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Please see below GYPC's answers to the 2 questions posed.

2.0.4	Note the concern about bridge failure to open and the request for an emergency lay-by berth. Has GYPC identified where such a facility could be located?
	NO. The locations identified by GYPC following the vessel simulations might well be at Berth 33 (or alternatively at Berth 10) but ultimately it will depend upon a number of factors, for example land ownership, competing uses, dredging and navigational safety . A scope of work would be required to be completed to make any berth fit for purpose and to maintain a minimum depth.
2.0.5	With regard to the suggestion that the bridge may need to open before certain vessels enter the port, is it known roughly what percentage of the time all berths on the approach to the bridge would be occupied?
	<p>No. There is very little (if any) time that all berths are likely to be unoccupied. Our confidence level to predict, beyond a 3-hour horizon, when any particular berth will be occupied is Low.</p> <p>Unless a dedicated emergency lay-by berth exists, then identification of a <i>suitable</i> berth introduces further uncertainty and adds complexity to plan vessel movements in the harbour.</p> <p>In determining a <i>suitable</i> berth, full consideration must be given to:</p> <p>Does it comprise a straight line, of sufficient length for any likely Vessel, have immediate and adequate access to secure alongside (clear of obstructions/other vessels), deep enough to remain alongside and for a period of up to 12 hours across all tide cycle? Additionally, will the Berth Owner become compromised (operationally and/or financially) and give consent for an unexpected arrival OR will the Harbour Authority have to intervene and act/direct in order to ensure safety? Further, will the Vessel as a consequence of now being in an unscheduled position, adversely affect other Vessels in transit or manoeuvring in proximity?</p>



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