

Transport Scotland (Harbour Orders Guidance)

Representations and objections: Summary of process

Objections or representation on the application should be made in writing to Transport Scotland, Ports and Harbours Branch, Area 2F North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ or by email to harbourorders@transport.gov.scot before close of business on January 10th 2024, quoting "Oban Harbour Revision Order 2023".

You should state the grounds of their objection or representation and give an address to which correspondence relating to the objection or representation may be sent.

We suggest that you make clear that it is an Objection to a specific Article or a representation, including if something should be added. Make it clear why you are concerned, what your interest is and how it might affect you, then specify your concerns.

All representations made, including personal information provided to the Scottish Ministers, will be shared by Transport Scotland with A&BC. A&BC may contact you to discuss your concerns. Names and the text of any representation may also be published on Transport Scotland's website due to Freedom of Information requirements.

Written Representation Procedures

1. Initially A&BC is offered the opportunity to consider whether there is any further information they may wish to provide in support of the order. This may relate to one or all of the objections. A&BC has up to 28 days from the formal notification to consider whether to provide any additional information which will then be passed to the objectors (usually within seven days of receipt by Transport Scotland) - A&BC can of course submit the information at any point in the 28 day period.
2. The objector then has to respond within 21 days should they have anything further to add. If they do not respond within the timeframe we would proceed to determination on the objections.
3. Any response would be passed to A&BC and they would have a further 14 days to add anything further.
4. Any material produced at step 3 would be passed back to the objector for further comments in line with step 2 (and back to A&BC in line with step 3).
5. Transport Scotland will proceed to "determination" unless any issues raised would warrant further consideration or additional information was required to inform the determination (provided other issues with the draft are resolved).

We would stress that the above process would only be used to consider the issues raised during the 42 day consultation period (that were not subsequently withdrawn) and that additional matters raised would not be considered in the decision making process.

If you make a response please send a copy to us at info@ochda.scot