

CONVENTIONAL
& BULK CARGO

CAR TERMINALS

CRUISE & FERRIES

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CONTAINERS
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Dear Peter,

Request for Formal Screening and Scoping Opinion

As the planning department is aware the Port of Tyne is currently working on a project to reconfigure the Tyne Car Terminal which is currently used for both export and import of cars, mainly supporting the Nissan operation.

At the early stages of this project (Q1 2013) the draft proposal was subject to an informal screening opinion from which it was indicated that planning permission was likely to be required due to the potential impact of the project on local wildlife habitats. An EIA scoping report has therefore been developed, which accompanies this letter, to inform the content of the EIA.

This document was informally shared with the planning department in Q1 2015 at which time the port was advised to consult Both Natural England and the Environment Agency to determine whether the proposal could have “likely significant effect” on the Northumbria Coast SPA or other designated sites. That consultation has taken place, the outcome of which is detailed within the scoping report.

I would be grateful if you could formally screen the proposal against the Town and Country Planning EIA regulations and assuming that the outcome is the same to also review the proposed EIA scope.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Stuart McLeod
Head of Environment