

A FUTURE FOR DUN LAOGHAIRE HARBOUR

Dun Laoghaire Harbour “is the public property of the Irish People. It is also morally the property of the citizenry of Dun Laoghaire, to whom it is not only an economic but an Aesthetic, Cultural & Historic asset.....” John de Courcey Ireland, 2001

The objective of the proposed **Dun Laoghaire Harbour Charter** is to secure the protection of the integrity, of the natural, cultural and historic significance of the Harbour for the benefit of all to enjoy it as place held special by all people; both local residents, Dubliners and those who visit.

The Dun Laoghaire Harbour Charter

This Charter establishes the aspirations of all the stakeholders and pledges to cherish and protect the Harbour for future generations and in so doing recognises that:

- The unique cultural, social and built heritage shall be respected and protected.
- The historic and amenity value of the two harbour walls for those who recreate there and enjoy its unique ambiance shall be respected.
- The unencumbered central water space shall remain as a unique arena with access for all those who aspire to participate in water-sport.
- A long history as a working harbour shall not be diminished, any expansion shall recognise and respect the long established equilibrium and shall be appropriate to the scale and in proportion to other activities.
- Within this balance, growth of enterprise and people who work and make their living from the Harbour and adjacent marine areas of Dublin Bay will be encouraged.
- Special attention shall be given to strengthening and promoting the role of established and traditional activities.
- The special relationship between Harbour and Town shall be fostered in the context of appropriate and balanced cultural and recreational tourism supported by local service opportunities.
- The protection of the valuable ecology and built heritage of the harbour and adjacent areas shall be recognised and protected.

Dun Laoghaire Harbour is recognised as the largest amenity area in south Dublin and one of the most important and highly frequented amenity areas in Ireland. It is also an important heritage site from a national perspective. This Charter calls for the widest, frank and open consultation involving the people of Dun Laoghaire and the surrounding county and their elected representatives in all matters relating to the future development of the Harbour.

Please circulate this to all your friends, neighbours, local representatives even your enemies and request their support.