For the Attention of Southwold Harbour Joint Committee
Consultation Response

Dear Srs,

Please note below the response of Southwold Town Council to the Southwold Harbour Lands Consultation January 2019.

Southwold Town Council recognises that Waveney District Council (WDC) has managed the Southwold Harbour Lands since 1974 and that WDC and its successor Council, East Suffolk District Council, will manage the Harbour in the future.

Southwold Town Council supports the concept of a Management Committee for the Harbour and Harbour Lands, in accordance with the Ports Good Governance Guidance March 2018, provided:

1. There are written guarantees that no part of the Harbour Lands can be sold to a third party.
2. The income from the Harbour and Harbour Lands is used solely for the protection and benefit of the Harbour and Harbour Lands.
3. There is strong local representation on the Committee, including places designated by Southwold Town Council.
4. The principles listed in “Key Principles under a Harbour Management Committee’ should be incorporated in the Memorandum of Understanding.
5. The Harbour Joint Committee and its successor should consider which is the best Port Model (Municipal or Trust) to achieve (1)-(4) above.

Kind regards

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