

Report Produced for Dunbar Harbour Trust

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Executive Summary

SERMO was asked by Dunbar Harbour Trust (DHT) to conduct a consultation evening with invited members of the trust to look at future developments for Dunbar Harbour. The evening was held on 26th November 2009.

This report provides the key points from the evening and does not provide recommendations from SERMO. All of the content from the evening is provided within the report, either in appendices or the main body. The report also has some comments back to the DHT from the harbour users as suggestions as to future work with themselves.

Key points:

- The development of the harbour is a concern for all the users of the harbour and each have their own specific needs / requirements. However the development of a breakwater to support a full time lifeboat and creating a safe haven as well as a 365 24/7 marina were views shared by all users.
- The requirement for further consultation with the fishermen needs to be conducted as many of their requirements were not able to be looked at throughout the duration of the evening. Some of these are highlighted in Appendix II.
- There is large potential for development of the harbour including Lamer Island, Dunbar Castle and a large desire to make the harbour the central focus of Dunbar residents, with a family friendly atmosphere.
- There are some safety concerns within the harbour, primarily the development of a CCTV scheme to cover the pier and moorings as well as the need to look into the reduction of 'tombstoning' within the harbour itself.
- Communication between the Dunbar Harbour Trust and the users needs to be more transparent, however the users need to take some responsibility to find out information that is already available.
- The overall feeling of all the users is one of pride of a shared vision that they wish to develop the harbour. It needs to be noted that all users have varying priorities and these need to be taken into consideration for the future.

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Consultation Evening 'Priorities'

The development suggestions provided in Appendix II were clustered into different groupings. With these clusters each small group was asked to rank the points in priority. The highest priority were centred in the middle (with groups limited to 5) with the next important surrounding them and so forth. The further out the diamond shape the lesser priority the task became.

NB this provides a rough outline of priorities of the group and does not mean that any of the key developmental issues are less important than the others. It does, however, provide a starting point for development plans for the DHT as to what people see as more pressing.

After analysing the results the highest ranked are (in order or rank):

365 24/7 marina – all 4 groups ranked this in the centre

Breakwater – to allow for a lifeboat and safe haven status – all 4 groups ranked this in the centre

Further consultation with the fishermen to analyse their specific needs / requirements

Development of the sea wall

Development of Lamer Island, with a potential visitor centre

Car parking / hard standing

Encouragement of business

Family friendly harbour

The castle

Public safety

Feedback to the Dunbar Harbour Trust

Participants were provided the opportunity to provide feedback to the DHT without the input of the DHT. Participants were encouraged to provide constructive comments and suggestions to aid the trust in their relationships with the users of the harbour. The following is the list of suggestions:

Feedback and suggestions mechanism or process

Divorced from local politics and relationships

Wider circulation

Wider visibility and transparency of activities and plans

Broader cross section for consultation

Have a plan no matter how basic

Communication – email, letters etc to lifeboat, sailing club, fishermen etc

Slipway maintenance responsibility

Enforce harbour regulations – such as dry launch boats in for weeks

Clean weed from steps before injury

McArthurs stores job well done

Job description for harbour master

Better communication

Unfinished projects

Tombstoning

Better liaison between RNLI / trust / harbour users

CCTV needs to be effective

More visibility

Appendix I

Hopes and Fears of the Evening

Below are the hopes and fears of the participants from the evening. These are what the participants would like to see achieved from the evening and what concerns they had.

They are not split into hopes and fears for this report.

Development of the harbour as a tourist facility

Developments rail roaded by one particular group

Reduction of swell in harbour

DHT and RNLI are not pulling together, hopefully we might get better liaison

Expect great positive communication

Open exchange of different viewpoints

Expect some great new ideas

Common understanding of peoples perceptions

Negative reaction

Some new ideas from out with the trust

Stagnation!

Some participants may have too many or too high (unrealistic) expectations

A plan!!!

