

Tor Bay Harbour - Port Masterplan Extracts

Introduction

The Port Masterplan has been prepared by Royal HaskoningDHV for Tor Bay Harbour Authority (TBHA). The Masterplan covers the area within the limits of TBHA's jurisdiction and includes the enclosed harbours of Brixham, Paignton and Torquay. The Harbour Authority is responsible for improvements to the Harbour facilities to accommodate changes in the needs and demands of port customers, port users, stakeholders and legislation in order to ensure a growing business. Great efforts and significant expenditure has been made in preparing for and implementing a number of developments over the years (approximately £50m in the last 10 years alone).

The purpose of the port masterplan is to :-

- Identify the port's own strategic planning for the medium to long term
- Inform port employees, port users, local community and key stakeholders as to how they can expect to see the port develop over the coming years
- Assist regional and local planning bodies, and transport network providers, in reviewing and preparing their own development strategies in accordance with the port's future development

The Tor Bay Harbour Authority – Port Masterplan is a high level document that provides overall strategic spatial development guidance on the most sustainable future for Tor Bay Harbour and the three enclosed harbours. The Port Masterplan for Tor Bay Harbour will :-

- form part of the evidence base for the Local Development Framework and assist regional and local planning bodies, and transport network providers, in preparing and revising their own development strategies
- inform port users, employees and local communities as to how they can expect to see the port develop over the next 20 years in response to anticipated changes in the marine industry (both commercial and leisure), the fishing and tourism industries, as well as industry trends within the regional ports sector
- clarify the port's own strategic planning for the medium to long term
- show how the harbour authority expects to grow and develop its business over time
- indicate where changes of land-use are likely to be required to support growth
- highlight environmental measures to ensure that the Harbour Authority makes a positive contribution to the environment and amenity

Chapter 3

The strategy for Tor Bay and the three harbours of Paignton, Brixham and Torquay

The visionary strategy outlines the ambition and targets as well as the future desired position of Tor Bay Harbour. Furthermore, it forms a sophisticated framework for the development of options and for the port masterplan itself. The overarching strategy for Tor Bay Harbour Authority is to provide a high quality service that is committed to improve Tor Bay Harbour and provide a cleaner and safer environment by addressing the following objectives :-

- Maintain Tor Bay Harbour and the three enclosed harbours under the management of one Port Authority
- Review and use the statutory powers of the Harbour Authority to fulfil its statutory duties in a timely manner for the purpose of improving, maintaining and managing

the harbour while continuing to contribute to the finances of the owning authority - Torbay Council

- Develop robust partnerships with key maritime stakeholders to attract and deliver commercial port businesses contributing to job creation and the local economy
- Manage the harbour in a sustainable manner by supporting a variety of maritime activities including fishing, shipping, marine related businesses, heritage, eco-tourism and marine recreational facilities.
- Balance the responsible stewardship of the marine environment with appropriate socio-economic development and use of Tor Bay
- Measure and monitor the needs and wishes of harbour users, the local community and visitors through appropriate research
- Improve connectivity between the enclosed harbours by upgrading facilities for marine transport

Chapter 6

Masterplan Proposals

Tor Bay Harbour

The following proposals were put forward for Tor Bay :-

- The identification and support of sea angling locations within the statutory harbour limits including at Babbacombe Pier
- The sinking of an old ship to form an artificial reef in Tor Bay to provide opportunities for leisure divers
- The development of the Council owned land at Broadsands to provide a maritime centre with dinghy and boat park and launching facilities
- The support to any eco-tourism in the Bay and opportunities presented by the Geopark

Brixham Harbour

The following proposals were put forward for Brixham harbour :-

- A half tide cill and cill gates with a pedestrian lifting or swing bridge as an extension of Middle Pier
- Redevelopment of the Coastguard Building after it is vacated in 2014
- Development of a small reclaimed area adjacent to Strand Quay to support maritime events
- Possible development of a Maritime Museum for heritage fishing vessels
- Return of South Quay to marine related use
- A new Northern Arm breakwater
- Redevelopment of the old derelict tanker berth to provide a bulk fuel station for fishing vessels and/or a Tall Ship berth.
- A new reclaimed area along the south western side of the Outer to provide a berth for Pelagic fishing vessels, facilities for a hatchery and shellfish storage and depuration, a ship maintenance facility, a recreational slipway, boat repair businesses, boat building & marine related retail premises, additional car parking and boat storage, a Facilities Building for a new marina and improved access to Oxen Cove
- Additional marina pontoon berths on the west side of the Outer Harbour
- An extension to the marina adjacent to the existing Victoria Breakwater

Paignton Harbour

The following proposals were put forward for Paignton harbour :-

- Redevelopment and refurbishment of South Quay
- Relocation of crab processing factory and store to inland site
- Retain listed buildings and consider redevelopment or refurbishment
- Potential for redevelopment of the existing Harbour Light restaurant
- Raising of East Quay wall to limit overtopping
- A new slipway on the seaward side of the East Quay
- Extension to East Quay to improve passenger boat facilities and better protect the harbour from surge waves
- Enhancement of entrances to harbour to North Quay and South Quay

Torquay Harbour

The following proposals were put forward for Torquay harbour :-

- Widen the Strand Quay to create a promenade and an area for events
- Provide pontoon berths in the Inner Harbour (already planned for 2014)
- Maintain access for heavy good vehicles to Beacon Quay and Haldon Pier along Victoria Parade
- Modify landscaping in Victoria Parade to provide drop-off bays
- Acquire fuel station and refurbish or relocate to Haldon Pier
- Provide landmark 'gateway' to Harbour at Beacon Hill entrance
- Improve facilities for passenger pleasure boats at the Fish Quay
- Install pontoons for fishermen adjacent to the west end of Princess Gardens
- Extend Beacon Quay over top of listed D-Day slipways to provide wider area for boat park, promenade and coach marshalling
- Relocate and improve the passenger ferry pontoon and brow at Beacon Quay
- Provide improved pontoons and access brow for visiting yachts and cruise ship passengers on inside of Haldon Pier
- Refurbish and upgrade old ferry landing stage on west side of Princess Pier to provide safe all tide access to ferries
- Improve provision for sea angling off Princess Pier
- Provide slipway and boat park on south side of Haldon Pier
- Provide pontoons for visitors and passenger boats inside Princess Pier
- Provide berthing dolphins on seaward side of outer arm of Princess Pier for events such as Tall Ships
- Extend Haldon Pier westwards to provide multipurpose berth for vessels up to 5.5m draught.
- Install mobile or fixed crane on Haldon Pier to lift out boats
- Integrate Masterplan with proposed hotel development on North Quay
- Transfer Living Coasts site into the Harbour estate
- Review flood protection