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Mr G Kearns,
Ports and Public Transport Division,
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Belfast BT2 8GB

Dear Mr Kearns,

I am writing in relation to the Proposal for a River Bann Navigation Order (Northern Ireland) 2009 Consultation Paper.

The Historic Monuments Council notes that the proposal is to bring the confirmation of Coleraine Harbour Byelaws by the Department for Regional Development, and the procedures for these Byelaws, into line with the standard procedures operational for other harbours in Northern Ireland.

In this context the proposal is to be welcomed in that it will also ensure that Coleraine Harbour is in line also with the statutory provisions for the protection of the historic environment in harbour areas in Northern Ireland. The Historic Monuments Council wishes to emphasise the importance that government is placing on creating an effective UK-wide system of marine heritage protection. In this context harbours are particularly important in not only being important economically, but also as significant sites of maritime heritage interest

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabriel Cooney'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Professor Gabriel Cooney
Chair

