

Associated British Ports

Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal

Statement of Community Consultation

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1 Introduction

1.1 Associated British Ports ("ABP") is the owner and operator of the Port of Immingham ("the Port"), located on the south bank of the Humber Estuary, as shown on Figure 1.

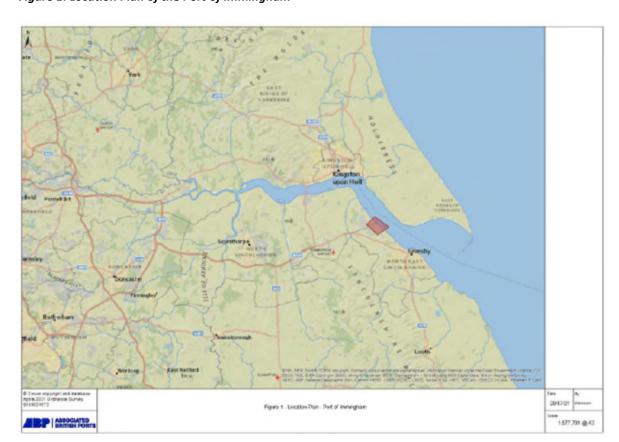


Figure 1: Location Plan of the Port of Immingham

1.2 We are proposing to construct within the Port of Immingham a roll-on/roll-off terminal. The primary purpose of the new terminal, which will comprise both marine and landside infrastructure, will be to service vessels that carry cargo, loaded or unloaded by vehicles (which we have called "wheeled cargo") and which access the vessel by means of a ramp. The new facility will be located within the operational port estate, on its eastern side – see Figure 2 below.



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Figure 2: Location and likely boundary area of the Project

- 1.3 If our application is approved by the Secretary of State, the completed Project will enable us to increase the operational capacity and efficiency of our port infrastructure, thereby improving and enhancing our offering to the commercial market. The project will be known as the Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal ("IERRT Development") and as we explain below, it will be taken forward as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ("NSIP").
- 1.4 This document, known as a Statement of Community Consultation ("**SoCC**") plays an important part in the application process. Essentially, it has a twofold purpose
 - First, it outlines our approach as to how we will be consulting with stakeholders, interested parties and the local community about the Project; and
 - Second, it provides details as to how you can take part in the consultation process and influence the proposed design of the Project and its possible impacts.



- 1.5 It is very important that our consultation is comprehensive, open and transparent and we want to give everyone the opportunity to participate in the consultation process, thereby helping us to develop the Project. To this end, we have discussed our consultation proposals, embodied in this SoCC with the local authority within which our development site falls, namely North East Lincolnshire Council.
- 1.6 In addition, however, so as to ensure that our consultation is genuinely comprehensive, we have also consulted the neighbouring local authorities of Lincolnshire County Council, North Lincolnshire Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the City of Kingston Upon Hull, West Lindsey District Council and East Lindsey District Council about both the IERRT Development and our consultation proposals as set out in this SoCC.
- 1.7 A final point to make in this Introduction, is that we are very conscious that we are now living in a post-Covid world and the traditional face-to-face consultation, with exhibitions, may no longer present as a practicable option although, that said, it does remain one of our aspirations. We detail below how we intend to undertake this important formal consultation, but in brief, the regulatory process that has to be followed has been adjusted placing greater emphasis on the consultation materials being available digitally rather than just providing them in hard copy and placing them in publicly accessible locations.

Our Application

- As noted above, this Project is being promoted as an NSIP under the provisions of the Planning Act 2008. As a consequence, we will in due course be submitting an application to the Secretary of State for Transport not for planning permission, but for a Development Consent Order ("DCO"). The application will in fact be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate ("PINS"). PINS, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, will co-ordinate the process following submission, including the appointment of an Inspector or Panel of Inspectors to examine our application, the final decision being made by the Secretary of State.
- 1.9 A critical component of the DCO application process is the consultation exercise which is undertaken prior to the submission of the application. This is consultation in its widest sense, not just with statutory consultees, but with local businesses, stakeholders, interested parties and the wider local community. To this end, we are now publishing this SoCC which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 and which deals with the duty



to consult the local community.

