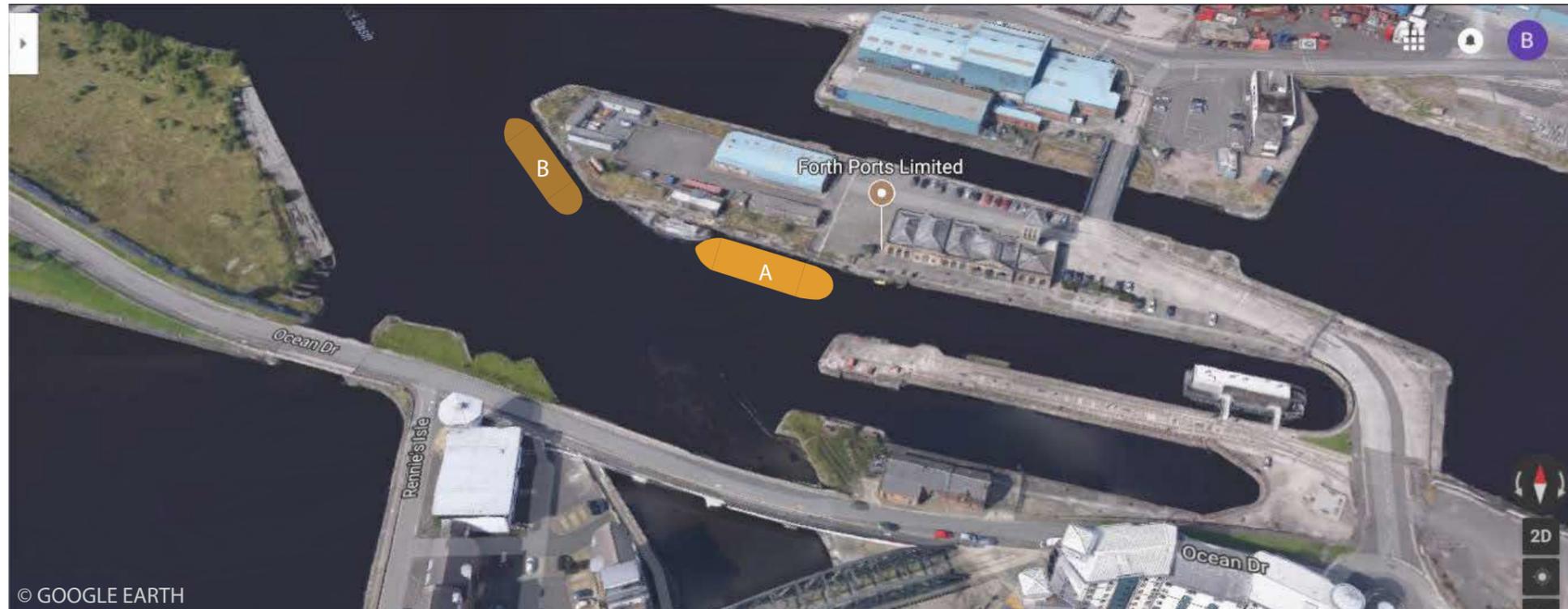


## The SS Explorer's future in Leith?



A possible future publicly-accessible berth for the restored SS Explorer, adapted for public access as an educational resource and visitor attraction?

The SS Explorer can become a key component of Leith's further development as a tourist destination, including the possibility of a Maritime Heritage Trail linked to the proposed Leith Trust 'String of Pearls' concept.



The SS Explorer is berthed in Leith with great thanks to Forth Ports Ltd, who have been a stalwart supporter of the SS Explorer Preservation Society.

### A publicly-accessible, permanent berth in Leith Docks.

Following completion of the essential works to the hull: making the ship wind and water tight; further restoration and adaption of the ship for visitor access and educational use; the final permanent berth favoured for the SS Explorer is a publicly-accessible location in Leith .

This would give :

- Visibility as a landmark attraction.
- Public accessibility for visitors, educational and special interest groups, events and volunteer activities.
- The possibility of modest quayside accommodation offering visitor reception, exhibition space and facilities.

There is an area of the dock which is publicly accessible and already used more as an amenity than a commercial dock – with the Vine Trust, Tom Dunn floating conference facility, together with a possible future floating boutique hotel.

The Alexandra Dry Dock, Prince of Wales Dock and Victoria Swing Bridge are all in the same area of the port. This area is a good example of a traditional port, with many traditional and historic features, to which the presence of the restored SS Explorer would add interest and value.

The ship, in this position, would also complement the development of any future maritime museum, focussed on Leith's rich maritime history, planned for this part of the dock.

