

PRESS RELEASE



Eyemouth Secures Heliport Development Opportunity

Eyemouth Harbour Trust have recently secured planning permission for the construction of a helicopter access facility adjacent to Eyemouth Harbour. EHT were supported throughout the process by EHT's agent for the application, Young Planning & Energy Consenting and environmental consultant, ITP Energised.

The plans originally submitted in October 2017, comprising two helipads, hangar, office and welfare building, fuel storage area, car parking, access road and landscaping are speculative and a potentially important piece of the jigsaw in the port's ambitions to become an Operations & Maintenance base for an Offshore Wind Farm development in the Firth of Forth.

Christine Bell, Business Manager for EHT commented 'We are delighted to have obtained planning permission for this potentially significant development for Eyemouth. It opens up opportunities for the harbour and the town and has the potential to make a transformational change to the economic wellbeing of Eyemouth. While it's an important milestone in the overall strategy of the harbour trust to attract new business to the area, it is speculative and there is still a lot of work to do initially with respect to wind farm operation and maintenance. However, this consent certainly strengthens Eyemouth's position as a competitive base for supporting marine operations in the offshore wind sector.'

<https://eplanning.scotborders.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=OY226SNTN3500>



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Notes:

- Eyemouth Harbour is a trust port, managed by a board of trustees from within the local community. The purpose of the Trust is to maintain, preserve and improve Eyemouth Harbour for the benefit of stakeholders and the local community; whilst creating an important socio-economic legacy for the East Berwickshire area.
- As a trust port, EHT operates on broadly commercial lines, competing with private and local authority ports as well as other trust ports, we are essentially a not for profit organisation, meaning that all revenue is ploughed back in to our facilities and services.
- The Trust currently employs 4 full time members of staff (Harbour Master & Assistant to Harbour Master and 2 x Harbour Operations Assistants) and 5 Part time members of staff (Business Manager, Marketing Executive, Harbour Operations Assistant x 2, Accounts Assistant)).
- The Trust was set up in 1797 by an Act of Parliament and is today governed by The Eyemouth Harbour Order 1882. The 1882 Order set up the Trust in its present form and details how it is to be run.
- For further information on Eyemouth Harbour Trust, please visit our website www.eyemouth-harbour.co.uk

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