- Our application will be supported by a number of documents, including an environmental statement, the purpose of that document being to assess the possible impacts of the Project on the environment. It will deal with such subjects as noise and vibration, ecology, navigation, dredging and traffic.
- In addition, a key consideration for the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State when assessing our application and the documentation accompanying it, will be the National Policy Statement for Ports. This National Policy Statement "provides the framework for decisions on proposals for new port development" and sets out the Government's assessment of the need for new port infrastructure.
- 1.12 We are now half-way through the pre-application process. The design of the scheme has been evolving for some considerable time in terms of both the proposed new marine and land-based infrastructure and we anticipate that our application for a DCO will be submitted this summer.
- 1.13 It is at this stage in the process that we now need to pause and undertake a formal consultation known as the "statutory consultation" with you. Indeed, when we submit our application, one of the matters the Planning Inspectorate will consider is whether the consultation we have undertaken has been properly comprehensive. This Statement is designed to explain how we intend to undertake that consultation.
- 1.14 You can find more information about PINS and the Planning Act 2008 on the National Infrastructure Planning website: www.infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ or by calling the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000.

ABP and the Port of Immingham

- 1.15 ABP is the largest ports group in the United Kingdom, owning and operating 21 ports and other transport-related businesses across England, Wales and Scotland.
- On the Humber, ABP owns and operates four ports, namely the Ports of Immingham, Hull, Grimsby and Goole. Together, these ports constitute the single largest ports complex in the UK. Of these, the Port of Immingham is the largest and busiest of ABP's four Humber ports.
- 1.17 The Port lies immediately adjacent to the main deep-water shipping channel which serves the Estuary, thereby enabling access to the Port by some of the largest vessels afloat today.



- In addition to its excellent marine access, the Port is also well located for onward/inward transport of goods by road throughout the UK. It enjoys easy and quick access for road haulage to the M180 Motorway and from there to the M1 or the A1, via the M18. In addition, the Port has the added benefit of its own rail terminal. Indeed, some 25% of all rail freight in the UK originates from the Port of Immingham.
- 1.19 The Port handles a wide variety of cargoes, ranging from bulk liquids and solid fuels to unitised cargoes in the form of containers ("lo-lo") and on trailers ("ro-ro"). Since the 1960's, the Port's marine capability has increasingly been serviced from jetties located in the river, thereby eliminating the need for vessels to pass through the lock gates into the Port's enclosed dock. Today, as well as the internal dock, the Port has some twenty 'in-river' berths which handle shipments of bulk liquid products (including petroleum products and liquified petroleum gas), biomass, iron ore, petroleum coke and power station coal.
- 1.20 The infrastructure at the Port is the product of incremental expansion that has taken place over the years to meet market need. This has enabled ABP, as the Port operator, to increase the quantity of cargo imported/exported and to expand the range and type of cargoes that it can handle. The volumes processed through the Port have risen from 26 million tonnes in 1981 to around 50 million tonnes in 2020. In this context, ro-ro freight has become a key growth area for the Port with around 170 acres of the Port estate now employed in the embarkation or disembarkation of this category of freight.

The Project

- 1.21 The Project will, when completed in its totality, comprise a new up to four-berth roro harbour facility designed to service the embarkation and disembarkation of principally "wheeled cargo" carried on trailers or HGV, possibly with provision for a small element of passenger use during quiet periods. It is anticipated that the completed Project, with four berths, will be capable of handling in the region of 880,000 units per year.
- 1.22 The new facility will comprise on the marine side a new jetty with up to four berths and on the land side, improved hardstanding, terminal and other buildings and an internal site bridge which will cross over existing Port infrastructure, including an access road and ABP controlled railway track.



Summary

- 1.23 In summary, the Project will comprise
 - In terms of the proposed marine works:
 - An approach jetty from the shore;
 - A linkspan with bankseat;
 - Two floating pontoons appropriately secured in position;
 - Two separate finger piers with up to two berths each, one either side thereby enabling the vessels to berth alongside with their stern ramps resting upon two floating pontoons;
 - A capital dredge of the new berth pocket; and
 - Disposal of dredged material at sea if no beneficial alternative can be identified;
 - Whilst on the landside:
 - Demolition and removal of a number of existing commercial buildings within the site
 - Improvement of the existing cargo storage areas, including resurfacing and provision of new pavements and associated infrastructure.
 - A terminal buildings and a small welfare building to provide appropriate facilities for terminal operational and administration staff, lorry drivers and passengers;
 - A small workshop, a UK Border Force building and a gatehouse may also be required;
 - An internal bridge within the site to cross over Robinson Road and the ABP managed transit sidings; and
 - Related utilities, operational infrastructure and possible soft landscaping etc.



