2. Passenger Liner Operations - Cruise Terminal

a. Location

The Port of Cork Cruise Terminal at the Deepwater Berth in Cobh is the only dedicated cruise berth for passenger liners in Ireland. A large number of vessels visit Cobh during the summer cruise season and they currently vary in size up to vessels of 295m long and capable of carrying 3,500 passengers and 1,500 crew.

The town of Cobh is located on Great Island in Cork harbour (see Figure 2). Vehicular traffic for the Port of Cork Cruise Terminal must access and egress the island via Belvelly Bridge on the R624 road or a cross river ferry that operates between Glenbrook and Carrigaloe. The coach operators predominately use the Belvelly Bridge route as this links to the E30 east-west dual carriageway near Carrigtwohill.

The Cobh Cruise Terminal is owned by the Port of Cork and consists of a long quay with an adjacent long shore site (See Figure 1). The site is adjacent to and bounded by the Cork-Cobh Railway line, Cobh Train Station and the Heritage Centre.

Vehicular access is via an entrance at the east end of the site adjacent to the front of the Heritage Centre and an entrance at the west end of the site through the Cork County Council owned car park. Both entrances are equipped with lockable gates.

A public right of way (pedestrian only) passes through the site with separate pedestrian access gates at the site entrances, east and west.

Figure 2 Location Map of Cobh