

**Date Revised: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### *What is a Statement of Public Participation?*

A Statement of Public Participation provides an overview of the engagement process relating to the development of a plan such as the one being developed for the Sullom Voe Harbour Area. The statement includes information for interested parties such as relevant contact details, specifics about events, known publications dates etc.

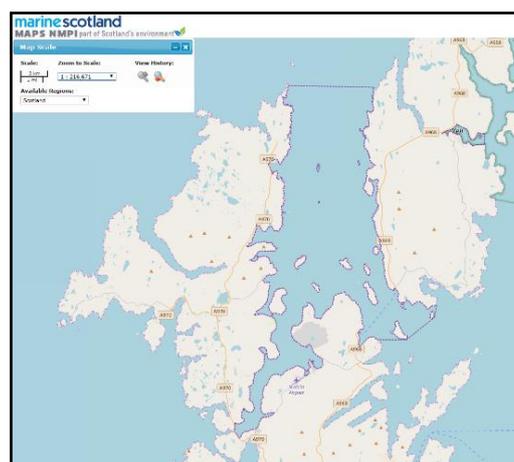
Whilst it is not a statutory requirement to publish a Statement of Public Participation for the development of the Sullom Voe Master Plan, Shetland Islands Council feels that it demonstrates best practice and is a useful communication tool and has therefore adapted the formal process to the needs of the SVMP process.

### *Summary*

Shetland Islands Council is developing a Sullom Voe Master Plan which will guide future use of the Sullom Voe Harbour Area.

In order to ensure safe passage for oil and gas tankers and protect sensitive habitats, development within the harbour area (see map) has been strictly controlled, including a policy restriction which prevents fin and shellfish developments. With a reduction in tanker movements it is considered timely to review this policy and consider appropriate future use of the harbour area.

This review is being undertaken by the NAFC Marine Centre UHI in Scalloway, who, with the Shetland Islands Council form the Shetland Islands Marine Planning Partnership. The Marine Planning Partnership are responsible for the suitable management of Shetland's seas, helping to support prosperous communities.



*Figure 1 Sullom Voe Master Plan Area*

In line with Council [policy](#) to support community consultation and involvement in decision making, a Master Plan will be created based on input from local people and stakeholders such as the oil and gas, aquaculture and fishing sectors.

All engagement opportunities will be advertised via Shetland Times, [www.shetnews.com](http://www.shetnews.com), Radio Shetland 'what's on', in Brae, Hillswick and Yell surgeries, at the airstrip (Scatsta and Sumburgh), at the Toft and Ulsta ferry terminals, via Delting, Yell and Northmavine Community Councils and in local shops and post offices. ***If you would like to sign up for updates about latest events etc. please email [marineplan@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:marineplan@uhi.ac.uk) or phone 01595 772000***, further details of how to stay up to date are included below.

### *Participation Commitment*

In developing the Sullom Voe Master Plan, the Council is committed to:

- involving all relevant stakeholders and members of the public throughout the process;
- ensuring arrangements for participation are inclusive, clear and transparent;
- providing clear communication through a range of formats;
- giving full consideration to all representations

## Stages

The master plan process is broken down into 11 stages as follows:

Stage	Dates	Aim	Details
Stage 1	5-27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	Early orientation <sup>1</sup>	This is a desk-based stage where the team develop the list of stakeholders and begin to reach out by phone and email to key stakeholders such as the potentially most impacted sectors and communities.
Stage 2	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov to 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	Face to face orientation <sup>2</sup>	Meetings are organised with most potentially affect communities and stakeholders in order to gather pertinent information and clarify the process.
Stage 3	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	Engagement	Launch of website and publication of SPP.
Stage 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Information gathering	Participatory mapping workshops and drop in sessions.* Launch of online surveys.
Stage 5	1 <sup>st</sup> March - 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019	Analysis of information	Assessment of information gathered. Mapping of opportunities and constraints.
Stage 6	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Preliminary Feedback to SIC	Discussion with SIC about preliminary findings.
Stage 7	March/April	Meetings with sectoral groups.	To request more detailed information to help inform report.
Stage 8	May	Update to Community Councils/sectoral groups.	Attendance at Community Council meetings/sectoral meetings to provide update and obtain feedback on draft proposal.
Stage 9	June	Feedback to communities	Public events held within Yell/Northmaven/Delting area to provide update on progress and obtain feedback on proposal.
Stage 10	June-Aug	Drafting of Master Plan.	Preparation of Master Plan Final document and associated documents.
Stage 11	September	Submission of final document to SIC for consideration.	

\* Formal workshops will be run in Ollaberry and Yell and drop in sessions organised for Brae and Scalloway. An online and paper survey will be published, and a newsletter circulated. Summary reports, relevant background information and supporting materials will be posted on the website.

Whilst it is the intention to follow this timetable, changes may be necessary and will be publicised via the website and newsletter.

If you would like more information about the Sullom Voe Master Plan process, want to be included on the mailing list, or have comments about this statement of public participation please email [marineplan@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:marineplan@uhi.ac.uk) or phone 01595 772000. Also visit the website [www.nafc.uhi.ac.uk](http://www.nafc.uhi.ac.uk) or you

can also write to us at the following address: Marine Spatial Planning Team, NAFC Marine Centre, Port Arthur, Scalloway, Shetland ZE1 0UN.

<sup>1</sup> Orientation discussions were held with the following organisations:

- NAFC Marine Spatial Planning Team
- Shetland Islands Council community engagement team
- Shetland Islands Council Infrastructure Services
- Shetland Islands Council Harbour Master
- Flora and Fauna International
- Crown Estate Scotland, Aquaculture Operations Manager
- Crown Estate Scotland, pilot scheme
- Marine Scotland Compliance, fisheries compliance
- Marine Scotland, fisheries
- Seafood Shetland Chief Executive
- Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) Area officer
- Shetland Islands Council community engagement team
- Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation (SSPO)
- Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation (SSMO)
- Enquest
- Delting Community Council
- Northmavine Community Council
- Yell Community Council
- Scottish Sea Farms
- Cooke Aquaculture
- Grieg Seafood
- Blue Shell Mussels
- Shetland Mussels
- Northmavine Community Development Company
- Shetland Fishermen's Association
- Seafood Shetland