

MORE INFORMATION – Updated 21 March 2016

How will I be able to access the consultation package?

The consultation package will be available through <https://www.gov.uk/mca#consultations>

How long will the consultation last?

The consultation will last for 30 days. This will begin on the 22 March 2016 and will end midday on 21 April 2016. Hard copy responses must be received by the midday 22 April 2016.

What am I being consulted on?

This consultation covers two of the elements included within the S&I business case developed by the MCA; proposed changes to the estate laydown of Marine Offices and ways of working in support of customers.

How can I submit responses to the consultation?

Responses can be submitted through the dedicated email address (sitpconsultation@mcga.gov.uk), by post to: S&I Transformation Programme, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Bay 3/09, Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton, SO15 1EG or by completing online through GOV.UK (<https://www.gov.uk/mca#consultations>). For postal returns the date to receive your comments is one full day after the consultation closes.

What will happen to my response when received?

Your response will be collated along with other comments and once the consultation period has finished, an independent review panel will consider them. They will provide a report and recommendations to the Senior Responsible Officer and Chief Executive of the MCA. All comments and responses by the MCA will be published in full.

What happens if there are strong arguments and evidence against the proposals in the Consultation document?

The independent review panel will assess the arguments and evidence. If there are strong recommendations that there are better alternatives to the proposal, they will be reviewed and subsequently revisited. A further consultation may need to be carried out on the revised proposals.

Will both the survey and inspection processes be changed?

Yes. All the Marine Office activities have been included within the Business Case.

Are you considering closing any Marine Offices?

Yes. It is proposed to reduce the number of Marine Offices to 10, however the proposal regarding the location of these are subject to the consultation. There have already been three Marine Offices that have closed; Leith, Newlyn and Brixham.

Will all the survey work go to the Classification Societies?

No decisions have been made about future delegation levels of survey work.

Will Trade Unions be involved in any discussions?

Yes. The Trade Unions have been and will continue to be engaged throughout the process.