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Subject: 20070625_Notes from Scottish Consultee Meeting

As promised, some summary notes from my meeting with the Statutory consultees in Glasgow. My apologies for the delay, I had been awaiting confirmation of a couple of points from Defence Estates.

Both the Scottish Executive (SE) and Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) attended. Unfortunately [REDACTED] from SE was unable to attend, but [REDACTED] s40 attended in his place.

Hence, all of the points below reflect those made by SEPA.

In summary:

- Only interest was Clyde
- Water Framework Directive (WFD) may impact on development on a new site – The WFD classifies river catchments across the UK and imposes restriction on activities which can take place which might have an impact on water quality/quantity in rivers (effectively restricting discharge/abstraction).
- Contaminated land could be an issue at Clyde and would need to be carefully considered if a new development or extensive refurbishment were required.
- Penta Chloro Phenol (PCP) may be an issue and seabed surveys may be required.
- There are no serious problems with noise on the sites but this would need to be monitored.
- The local council and communities have some concerns about traffic and this would need to be addressed during any construction works or other activity that would see current traffic levels rising.
- Baseline should include details of current programmes and trends related to energy usage and climate change issues.
- Any future requirement for a dry dock could present problems. This is primarily related to the activities that would take place within it and how any discharge of contaminants (e.g. from sand blasting, painting) would be controlled.
- The Clyde Estuary has ongoing issues with drainage. This has led to water quality issues throughout the estuary. Improvements are being put in place to address the problems. Any activity at HMNB Clyde that would increase sewage discharges could be offset by higher standards of treatment, maintaining or even reducing the load to the Gareloch.
- Clyde is a pilot area for Marine Spatial Planning (MSP). MSP can be thought of, in simple terms, as an extension of Town and Country Planning into the marine environment (the two are not identical, but the principals are the same). As a result, any activity in the Clyde area that might effect the marine environment will be closely monitored.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or comments.

Regards

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(Please note that this record has been amended to reflect later comment from SEPA that PCPs not PCBs were mentioned at the meeting.)