



Southwold Harbour

Potential Harbour Revision Order

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Overview

What is a Harbour Revision Order?

Process, cost and timescale

Potential provisions to consider including

WHAT IS A HARBOUR REVISION ORDER?


- ◆ Made under the Harbours Act 1964
- ◆ Amends the existing local harbour legislation of statutory harbour authorities:
 - ◆ Modernisation;
 - ◆ Repeals;
 - ◆ New powers.



Core Test



“Satisfied that the making of the order is desirable in the interests of securing the improvement, maintenance or management of the harbour in an efficient and economical manner or of facilitating the efficient and economic transport of goods or passengers by sea or in the interests of the recreational use of sea-going ships”



Process, cost and timescale

- ◆ Local consultation recommended
- ◆ Submission of applications
- ◆ **Application Fee:** £4,000 but rising to £9,790 (Oct 2022) and £15,579 (Oct 2023).
- ◆ Validation
- ◆ Public Notices
 - ◆ 4 local advertisements and 2 London Gazette.
 - ◆ Local prices determine cost (often £2,000 - £5,000 overall).
- ◆ 42 day public consultation

Determination

- ◆ Resolution of concerns raised
- ◆ MMO will then either:
 - ◆ Move to Determination; or
 - ◆ Call a Public Inquiry
- ◆ Laying in Parliament (HRO only)
- ◆ Publication of HRO decision notices





Potential Costs and Timescales cont.

Public Advertisements

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Legal Fees

- ◆ Depends on content of the HRO and responses received:
 - ◆ Circa £25,000 - £30,000 plus VAT and disbursements (no Public Inquiry or protracted objections).

Potential Costs and Timescales cont.

Overall Timescales

- ◆ Probably in the region of 12 – 18 months from application (no Public Inquiry)
- ◆ Could be longer





Potential provisions for inclusion

1. Placing the HMC on a statutory footing;
2. Placing the Advisory body on a statutory footing;
3. Modernising but retaining full ring fencing of harbour funds;
4. Modernising provisions related to capital monies;
5. Short fall in Harbour Revenue.

Potential provisions for inclusion cont.

6. Ensuring the 'rating' and 'harbour' limits are the same;
7. Modernising the definition of vessel;
8. Obtaining Powers of General Direction;
9. Fixing the landside harbour premises limits or making them flexible;
10. Extension of the Harbour Limits.

