

Rupert's Wharf



Artist's Impression of Rupert's Wharf

Request to Amend the Development Consent for Rupert's Wharf

Rupert's Wharf is included under the Airport Project as a provisional item, pending detailed design and costing work. This means that it forms part of the existing contract with Basil Read.

The Wharf was granted Development Consent in September 2008 as part of the overall development application for the Airport Project. This was based on reference designs that showed the Wharf located in the middle of Rupert's Bay.

Preliminary design work has now been undertaken and as a result it is proposed to relocate the Wharf to the south-west of Rupert's Bay. This in turn has had impacts on the location of the Sea Rescue Facility and Rupert's Fuel Pipeline. Revised designs have therefore also been prepared for these components.

As per Section 8 of the Airport Development Ordinance, we have now applied to Governor-in-Council for consent to amend the original development consent granted for the Airport Project to reflect the revised designs. The documents submitted to Governor-in-Council are available for public consultation. (Please see overleaf).

Why Rupert's and not Jamestown?

One of the most frequently asked questions is why construct a Wharf in Rupert's instead of a breakwater in James Bay. Comparing the two projects is like comparing apples and oranges. Rupert's Wharf has the advantage in that it will provide a docking facility for vessels of up to 105m length and with a draft of 5.5m. In comparison, the breakwater in James Bay would only have permitted smaller craft (the size of our local boats) to come alongside.

Rupert's Wharf will provide a number of benefits from the provision of a docking facility, in terms of cargo handling and to support development in the fishing industry. This in turn will free up Jamestown Wharf for alternative leisure and tourism uses in support of what is expected to be a growing tourist industry.

How does Rupert's Wharf fit in with plans for wider development in Rupert's?

The Airport Project includes provision for construction of the wharf only, as did the original proposal granted consent in 2008. During the design phase in 2008, the St Helena Government gave commitments that if construction of Rupert's Wharf went ahead, SHG would put in place the port facilities needed for the Wharf to operate. David Taylor, Head of Planning & Development Control is currently leading work to prepare a Development Plan for Rupert's which will address wider development, including arrangements for Wharf operations.

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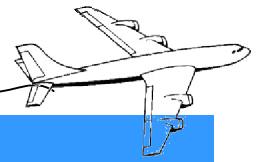
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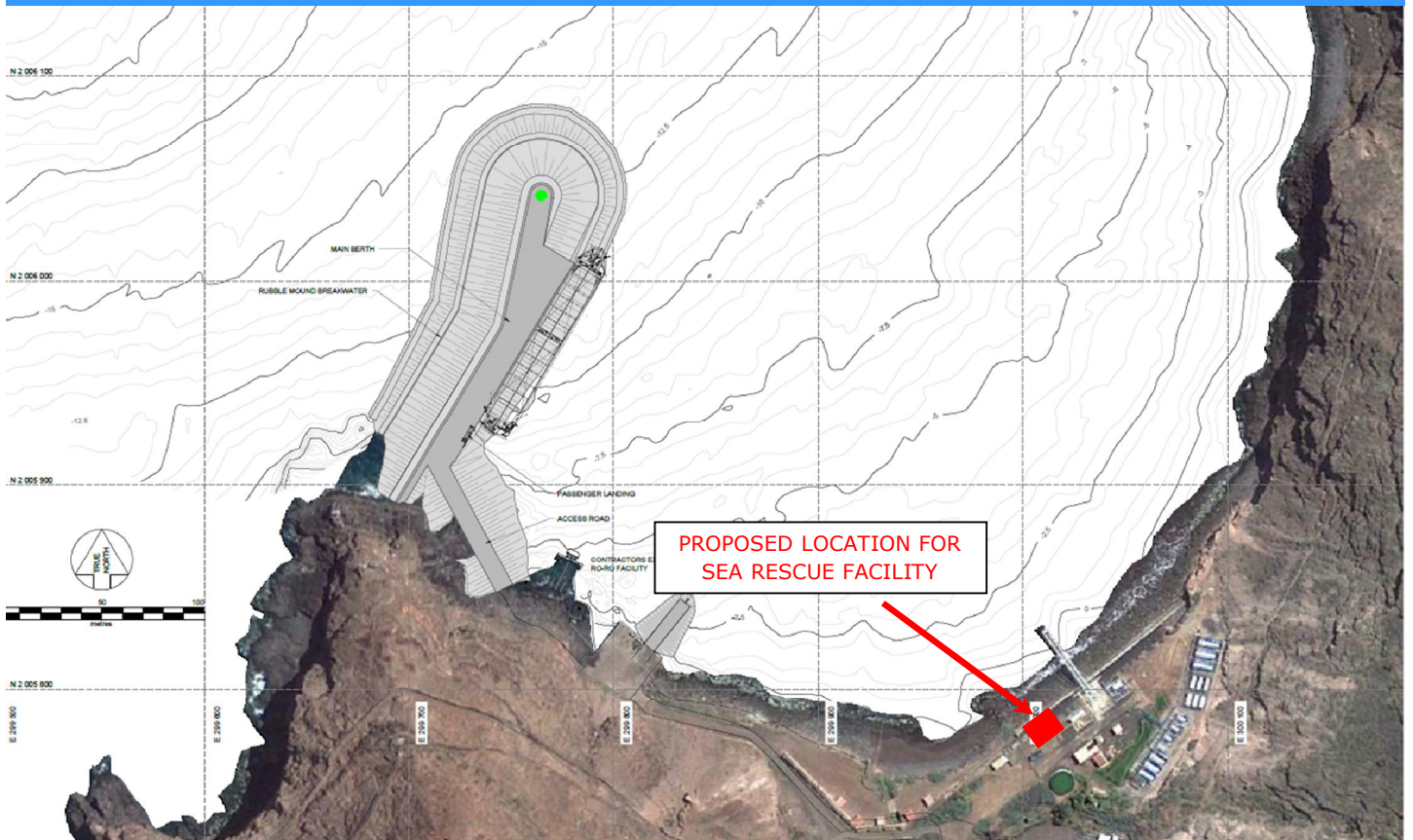
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Planned Works



Rupert's Wharf will comprise a rock breakwater protected with concrete armour units with precast concrete box units on its inside face to provide the flat quay for berthing vessels.

It is proposed that a boat ramp be constructed as an extension to the existing partial ramp on the Shears jetty.

It is also proposed that Basil Read's temporary jetty will be retained for use by ro-ro vessels (i.e. roll-on, roll-off vessels similar to the NP Glory 4). The temporary jetty will then form part of the overall Wharf Infrastructure.

Public Consultation

The proposal for Rupert's Wharf is open to public consultation between **18th October and 15th November 2013**. The full proposal is available online at www.sainthelenaaccess.com/news Hard copies are also available at the **Public Library, the Access Office, the Tourist Office and the ANRD Reception**.

In addition to the Airport Update, a series of public meetings have been planned as follows:

Venue	Date	Time	Transport provided from..
St Michael's Church, Ruperts	23 October 2013	7pm	N/A
Longwood Community Centre	30 October 2013	7pm	Levelwood
Kingshurst Community Centre	4 November 2013	7pm	Sandy Bay, Blue Hill, Guinea Grass, Rosemary Plain
AVEC Lecture Room, Jamestown	7 November 2013	7.30pm	Levelwood, Longwood, Sandy Bay, Blue Hill, Guinea Grass, Rosemary Plain

Further details and the bus timetable will be provided in future Airport Updates and advertised via local radio.

We look forward to your feedback and comments on the proposal. If you should have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Access Office.

Formal comments on the proposal should be provided to:

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