2 Consulting the Community

- 2.1 We have now reached the stage when we wish to find out what you think of the Project. We intend to carry out a formal consultation known as the "statutory consultation" within the general locality. We will be consulting as wide a range of bodies and people as possible statutory consultees, stakeholders, interested parties and the local community. In particular, we want to find out what issues in relation to the Project are of interest to the community and local stakeholders. Those views will inform the studies which we are undertaking as part of our comprehensive environmental impact assessment of the Project.
- 2.2 Our approach to consultation will have the following objectives, namely to:
 - Provide information about the Project answering any questions about ABP, its operations and the Project;
 - Establish and develop local relationships that will facilitate successful ongoing consultation and ensure effective knowledge sharing; and
 - At all times, be open and accessible enabling everyone to have his or her say and give feedback on the Project.
- 2.3 More details of our consultation activities are available to view and download at: www.abports.co.uk/immroro/consultation.

Consultation – why and when

- 2.4 It is important to us that the consultation we are about to commence really does achieve those objectives. As such, we will be guided by five key principles, namely:
 - **Openness and transparency** making information available to stakeholders and the local community openly and with transparency.
 - **Providing opportunities to get involved** co-ordinating inclusive and accessible engagement and consultation events and providing feedback mechanisms to ensure that stakeholders and the public can be fully involved if they so wish.
 - **Sharing information and understanding** providing up to date information about the Project as it develops via a range of channels, helping the public and stakeholders to better understand what is being proposed.
 - **Listening and responding** being open to suggestions about how the Project could be improved and any impacts mitigated whilst also providing timely feedback to stakeholders and the public.



- **Respect** ensuring that everyone is treated with respect throughout the process.
- 2.5 Your comments will help us achieve these objectives. We will listen to everyone's views and take those views into account before we submit our DCO application.
- 2.6 The consultation will run from 19 January 2022 to 23:59pm on 23 February 2022.
- 2.7 During the consultation period, we will, in summary, provide information on all aspects of the Project including:
 - Design and layout;
 - The landside works;
 - The required marine infrastructure;
 - Traffic and access;
 - Noise and vibration;
 - Environmental impacts, and
 - Construction management and operation.

Environmental Impact Assessment

- 2.8 The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development") as defined in the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations). This means that before the Project can be approved, an environmental impact assessment the purpose of which is to examine and assess all aspects of the Project must be undertaken in order to assess whether it is likely to have significant effects on the environment.
- 2.9 We will, therefore, shortly be publishing what is known as a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") as part of the consultation. The PEIR will provide preliminary environmental information about all aspects of the Project which have been gathered by our consultant team and which will be used by them to carry out the environmental impact assessment.
- 2.10 Details of where the PEIR will be available to view as part of the consultation can be found in Table 1 to this document (Section 3, as required by Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations).
- In due course, an Environmental Statement will be produced which will set out the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment once it has been completed. The Environmental Statement will form one of the DCO application documents which will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the DCO application.



Who can take part and how will they be notified?

- 2.12 Anybody can take part in our consultation, and we welcome all views. We will take all of them into account before we submit our DCO application.
- The map that follows at **Figure 3** shows the "mail out" area defined by the blue line where a Project Newsletter will be distributed to local households and businesses within the vicinity of the Project site. This newsletter will provide information about the consultation we are undertaking, when and where the community can access information about the Project and how they can respond to the consultation.
- 2.14 The local community will also be notified of the consultation by means of the display of posters in prominent positions within the locality as well as the publication of statutory notices in -
 - A national newspaper;
 - The London Gazette;
 - Lloyd's List;
 - A fishing trade journal; and
 - One or more locally circulating newspapers (such as, for example, The Grimsby Telegraph and the Grimsby Advertiser).
- 2.15 We also hope to be able to arrange editorial coverage of the consultation in local publications in order to reach the wider local community.
- 2.16 Information regarding the consultation, including posters and social media content, will be provided directly to affected local authorities, Immingham Town Council, and the parish councils of Stallingborough, Healing, Great Coates, North Killingholme and South Killingholme and other local community and interest groups so that they can raise awareness of the consultation through their own communications channels.