Status quo

Ideas

Weather restrictions on harbour entrance (fear)

The cost of keeping a boat in the harbour will exceed local capacity

Bogged into single issues

No consensus and a lot of vested interests hamper development

Lifeboat back in harbour

All weather / all tide lifeboat access to harbour

Perhaps not too far from norm of what is happening

Major problems costing massive amount to correct

To get some out of the box suggestions

Big lifeboat back in harbour

Big picture and direction for harbour

Lack of depth in harbour at low water springs (fear)

Slip upkeep

Time over run

Clearer view of future

Lifeboat at harbour 24/7

Consensus

Interest in peoples views and ambitions for the harbour

Indecisive outcome

Breakwater

New breakwater

Fear nowt will happen

Low maintenance

Have harbour for our kids

Lose the harbour (fear)

Talking / moaning shop with no positive outcomes

Master plan for developments

Appendix II

Development ideas for the harbour

Within small groups the participants were asked for their ideas for new developments for the harbour. The participants were provided with open space to be as radical as they wished with their ideas at this stage.

Broadhaven sea wall, improved dollis blocks

Breakwater – is it in hand? When?

Reclaim land from outdoor swimming pool

Build harbour wall between scant rocks

Tombstone prevention and education

Proper CCTV system signalling to a central control room 24/7 – records vandalism etc – major crime deterrent – assist police

Faster launch for ALB – breakwater to allow lifeboat to remain in harbour and launch from harbour pierside (safety issue)

24/7 365 day harbour with marina

Development of 'port of refuge' status

All weather, all tide lifeboat berth in harbour

Marina? And facilities (shops / cafes)

Marina berthing facilities

Facilities for visiting vessels

Walk on and walk off and disabled access

Pontoons and gangway

Dedicated dinghy pontoons / park

Visitors moorings

Good harbour facilities at affordable prices

Develop the harbour as a working commercial harbour and to encourage more fishermen to base their boats at Dunbar

More double up boats

Chill store for bait freezers

Support facilities for the fishing industry

Hub of town – attract commercial business development at harbour, restaurants, shops, to draw people down to harbour to spend money / boost local economy

Encourage small business development on harbour side

Encourage small business development afloat

Booking kiosk on harbour side for tourist attractions

More businesses in and around harbour

Fish shop at harbour

Fresh produce on sale

Ice rink on harbour side for children

More hard standing

Hard standing, water and power

Harbour festival week (?)

Better signage and advertising

Harbour as the hub of the town

Car parking

Improved parking visitor

Castle improved or levelled

Make Dunbar castle visitor friendly

Preservation of Dunbar castle remains

Restoration work to be completed on the battery at Lamer Island – possible visitor attraction on site

Bridge to be lowered?

Development of the battery on Lamer Island (visitor centre?)

Develop the tunnel to the harbour

Development of the vaults

Public amenities on harbour side

Facilities for kids – sailing?

Make the harbour area family friendly

Working area / visitor area markings

Environmental tourism facilities (Lamer Island)

