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**HELENSBURGH WOODEN PIER - UPDATE**

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centre development completed the long-running programme of regeneration of the esplanade, creating an attractive waterfront, which complements the wide range of independent, and chain retail and leisure facilities in the town.

- 3.3 **Figure 3.1** below, presents an overview of Helensburgh Pier and surrounding structures.



**Figure 3.1:** Helensburgh Pier Overview.

### **STANTEC MARKET SCOPING STUDY**

- 3.4 The Council's Rural Growth Deal Programme Management Office (RGD PMO) were asked to consider redevelopment of Helensburgh Wooden Pier as part of the emerging RGD "Tourism – Creating a World Class Visitor Destination" programme. In particular, the feasibility of constructing a commercial pontoon / berthing facility to replace the current Wooden Pier head.
- 3.5 Argyll & Bute Council (A&BC) commissioned Stantec UK Ltd and partners Mott MacDonald to undertake a market scoping study exploring the market for using Helensburgh Pier and the design and costs of different options for upgrading the structure. The study is attached in the following link [Helensburgh Pier - Market Scoping Study](#)
- 3.6 The purpose of Stantec's scoping study was to identify whether there was a case for developing a more comprehensive business case for public sector investment in a commercial berthing facility at Helensburgh Pier, building on initial work by members of the local community. This included desk-based

research and 16 stakeholder interviews to determine the extent of the prospective market across key sectors.

- 3.7 The study considered the construction of a pontoon facility that would extend 100m in a south-south-west orientation (the same as the existing masonry pier) with a 41m access gangway

<b>Tours/Excursions</b>	potential non-compliance with Subsidy Control Regulations. There is limited
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- 6.6 Climate Change – Environmental impact assessments might be required for future redevelopment schemes at Helensburgh Pier, particularly where capital dredging is required.
- 6.7 Risk – Risk associated with further deterioration of Helensburgh wooden pier sits with the Council.
- 6.8 Customer Service – None at present.

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