

Planning Application Submitted For Campbeltown Berthing

A PLANNING application is being submitted to extend and improve the existing berthing facility in Campbeltown.

Included in the proposals are plans to relocate the bridge access directly to the old quay which will connect to new onshore toilet and shower facilities within the existing building between the RNLI and the harbour-master's office.

The final design allows for the berthing of up to 51 vessels with a combination of dedicated single finger berths, alongside berthing and rafting during peak periods.

As part of the upgrade, plans include the provision of a floating breakwater as part of the berths, drinking water and electricity for boats.

The toilets and showers have been designed to reflect modern standards for small marinas ensuring the development will create a much more attractive environment for visiting sailors.

The planning application will ensure that there are no changes to existing arrangements for the RNLI and the small fishing boats that berth on the north side of the old quay.

Campbeltown Harbour will continue to operate as a safe place for multiple users while maximising the limited space available.

Chair of the Campbeltown CHORD project board, Councillor Rory Colville said, 'The council and the consultants have made terrific progress over the last few months and I am pleased with

the innovative design the consultants have developed that ensures this opportunity is maximised without impacting on other users of the harbour.

'It is important that Campbeltown retains a harbour that accommodates all our industries and tourism activities including fishing, recreational sailing, and of course the RNLI who are essential to the safety and well being of our marine communities.'

Under 'Sail West' this project is part financed by the European Union's European Regional Development Fund through the INTERREG IVA Cross Border Programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.

Sail West, a €7m flagship project, seeks to encourage and increase sailing tourism in the west of Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the north west of the Republic of Ireland, and to encourage more sailing traffic between these three regions.

● The lead consultants on the Campbeltown Berthing Facility are Fairhurst Consulting Engineers and Blue Sea Consulting LLP

