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South Tyneside Council
Development Management
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to offer support for the South Shields Marina proposal to allow Training, Safety and Research users to be added to the current proposal ST/0353/20/FUL.

The Marina is in a unique position and currently safety boats and research vessels only have safe berths within the confines of Royal Quays Marina. South Shields Marina would provide safe moorings for small vessels without having to worry about tidal movements due to the floating pontoons which will rise and fall with the tide, ensuring that a vessels moorings do not need constant attention, a constant problem elsewhere within the river.

The allowing of training from the Marina will also greatly benefit the Port who will be able to make use of these facilities for the training of pilot launch and workboat crews; currently new recruits have to travel to various other regions for this training. This would also provide local financial input into the region rather than it going elsewhere in the country.

Therefore, I would like to confirm my support for the proposed changes.

Regards



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