will consider the significance of the impacts. The EIA will be published as an Environmental Statement.

Managing impacts on nature

During construction there is a risk that some vulnerable species and areas should be affected. We have carried out surveys and studies, and what we want to understand what needs protecting. As part of the Environmental Assessment process we will consult with you on the protection of these species and areas.

On land and on the shore

We have assessed the predicted effects of the options on coastal processes, using the wave and water quality models, and the selection of the preferred scheme will be based on the outcome of these assessments. The selection of the preferred option has been based on the outcome of these assessments. The selection of the preferred option has been based on the outcome of these assessments.

We will consult with Marine Scotland about this issue. We are conducting surveys and studies to identify the potential impact of the breakwaters on marine water quality and sediment quality. We are gathering information about the potential impact of the breakwaters on marine water quality and sediment quality. We are gathering information about the potential impact of the breakwaters on marine water quality and sediment quality.

We will publish newsletters and reports about the Offshore Works to provide an update to stakeholders about the progress of the Offshore Works.

Archaeology & cultural heritage

Alan Wakes (2019) undertook an archaeological assessment of the site. The potential for there to be industrial archaeology and cultural heritage on the site is low. This is expected to be of archaeological interest. The site is not expected to have any significant impact on archaeological heritage.

We are working to develop the scheme design in consultation with the relevant authorities and stakeholders. The process for assessing the environmental impact is designed to ensure that any issues are identified and addressed.

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Noise and air quality

Throughout the construction works, noise and air quality issues will be monitored and we will work with you to ensure that the noise and air quality impact is minimized.

In order to protect the site, a draft noise action plan and air quality action plan have been prepared which will be consulted on during the consultation process.