

## **HARBOURS ACT 1964 (AS AMENDED)**

### **PROPOSED PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY HARBOUR REVISION ORDER**

#### **NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A HARBOUR REVISION ORDER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Port of London Authority (“the applicant”) has applied to the Marine Management Organisation (“MMO”) for a harbour revision order under section 14 of the Harbours Act 1964.

If made, the proposed order would substantially modernise the powers and duties of the Port of London Authority (“the PLA”) under the Port of London Act 1968 and other relevant local legislation.

It would update the constitutional and governance procedures of the PLA and clarifies and modernises its general powers and duties, including its charging and borrowing powers. It also clarifies the limits of the port.

It would revise the licensing regime on the Thames in relation to river works and dredging and introduces a new licensing regime for mooring of vessels. It would also provide for a more transparent and consistent process in relation to the licensing regime and regularise the position with regard to historic moorings in the river.

Other modifications of the regulatory regime in the Thames include:

- powers for emergency safety notices, to control fireworks and use of explosives and to require installation of grab chains or ladders on the river banks;
- requirements for lighting of works;
- enhanced powers of entry for survey and enforcement purposes and to require information;
- extending the purposes for which directions or byelaws can be made;
- enhanced powers in relation to pollution of the Thames and to deal with obstructions in the river and vehicles left on port land; and
- reporting requirements in relation to autonomous vessels.

Other miscellaneous changes include:

- modifying the general law concerning the acquisition of rights of way and the operation of the Limitation Act 1980 in relation to the Thames;
- allowing for the service and publication of documents electronically;
- modifying historic legislation in relation to Richmond Lock, Tilbury Pier and statutory undertakers;
- modifying limitations on the exercise of the PLA’s powers in relation to the Medway approach and areas off Southend-on-Sea and Sheerness;
- providing a revised appeal mechanism against decisions of the PLA; and
- generally repealing redundant local legislation.

The changes and the reasons for them are set out in more detail in the Statement in Support accompanying the application.

The proposed order would not authorise the construction or alteration of a project or confer development consent, therefore no environmental statement has been supplied.

A statutory 42-day public consultation is required by the Harbours Act 1964. Due to the nature of the proposals of this application, a 56-day consultation period has been agreed. The 56-day period will begin on the date at the foot of this notice.

A copy of the draft order and accompanying documents can be viewed and downloaded from the following website until the expiry of the 56-day period referred to above: [www.pla.co.uk/HRO](http://www.pla.co.uk/HRO)

A copy of the draft order and accompanying documents is deposited at the offices of the applicant at:

- London River House, Royal Pier Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2BG; and
- Pinnacle House, 23-26 St Dunstan's Hill, London, EC3R 8HN

These may be inspected at all reasonable hours. Please call +44 1474 562238 or e-mail [hro@pla.co.uk](mailto:hro@pla.co.uk) to arrange to view the documents. These will be available for inspection up until the expiry of the 56 day period referred to above.

The draft order and accompanying documents are also available for inspection at the offices of the MMO in Newcastle by appointment at the email address below or may be viewed on the MMO's website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/port-of-london-authority-harbour-revision-order>

Any person desiring to make an objection or representation concerning the application should write to the Harbour Orders Team, Marine Management Organisation, Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE4 7YH or email to [harbourorders@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:harbourorders@marinemanagement.org.uk). An objection or representation **should**:

- be received before the expiry of a period of 56 days starting with the date at the foot of this notice;
- be made in writing quoting reference HRO/2020/00005;
- state the grounds of the objection or representation;
- indicate who is making the objection or representation; and
- give an address to which correspondence relating to the objection or representation may be sent.

The MMO will pass to the applicant a copy of any objections and other representations received.

If an objection is duly made and not withdrawn then the MMO may cause an inquiry to be held. Any objections duly made and not withdrawn and any representations duly made will be considered before the MMO decides whether or not to make the order.

Dated: Wednesday 18 August 2021

Winckworth Sherwood LLP on behalf of the Port of London Authority