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**Subject:** The Friends of the Firth of Clyde - Message to Regulatory & Planning Authorities Re: Hunterston Parc - Peel Ports 20 Year Master Plan Public Consultation

**Attachments:** WKCC response to Peel Ports - end.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

You may be aware that Peel Ports recently submitted to our local community their aspirational '[20 Year Master Plan for Hunterston PARC](#)'.

The Friends of the Firth of Clyde are a constituted community group representing the views of residents of the communities that will live with the consequences of developments at Hunterston PARC or generations to come and we write to express to you our extreme concern about Peel Ports' intentions for the future of Hunterston PARC.

Far from being aspirational the public consultation has only served to further reinforce the community's view that little thought and planning has gone into Peel Ports' vision for Hunterston PARC. Instead we find ourselves presented with an indicative 'wish list' with no evidence of thought for the compatibility of the proposed industries, the implications for public safety or the wider environmental impact. The master plan is riddled with inconsistencies and inaccuracies and, given Peel Ports' intentions to bring oil rig decommissioning to Hunterston without an Environmental Impact Assessment and so threatening to irreparably damage the surrounding Southannan Sands Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), we have little faith that as an organisation they will have the best interests of the community and the environment at heart.

We will continue to look to your organisations, as public bodies with statutory licensing and regulatory responsibilities, and to our elected representatives in North Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Government to protect the environment that we live within and to safeguard our health and wellbeing.

We invite you to read the Friends of the Firth of Clyde response to Peel Ports' Public Consultation <https://friendsoffirhofclyde.org/read-fofoc-written-response-to-peel-ports-20-year-master-plan/>.

We also attach the response from West Kilbride Community Council which provides an excellent overview of the key issues.

Over the coming 12 months we expect Peel to submit a revised master plan, they may even be in the process of applying for a variety of licences for different activities that, unless there is requirement for public consultation, we may not know about until a development appears on our door step. We are dependent on you for our health and safety and the preservation of Southannan Sands SSSI.

Over the past year, through our ongoing challenge of Peel Port's oil rig decommissioning plans for Hunterston PARC, we have gained significant insights into the planning and regulatory system. Our experience is that the system often struggles to effectively manage and scrutinise in a joined up way large scale complex projects of the nature that Peel Ports are proposing. The system inevitably lends itself to 'salami slicing' with each element being taken separately through the system, allowing the impact of the overall project to at best be not fully understood and at worst disguised.

We view the publication of Peel Ports' 20 year Master Plan as an opportunity for yourselves as the agencies charged with the legal responsibility to safeguard the communities you are mandated to protect to be appraised of Peel Ports' intentions and proactively scrutinise and continually challenge their proposals, to ensure that they meet the highest standards.

We are extremely lucky to have a number of talented, knowledgeable and committed people who have contributed to the Friends of the Firth of Clyde response and we will continue to hold Peel Ports and the planning and regulatory authorities to account as the plans for Hunterston move forward.

Yours faithfully,

The Friends of the Firth of Clyde

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