The Sandbanks Ferry Public Inquiry Decision Statement

Mike Kean, Chairman at The Sandbanks Ferry commented:

"Following the Public Inquiry held in January 2025 to determine proposed price increases for The Sandbanks Ferry, the Secretary of State has made the decision to follow the Inspector's recommendations and approve our application to increase ferry tolls, subject to a small number of modifications. I want to reassure our community that no toll increases will be applied until 1st April 2026. We will share full details of the changes in the New Year with all in our community and our valued stakeholders.

"However, the Secretary of State has not approved the section of our application which proposed the implementation of a ferry road toll. We are reviewing this decision in conjunction with the inspector's report in detail and assessing next steps.

"We'd like to thank all parties who gave their time, expertise, and consideration during the Public Inquiry process. The positive decision from the Secretary of State regarding the ferry tolls is essential for securing the future of the ferry.

"It remains important that we continue engaging with all our valued stakeholders, including those who use the ferry, work for our ferry company, and live locally to our business. We are committed to listening to people and working collaboratively to help our local communities thrive.

"We welcome ongoing conversations with our community and anyone wishing to get in touch can email us at community@sandbanksferry.co.uk."