Dunbar Harbour visitor centre

Arrange organised walks around harbour

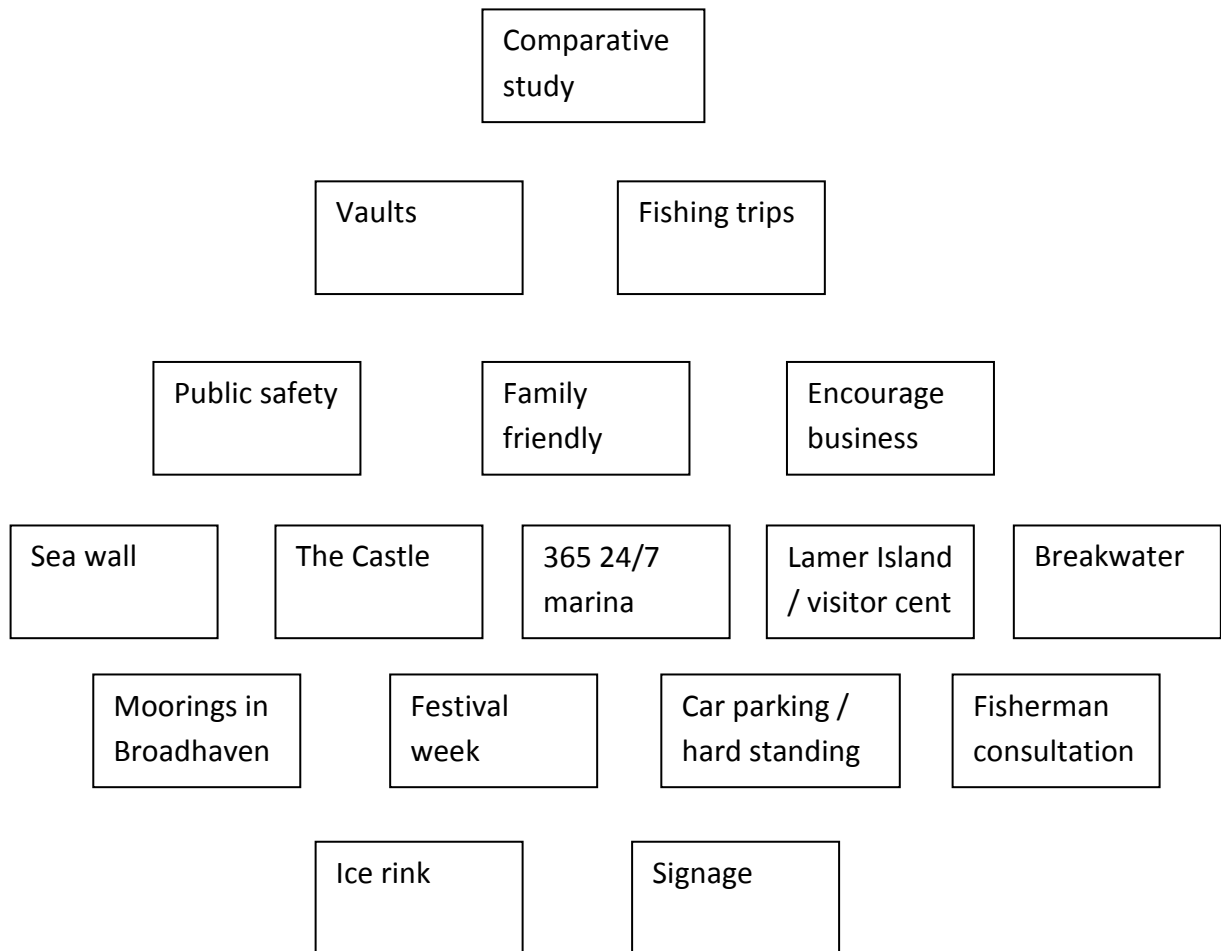
Develop tourist potential of harbour

Tourist attraction!

