

Marine development within LDP 2019

For the last four years we have discussed with the appropriate people ways of improving sea access to Tenby.

These have included:

Jane Gibson
Cruise ship development officer Wales
Visit Wales
Simon Hart

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Overall Assessment

This is a large scale proposal which has not been supported with evidence to indicate need, suitability of the area identified or the impact it would have on the National Park landscape, wildlife or the town of Tenby and its population and visitors. There is no known financial support and no known widespread support within Pembrokeshire or beyond. Without significant investment and research the proposal is highly unlikely to proceed and unsuitable for inclusion in the local Development Plan.

This statement is untrue and not factual. The land proposed is ideal for a marina, green fields and stabilise the cliff face also necessary as a motorway by sea.

It is supported by;

1. Jason Thomas – Visit Wales CADW
2. Phil Abrahams – Visit Wales
3. Margaret Llewellyn – Cruise Ship Development Officer
4. Simon Hart MP
5. Angela Burns AM All have supported this project. A marina development in Tenby would meet the criteria set out in the Welsh Government's Coastal Tourism Strategy and would therefore be backed by national planning policy.

For these reasons the proposal is necessary to the Preferred Strategy.

Having looked carefully at the proposed development plan it appears that there has been some oversight in not including this vital aspect of transport in the plan.

For some reason it appears that when it comes to development of the shoreline transportation has not been taken into account and therefore there has been no provision for enhanced mooring facilities or safe marina areas.

There has been much discussion over the last years as to the need for the increased marina facility due to the lack of blue water facilities and also the distance between blue water facilities. Tidal facilities that are available preclude safe access at 50 percent of tide states. For sailors coming to the area storm conditions are a serious consideration that put of potentially many visitors.

Safe harbour for sailing boats in our area is at capacity already and needs to be addressed. On land this is similar to having the main road to Tenby permanently blocked.

In order to look after the financial stability and development of Tenby one of the areas the development plan should be looking at is opening the Sea Roads to Tenby. Currently the harbour has no free space for commercial or personal craft. This is similar on land to having one car park where all the spaces are permanently filled. It means that visitors and new business are stopped before they are started and the development plan as existing does nothing to address this serious issue.

Infrastructure is needed to do this for both working boats and tourist boats and yet this appears to be precluded from the plan and all development areas stop short of the shoreline.

We request that the plan is readdressed to include blue water facility areas for the marine community that currently bring income to the area and is being stifled by preclusion within the plan.