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Ms Fiona Docherty,

Port Manager – Forth Ports,

Imperial House,

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Dear Ms Docherty

Proposal for cruise liner tender terminal at Newhaven/Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council

I am writing to you as Chairman, and on behalf, of the Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council ("LHNCC") in connection with an article which appeared in the 11th February edition of the Edinburgh Evening News.

As you are doubtless aware one of the main functions of Community Councils is to express the views of the community to the local authority and other bodies, and to make such bodies aware of the opinions and needs of the communities they represent. It is with that broad purpose in mind that I was interested in the contents of the article and the apparently wide-ranging plans unveiled for Newhaven Harbour. The subject matter of the article was discussed at the last meeting of LHNCC on 4th March 2015. It was resolved that I should write to you on behalf of LHNCC with a request for further and more detailed information about the proposals for Newhaven, and (in so far as that is possible) a timescale for their realisation.

Councillor Gordon Munro, who was present at the meeting, advised that he had been invited, along with others, to attend a tour of the area. I am unclear as to the parameters of such a tour. In as much as it touches on the Newhaven proposals, however, I know that the office bearers of LHNCC would greatly appreciate the opportunity to attend if that could be accommodated. Indeed LHNCC would be happy to extend to a representative of Forth Ports an invitation to address one of its monthly meetings on what Forth Ports have in contemplation for the liner tender terminal.

The plans described in the Evening News article will obviously be of interest to local residents, businesses and existing harbour users. For my part, I would like to stress (and it was also agreed at the meeting on 4th March) that LHNCC has an entirely open mind on this matter. However, I am sure you will appreciate that LHNCC cannot usefully fulfil its statutory role as a conduit for the views of

the community on significant proposals affecting its area of responsibility unless it has the best information on which to consult.

In these circumstances I should be very grateful if you were able to respond positively to this letter. If you find it more convenient than writing to me at the above address, the Secretary of LHNCC has an official email address, secretary@lhncc.co.uk , which please feel free to use. Either way, I would very much appreciate hearing from you on these matters.

Yours sincerely,

Robert B. Weir

Chairman, Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council

