

Harbour Committee – 30 March 2022

Written question from Rachel Bridgeland to the Chairman of the Harbour Committee

It seems the foreshore and banks of the river from the Medina Way flyover to the Cinema are being counted as the Harbour, which means that nearly 2km of crumbling walls are the responsibility of the Harbour to keep in good repair. In case of partial collapse, and consequent closure of Coppin's Bridge roundabout, the Harbour account would be held responsible. As the flyover prohibits any harbour activity south of the flyover, and therefore no income is generated, why has the Harbour Committee allowed this, and included the foreshore and banks of the river in the Harbour Order?

Response

The southern extent of the harbour is shown on the attached plan which formed part of the 1988 Harbour Revision Order, and as stated, this extends South and East of Medina Way ending in the vicinity of Cineworld.

This reflects the councils ownership of the river bed and walls land and pre-dates both the harbour committee and the Newport (Isle of Wight) Harbour Revision Order 2021; indeed the southern extent of the harbour is referenced in the Pier and Harbour Order (Newport Isle of Wight) Confirmation Act 1954.