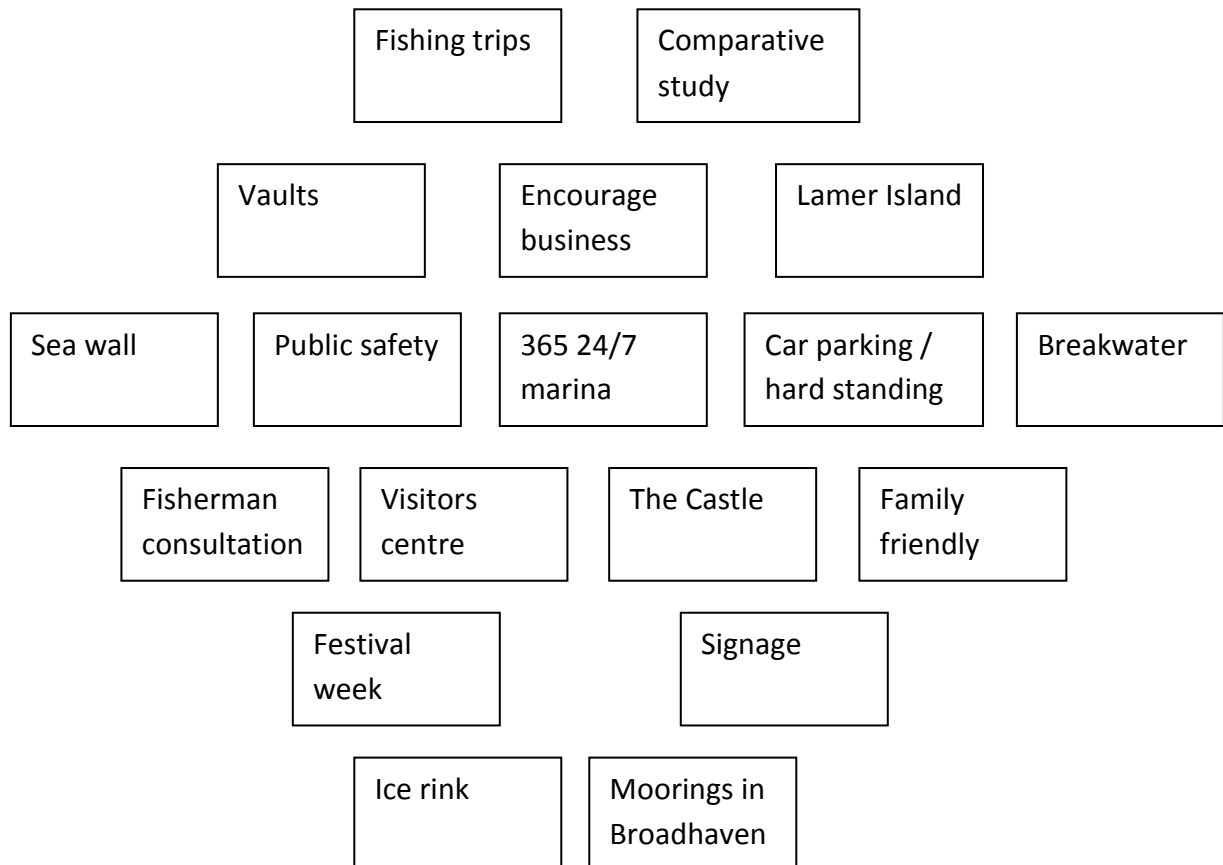
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Diamond ranking of issues

