

ENDEAVOUR WHARF DEVELOPMENT

UPDATE AND FAQ'S

Background

For five years Scarborough Borough Council (SBC) and the Whitby Harbour Board have been actively seeking to increase commercial activity in Whitby Harbour. In particular SBC has been working to promote the Borough as a place to establish offshore wind Operations and Maintenance activity.

Acting on enquiries from organisations involved in offshore wind the Council and Whitby Harbour Board invited open tenders for a lease of a proportion of Endeavour Wharf in June 2014. Dalby Offshore Services were identified as the Council's preferred tenderer.

What is the significance of the Offshore Wind industry to Whitby?

Two of the largest offshore wind farms in the world will be built in the central section of the North Sea at Dogger Bank and at Hornsea. Whitby and Scarborough are geographically well placed to support this major development. Local investment in support of this new industry will create jobs both ashore and afloat and it is estimated the industry will support several hundred direct and indirect jobs in the Borough. The Dalby development we see as key to bringing in this investment.

What is being proposed?

Dalby Offshore Services will establish an Operations and Maintenance Hub on Endeavour Wharf which will be used as a logistics centre for the despatch of goods and personnel to the wind farms. A building for this purpose will be developed on Endeavour Wharf and will be used for goods storage and handling, personnel transfer, office and training spaces and a marine control centre. The building will also house a public exhibition space.

In addition to the main building dedicated pontoons adjacent to the building will be used for the transfer of goods and personnel.

What types of vessels will use the facility?



Typically, vessels are between 15 and 30 m in length and up to 8m beam and a draft of between 1 and 2m

They are often configured as multicats, as shown, and have a service speed of between 25 and 35 knots.(28 to 38 mph)

They handle light goods and 12 passengers and have a crew of between 2 and 4

Why has this building design been chosen?

At this stage we have a concept design only. It is of great importance to Dalby Offshore Services that the design not only meets the operational requirements as a working building but also the historic character of Whitby and the surroundings at Endeavour Wharf. Following a tender involving several firms of architects with experience in this type of work, Group Ginger of Leeds were chosen as their design is judged to best meet the character of Whitby and the necessary operational requirements. Discussions on the alternate concept designs were taken with the planning officers and planning committee at Scarborough Borough Council, with industry and with local stakeholder groups in Whitby. It is now time to take public views and comments on the chosen concept before we finalise the design.



Concept design – artist's impression

Outline shown in white as seen from the East.

Will there be a planning application?

No. Dalby Offshore Services is proposing a building and operation which fall within a permitted harbour development. This means that the operations are associated with cargo, equipment and passengers.

However given the location at Endeavour Wharf we are going through a process of consultation with all parties, including the local community; we will be seeking to ensure that the development does not detract from the environment in which it is to be placed and we will be undertaking all of the normal investigations to assure the planning officers and planning committee that the works are all in order.

How can I get involved?

An exhibition of the design including detailed drawings and visual impressions is available at the Tourist Information Centre, Langbourne Road, Whitby from 29th August. At the exhibition you will be able to complete a comment form.

Alternatively the form and exhibition materials are available on: www.whitbywind.co.uk

There will also be a chance to discuss the design and operating proposals with representatives of Dalby Offshore, Scarborough Borough Council and Group Ginger at The Coliseum, Whitby, between 1100hrs and 1500 hrs on Saturday 5th September 2015. A presentation from the architects will be made at 1130 and 1430hrs; all members of the local community are welcome.

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