

# PROPOSAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENDEAVOUR WHARF

## What is happening?

For over four years Scarborough Borough Council and the Whitby Harbour Board have been actively seeking to increase commercial activity in Whitby Harbour.

In particular we have been working to promote the Borough as great location to establish offshore wind operations and maintenance activity. Over this period the Council have undertaken numerous consultation events, supply chain development activity and educational events etc. to try and encourage both the industry and our communities to engage with this opportunity.

Over the past months the Council have received a number of enquiries from organisations wishing to explore establishing offshore wind related activity in our ports, particularly in Whitby. **Whitby is the closet serviceable UK port to the proposed offshore wind development site at Dogger Bank.**

Acting on these enquiries the Council and the Whitby Harbour Board invited open tenders for a lease of a proportion of Endeavour Wharf in June 2014.

Following this process Dalby Offshore Services Limited, a locally based offshore wind company, were identified as the Councils preferred tenderer.

Dalby now propose the establishment of an offshore wind operations and maintenance hub on Endeavour Wharf bringing with it a significant number of new job opportunities and new vessel activity in the port.

In brief, the proposal suggests the establishment of a centre to undertake personnel and equipment transfer, vessel management operations and vessel servicing activity.

The company also wish to include within the development an offshore renewables information / visitor centre which will be open to the public. However, prior to entering into any lease, Dalby, the Borough Council and Whitby Harbour Board are working together to explore the proposition and undertake consultation with stakeholders and community to assist in developing the proposals.



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### Why is this being done?

Whitby Port, the economy of our Borough and the wider region needs to grow and diversify if it is to remain sustainable, prosperous and successful. Importantly our communities desperately need opportunities for high quality local employment.

Over £40bn is being invested in offshore wind development in the waters off the Yorkshire Coast, resulting in the creation of tens of thousands of jobs nationally. Due to our geography and port infrastructure we have the opportunity to secure some of that investment. Predominantly our opportunity lies in the supply of services, maintenance activity and the provision of personnel to the offshore wind sector.

Although Whitby Port maintains strong fishing, leisure, boat manufacture and tourism functions, it also has significant potential to once again provide good commercial port facilities for other maritime industries, particularly upon Endeavour Wharf, bringing with it jobs, prosperity and greater economic security.

### Isn't this already a "done deal"?

No. No lease agreement or formal agreement of any kind has been entered into. The Council and the Harbour Board have only made Dalby Offshore Services preferred tenderer for the Endeavour Wharf lease.

This simply gives all the parties the confidence required to engage meaningfully with stakeholders and the community; and to work together to develop proposals before making the decision to enter into any agreement.



### Offshore wind service vessel - typical specifications

#### Dimensions

between 15m and 30m in length;  
beam 5 - 8m; draft 1 - 2m

#### Weight

50 - 100 tonnes

#### Speed

25 - 35 knots

#### Capacity

2 -4 crew and up to 12  
maintenance personnel  
(passengers)

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### What will the development look like if it goes ahead?

This has yet to be decided. Stakeholder views on this are critical, all parties realise this is one of the most important elements of a development in a historic town like Whitby. Dalby are committed to bringing forward a high quality proposal. Dalby, the Council and the Harbour Board want very much to work with stakeholders and the community to make sure we get input and contributions.

There have already been a number of very successful stakeholder consultations to gather initial views on operational and design issues. Dalby are now recruiting a team of architects and will be undertaking full public consultation in the coming weeks.

### Will there be a planning application?

No, this is unlikely, unless the proposals change.

One of the criteria of tender was that only permitted development activity would be considered. The outline proposals as they currently stand are within the definition of permitted development. i.e. they're in line with the operations of a port and are associated with the transfer of persons, equipment and cargo etc. onto vessels.

However, given the sensitive environment in which this proposal is to be located and the possible implications this may have on stakeholders, the Council is calling for Dalby to undertake meaningful consultation with stakeholders and the community; and to demonstrate that any proposals do not detract from the environment in which they are to be established.

### What about the loss of parking?

Public parking is undoubtedly very valuable to Whitby and its economy, the proposed lease area, if utilised, will take away approximately 70 temporary public parking spaces.

However a recent re-organisation of parking at the upper harbour and the introduction of the park and ride scheme more than offset this reduction. Importantly, Endeavour Wharf is a working port facility and therefore this should be its primary function if at all possible. Parking on the site has only ever been on a temporary basis until such time as alternative port uses could be found.

### Is there room for this development, what about the impact on other harbour users and businesses?

The proposals suggest using a proportion (about 1/3 rd) of the wharf and to have a number of associated vessels berthed within the Port.



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Previously the Port accommodated 24 large trawlers as well as all of the other port users and Endeavour Wharf itself handled 300 cargo vessels movements per year and over 150,000 tonnes of cargo.

These days the port has limited trawler activity and no cargo or cargo vessels. There is thought to be ample room to accommodate this development and an increase in vessel traffic and berthing before the Port reaches capacity.

### How do I get involved, what is the process?

Lots more information can be found on the [www.whitbywind.co.uk](http://www.whitbywind.co.uk) website.

Dalby will be holding consultation events during the coming weeks including a public consultation/exhibition.

The date/s and times of the events will be publicised through the Whitby Tourist Information Centre, local press and media and on the following website [www.whitbywind.co.uk](http://www.whitbywind.co.uk) in the coming weeks.

### What is the timetable for the process?

Dalby hope to have undertaken the majority of the consultation and development for this scheme by the spring of 2015.

The outcome of this work will then be reported to Scarborough Borough Council who will make the decision on how to proceed.

It is the ambition of the tenderer to have the proposals implemented and operational by the beginning of 2016.



Proposed area for development