

Phase IV Development Feedback Questionnaire

1. Which aspects of the project are you most interested in?

- Construction Cruise Berth Offshore Energy
Other Please specify:

2. Do you have any specific comments or questions regarding the proposed upgrades?

The Black Isle Tourism Team (BITT) supports supports slow, sustainable tourism which is reflected in our strapline 'savour the unexpected'.
The BITT sees nothing in the proposal to welcome ever larger cruise ships to the Cromarty Firth that will provide the kind of tourism BITT aims to encourage.

3. What effects do you think the proposed development will have on Invergordon and the Cromarty Firth?

Predominately negative effects - just like Southampton or Greenwich. See attached sheet.

4. How could the Port make the most of the development for the benefit of local people?

By ensuring that the profits from the port were more equitably distributed for the benefit of local people as well as the development of the port.

5. How could the Port make the most of the development for the benefit of local businesses?

See attached sheet.

6. On a scale of 1 to 5, do you consider that we have provided sufficient information to give you a clear understanding of the proposed upgrade works (5 is excellent and 1 is very poor)?

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****Please turn over and complete the remainder of the form****

7. If you do not believe we have provided sufficient information, please let us know below what further information we could provide going forward:

The Environmental Impact Assessment for the development

8. Taking account of the information provided, do you think the developments should go ahead?

Yes

No

9. Please provide reasoning:

The CFPA has shown scant regard for the inhabitants of Cromarty by positioning a large percentage of rigs in close proximity to the town when other anchorages are available further up the firth. See attached sheet.

To ensure that we have included as wide a stakeholder group as possible, could you please answer the following questions:

Gender: Male Female

Age: <16 17–24 25–39 40–59 >60

Nationality:

Postcode:

Job Status: Employed Student Retired Self-employed Other

Stakeholder Group(s): Local Community Local Business Local Authority
Port Employee Port User National Government
Other interested group

If you would like the questionnaire to remain anonymous, you do not need to complete the next section. If you would like to be kept informed as the development progresses, please add your preferred contact details here:

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Additional Information.

Question 3. The immediate communities of Invergordon and those bordering the Firth are small and lack facilities to accommodate large parties of visitors, even if they wished to. Experience suggests that the majority of cruise passengers are interested in a 'quick fix' experience of the Highlands and not inclined to spend quality time exploring what it actually means to live and work here. In addition visitors are not inclined to support small independent businesses - retail or catering - as these elements are provided for either on board or at the major visitor attraction sites.

Question 5. If the development was to go ahead a detailed commitment would need to be outlined stating that a significant percentage of profits were to be invested in local infrastructure and support for small to medium enterprises providing sustainable employment (not simply reliant on tourism).

Question 9. CFPA has shown scant regard for the residents of Cromarty, for example, by positioning a large percentage of rigs in close proximity to the town when other anchorages are available further up the firth. This has been done without consultation and there is little to suggest that a genuine partnership between CFPA and its stakeholders is likely to materialise in the future. This current 'consultation' is, in itself, an indication of how the CFPA views 'engagement' with its stakeholders i.e. presenting proposals as a fait accompli.