

PE1770/E

Petitioner submission of 24 March 2020

In addition to our outlined objections within our petition -

We don't agree that only some areas should have public rescue equipment. All waterways should have rescue equipment such as lifebelts, throw bags, colour coded ropes. Anyone can enter any water type at any time without warning. The safety of All members of the public is paramount. We cannot say that a certain part of a river can have this equipment and a bit further along can't. This will put lives at risk where there is no public rescue equipment

CCTV use should be enforced in high risk areas to identify vandals, to prevent people entering the water and to prevent fatalities. Funding should be made available where appropriate.

A regulation should be extended within the current legislation to include that tampering with public rescue equipment is endangering public safety and risking the life of a member of the public.

I must also add that education on water safety be made mandatory in all schools across Scotland and appropriate funding is made to the local authorities.

The colour coded ropes that Glasgow City Council have adopted at the river Clyde should be extended across Scotland waterways. The same colour should be used throughout to identify as public rescue equipment.

Any new builds to be located along waterways need to agree to have public rescue equipment in their premises and must include this in their planning application to ensure approval.