

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007, as amended ("the Regulations"): Screening Opinion

Proposal

Scarborough Borough Council proposes to undertake a scheme of repair and improvement works to Whitby Harbour's Main Pier. This will include the installation of a flood gate at Battery Parade Slipway

Sections of the main piers have been subject to voiding and undercutting from tidal and wave action which, if allowed to continue, will result in the breach of pier sections, accelerating erosion and destabilisation of adjacent sections and the loss of their coastal defence function. In addition, the collapse of the piers would pose a health and safety risk to members of the public.

The proposed scheme will improve the condition and performance of the main piers and extend the life of these assets to 100 years. Furthermore, the proposed flood gate at Battery Parade will reduce the risk of flooding to the Fish Quay due to wave run-up.

Location

Whitby Pier and Harbour

Potential impacts

The proposed scheme is not located within any designated sites of International, National or European conservation importance. It is, however, adjacent to the Whitby to Saltwick SSSI, designated for its geological features, and the The River Esk, locally designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC).

There is potential to cause damage to the Whitby to Saltwick SSSI by construction and plant machinery used in the construction process, this will need to be taken into consideration when producing a detailed methodology.

Construction noise may have potential to impact on wintering/passage waders (particular turnstone and purple sandpiper) greater detail regarding the use of the area by these birds will be needed for an adequate assessment to be carried out into potential impacts.

Conclusion

The proposed works fall within Annex II of the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 section 10(k). However, due to the

projects location, nature and scale I do not believe it will have a significant adverse affect on the environment and, therefore, do not believe a formal EIA will be required

The works will require a marine licence under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.