

## **Harwich Haven Authority – Capital Dredge Update July 2015**

Harwich Haven Authority is progressing with the studies which have been extended both in scope and time frame by consideration of the maximum volume (of about 25M m<sup>3</sup>) which may go to the existing off-shore disposal site in the worst case scenario of no beneficial disposal options being found. We are in further discussion with MMO over this. The other studies, including waves and sediment movements, fisheries, ornithology, marine archaeology and flood risk assessments are virtually complete but we are waiting for the completion of the full disposal options before we review and finalise the full Environmental Statement. This could take us through to about October 2015 when we would be in a position to make a formal MMO consent application. We would then be able to progress stakeholder consultation events as we would have the various studies available to answer questions raised but would not have made a formal application.

We are in discussion with the Port of Felixstowe regarding commercial and funding issues but these are likely to take until the end of 2015 to complete. It would therefore seem unlikely that we would be able to make a formal MMO application before early 2016.

Not much has changed regarding the potential beneficial disposal options. We are awaiting further information from the EA on Tendring shore placements and from a private group hoping to place material at Bawdsey. Mersea Harbour proposals are continuing to be developed and there is a possibility of further reclamation at Felixstowe. We have met with Andrew St. Joseph but his ideas are in early development. Other proposals can be included as the process continues as they can be considered at any stage up to the tendering and award of the dredge contracts.