

- Do you propose that the structure would be there on a permanent basis as it does not appear to have wheels?
- Is it really a mobile sauna (as described in the application) or is it, in fact a semi-permanent structure? If it's mobile, and removed daily, the details do not appear to show any wheels.
- Will vehicle access to the Prom be required?

We intend in time for Portobello promenade to be the Soul Water Sauna's home, although it will be fully mobile. Initially we aim to trade two days, likely across Friday - Sunday and this will increase with demand. When we are not trading on the promenade we are looking at alternative options of location. Any access or egress to the prom will be kept to an absolute minimum.

- Will a manager be present during opening hours to monitor usage and where would they be located?
- Who will replenish the fuel?

A member of staff will be on site during operating hours to greet the sauna users, explain safe usage, refuel the stove, general cleanliness of the space and surroundings and manage all aspects of the sauna usage.

- How many people will the sauna accommodate?
- How long would a session last?
- Is it a single person's sauna? Communal? Multi-sex?
- Where will people queue?

The sauna will hold a maximum capacity of eight users. Sessions will be from 30mins - 2hrs and all will be pre booked, there will be no need to queue.

Until covid restrictions are lifted for sauna use we will offer private hire of the sauna for a family or support bubble. After restrictions are lifted, we will open sessions where users share the space with others. Open sessions encourage new connections and friendships in the community.

- Will First Aid qualified personnel be on-site at all times for customers requiring assistance?
- Yes

- What fire safety provisions are there?

There are full Risk Assessments in place that have been submitted to the council.

- What security arrangements will be in place for the sauna when it is not open?

The sauna will be locked when not in use.

- What provision is being made for dealing with additional litter and toileting requirements of the facility?

The cleanliness of Portobello beach and the surrounding area is very important to us. We will help clear the surrounding space during any quiet time. No food or drink will be sold on site and there will be no toilet facility which will be made clear on our website, we will provide the location of the nearest public toilets (Portobello Swim Centre 200m West and, what will be Joppa Rocks 500m East).

- There is no mention of the potentially harmful pollutants from particulate matter caused by the burning of wood. Has this been assessed? Has the Environmental Health Officer been asked for comments?

We have chosen a Sydän-kiuas wood burning stove and its selection was a key point for us. We researched stove efficiently and emissions and have spoken to leading experts. The stove we have chosen is ecological and classed as a low-emission heater which already meets the emission criteria of the 2030 requirements of climate change worldwide. It is one of, if not the most efficient stove in the world. The application process will be viewed by Environmental Health.

- Where will wood be stored for the stove?

There will be space under the trailer that will be used to store the wood during the day. This will be taken away at the end of every trading day.