
BRIA Business Interview Questions-WILD SHETLAND TOURS

Q1. Briefly describe your business objectives

Tourism business offering day tours and multi-day tours to see wildlife in Shetland.
Can also include historic environment and general scenery.

Q2. Do you agree with the objectives of the SIRMP?

Yes

Benefits of implementing the different options

Q3. Do you agree/disagree with the suggested benefits as an outcome of implementing each of the three options?

Yes

Q4. Are there any further potential benefits of each option to your business/sector?

Nothing to add

Costs of implementing options 1 & 2

Q5. Do you agree/disagree with the costs associated with implementing option 1?

Yes

Q6. Do you agree/disagree with the costs associated with implementing option 2?

Yes

Costs of implementing option 3

Q7. Do you agree/disagree with the cost assessment of the policies within the SIRMP as detailed in Table 1 of the Partial BRIA?

Yes

Q8. Are you in favour of implementing the SIRMP and the policies within it?

Yes

Q9. Can you foresee any specific positive/negative impacts to your business resulting from the implementation of the SIRMP?

If the marine environment is looked after (limited marine litter, removal of redundant equipment, species and habitats protected from unsuitable developments), this could have in-direct benefits to my sector. Tourists will continue to be attracted to Shetland

for its wildlife and scenery and the number of tourists choosing to book return visits to Shetland will remain stable/potentially increase.

Amended Policy-Waste Minimisation (Pg 28 SIRMP)

Q10. Do you currently consider waste minimisation as part of the EIA process?

N/A

Q11. Do you create waste minimisation plans in-house? What does it entail? How many man hours does it take?

N/A

Q12. Do you currently have written waste management procedures?

N/A

Q13. Can you foresee any other costs that could be associated with the amended policy?

N/A

Amended Policy- Safeguarding Navigation Channels and Port Areas (Pg 32-SIRMP)

Q14. Are you likely to submit an application for a development adjacent to a port/harbour area?

No

Q15. Do you envisage that this policy would cause you any economic impact on your business?

N/A

Q16. Do you think this policy would have a greater impact on the development potential around smaller ports/harbours?

N/A

Amended Policy- Safeguarding Marine Recreation (Pg 94- SIRMP)

Q17. Do you think your business/development type could be impacted by the amendment to the wording of this policy?

Could hypothetically be positive- protecting access to coastal and marine recreation i.e. slips, jetties, piers, coastal access paths.

New Policy- Harbour Plans (page 32-SIRMP)

It has always been a requirement that developers comply with specific harbour plans, policies, directions and by-laws, this policy has been included to add clarity and consistency.

Q18. Can you foresee any additional impacts associated with the inclusion of this new policy into the SIRMP?

No

If 'Yes', Please give details of any potential impacts and associated costs.

N/A

New Policy- Habitat Protected Areas (Pg 49- SIRMP)

This policy gives protection to areas closed to fishing by the SSMO (which have been closed to protect PMFs). There is overlap between this policy and policy MP SPCON4 which protects Priority Marine Features.

Q19. Can you foresee any additional impacts associated with the inclusion of this new policy into the SIRMP?

No negative

If 'Yes', please give details of any potential impacts and associated costs.

N/A

New Policy- Decommissioning of Assets (Pg 100- SIRMP)

Q20. Do you agree/disagree with the inclusions of this policy?

Yes- it could have positive benefits for tourism

Q21. Have you ever had to create a decommissioning plan?

N/A

Q22. If you were directed to create a decommissioning plan, how easy would it be for you to compile the necessary information?

N/A

Q23. Please give an estimate of the man hours it takes to create a decommissioning plan

N/A

New Policy- Development Restricted Areas (Pg 101- SIRMP)

Q24. Would you be likely to submit an application within a development restricted area?

No

Q25. Aquaculture isn't currently allowed within these areas; do you agree with this policy or does it restrict your business development (for example expansion into seaweed farming)?

[I agree with this policy](#)

Competition Assessment

Q26. Do you think that the SIRMP could directly or indirectly limit the number or range of suppliers?

N/A

Q27. Do you think that the SIRMP would limit the ability of suppliers to compete?

N/A

Q28. Do you think that the SIRMP would limit the suppliers' incentives to compete vigorously?

N/A

Q29. Do you think that the SIRMP policies could limit the choices and information available to consumers?

No

Consumer Assessment

Q30. Do you think the policies within the SIRMP will have an effect on the quality, availability or price of any goods or services in a market?

[NA- potential positive](#)

Q31. Do you think the policies within the SIRMP will have an effect on the essential services market, such as energy and water?

N/A

Q32. Do you foresee that the SIRMP would involve storage or increased use of consumer data?

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N/A

Q33. Do you think that the SIRMP would increase opportunities for unscrupulous suppliers to target consumers?

N/A

Q34. Do you think the SIRMP would impact the information available to consumers on either goods or services, or their rights in relation to these?

N/A

Q35. Do you think the SIRMP would affect routes for consumers to seek advice or raise complaints on consumer issues?

N/A