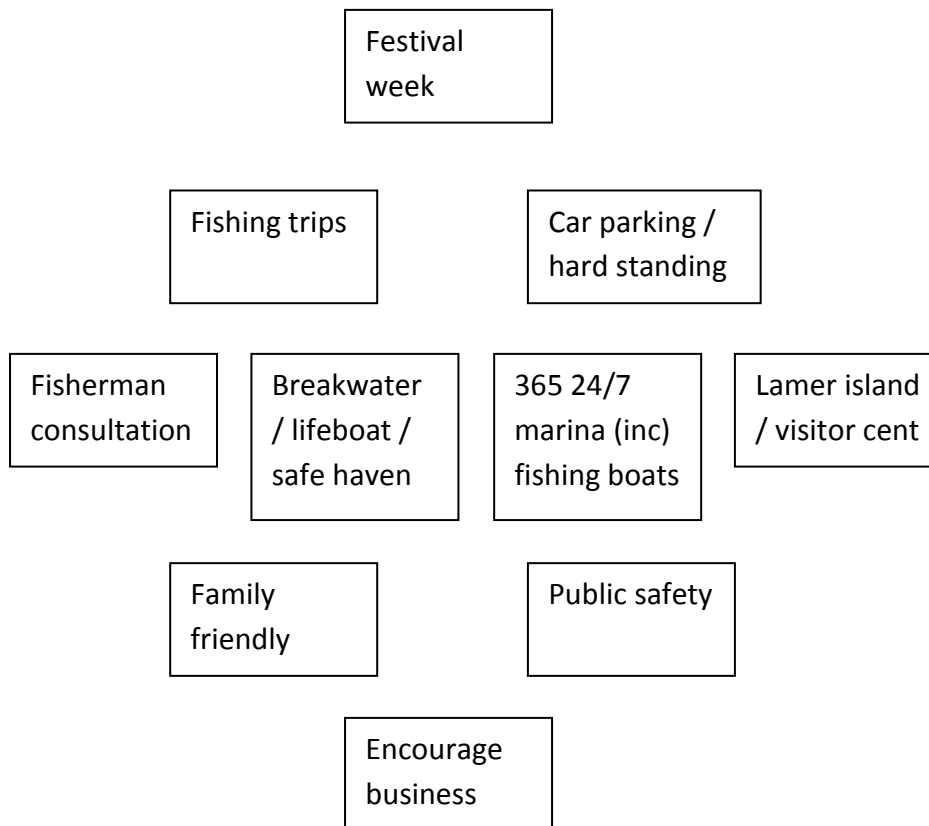
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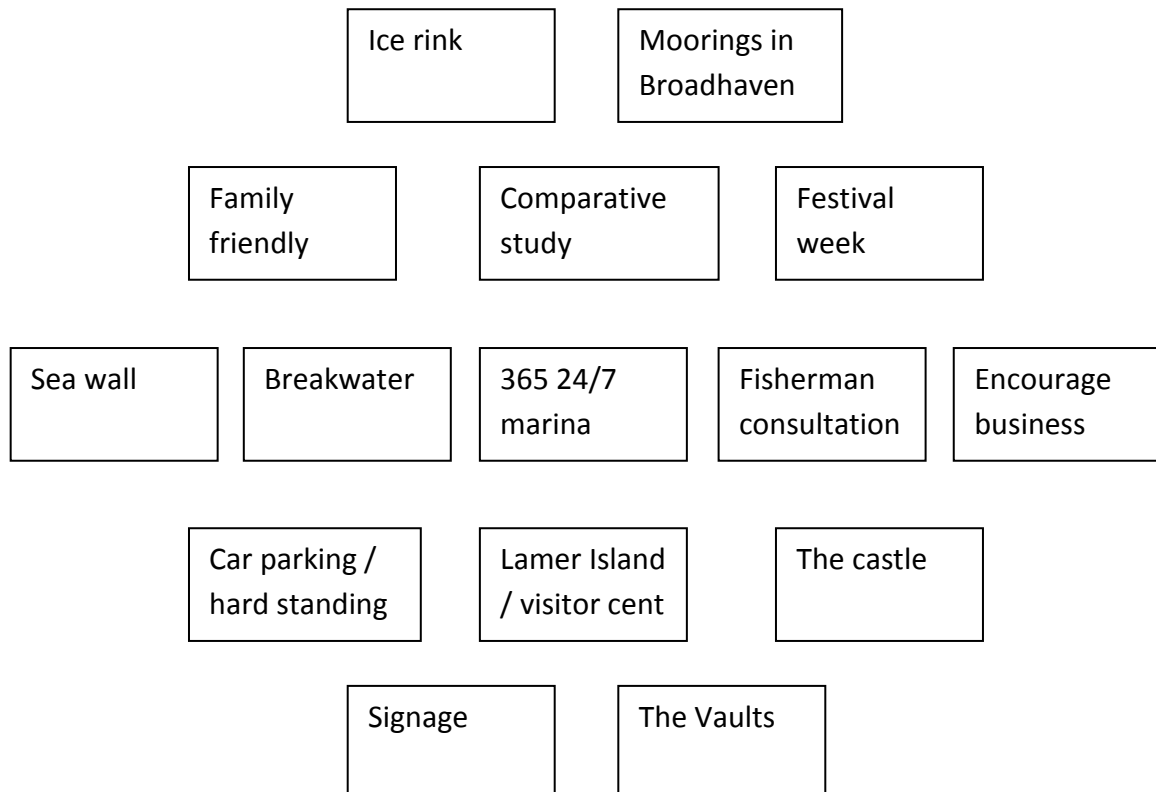
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Group 3



Group 4



The table below provides a point for each of the issues depending in their placement in the diamond ranks. 5 points were allocated if they were on the middle row, 4 the row after and so forth.

It should be noted that not all groups ranked all of the issues so there are some gaps in the scoring.

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Total
365 24/7 marina	5	5	5	5	20
Breakwater	5	5	5	5	20
Car parking / hard standing	4	5	4	4	17
Castle	5	4		4	13
Comparative study	2	3		4	9
Encourage business	4	4	3	5	16
Family friendly	4	4	4	4	16
Festival week	4	3	3	4	14
Fishermans consultation	4	4	5	5	18
Fishing trips	3	3	4		10
Ice rink	2	2		3	7
Lamer Island	5	4	5	4	18
Moorings in Broadhaven	4	2		3	9
Public safety	4	5	4		13
Sea wall	5	5		5	15
Signage	4	4		3	11
Vaults	3	4		3	10