Figure 3: Map showing mail-out area





3 How will we consult?

- As coronavirus remains a serious health risk, we are aware that while some people will be comfortable attending face-to-face consultation events that may not be the case for everyone. It is important that we consult as widely and comprehensively as possible. As a consequence, we intend to use a combination of digital and non-digital consultation methods.
- 3.2 We will be hosting a small number of face-to-face consultation/exhibition events in and around Immingham during the consultation period at which both we, and members of the Project Team, will be available to discuss the scheme and answer any questions.
- In addition, we will be using a range of online mechanisms so that local communities will have access to all appropriate information and opportunities to provide feedback, but without having to meet in person. Hopefully this approach will enable individuals to access information at times that suit them from a computer or a mobile device. If there is a demand, we will also host online events in the form of Webinars and Question and Answer Sessions during the consultation period with members of the Project Team.
- 3.4 We will also provide free of charge telephone surgery appointments which can be booked with members of the Project Team to discuss specific issues or topics related to the Project.
- Details of the ways in which we will formally consult with stakeholders, and the local community are provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Consultation activities

Method and activities	Detail
Face to face consultation events	ABP, subject to external restrictions, hope to host four in-person consultation/exhibition events. Topic specialists and members of the Project team will be on hand to answer questions from members of the public at allocated times, which are detailed below. As also noted below, we will in addition be providing a Feedback Questionnaire, which can be completed by hand or online.
	The proposed dates and times are provided below:



Method and activities	Detail
	For members of the public at: Immingham Civic Centre, Pelham Road, Immingham, DN40 1QF - Monday 24 January 2022: 3 pm – 7 pm Saturday 5 February 2022: 10 am – 2 pm For Port Users at: Seafarers Centre Immingham, Lockside Road, Immingham Dock, Immingham, DN40 2NN - Wednesday 26 January 2022: 1 pm – 5 pm
	Thursday 27 January 2022: 9 am – 3 pm The above dates and times of the in-person consultation events will be detailed on the Project Website.
	These consultation/exhibitions will only be held if it is deemed safe and practical so to do and in line with and national or local restrictions. Public health will remain the priority. Notice of any alternative arrangements will be given as soon as possible, on the Project Website and using methods similar to those outlined above, and will be arranged in consultation with the local authority. Due to the rapidly changing public health situation changes may be made at very short notice.
Online Webinars	If there is a demand, ABP will hold up to two online Webinar sessions in the first two weeks of February for the public at dates to be arranged. The dates and times of the Webinar sessions will be detailed on the Project Website and hopefully, by way of editorial coverage in local publications. Anyone who requests a Webinar will be informed
	whether one can be arranged.
Project Website	Information about the proposed Project, the face to face consultation events, the online Webinars and the details of the consultation and how to respond will be available on the Project Website.



Method and activities	Detail
	Throughout this process, the Project Website can be accessed at www.abports.co.uk/immroro or through the main ABP website. Copies of the consultation materials will be hosted directly at www.abports.co.uk/immroro/consultation .
	The Project Website will host copies of all consultation documents including the PEIR (available for inspection free of charge) and an online Feedback Questionnaire (which will also be available to download) so that the public and other stakeholders can respond directly online. All the consultation documents will be available on the Project Website throughout the consultation period at www.abports.co.uk/immroro/consultation .
Online exhibition	If due to restrictions beyond our control, it is not possible to arrange the face-to-face consultation events, ABP will host an online exhibition accessed via the Project Website. The online exhibition will include copies of all the consultation materials and documentation to enable visitors to see and read the materials from a computer or mobile device, also explaining the proposals in an accessible, and engaging way. During the consultation period, the online exhibition would be 'open' and accessible online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via the Project Website. The Feedback Questionnaire would be available to download from within the online exhibition.
Telephone surgeries	For those who are not comfortable or not able to access information digitally, a free of charge telephone surgery appointment can be booked whereby the individual can talk to one of the Project team in more detail about specific issues or topics related to the Project.
	These can be booked via the freephone line 0808 169 9912 or by email using the email address: immroro@abports.co.uk .

3.6 Any activity that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond our control will be, where possible, substituted with a similar activity and advertised online and, if



practicable, in local newspapers (via a press release) circulating in the vicinity of the Project. Any activity changes will be published on the Project Website at www.abports.co.uk/immroro/consultation. Due to the rapidly changing public health situation changes may be made at very short notice.

How to respond to the consultation?

- A Feedback Questionnaire will be produced to help you provide comments on the Project. All consultation responses must be made in writing by:
 - Completing the online Feedback Questionnaire;
 - Downloading the Feedback Questionnaire and posting it to us at ABP, Port of Immingham, Dock Office, Alexandra Road, Immingham Dock, Immingham, North East Lincolnshire, DN40 2LZ (Quoting Reference: Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal; or
 - Requesting a hard copy of the Feedback Questionnaire and a pre-paid stamped addressed envelope to be sent to you in the post and returning the completed copy to us via post.
 - Alternatively, you can:
 - ~ Email us at immroro@abports.co.uk
 - ~ Write to us at the following address ABP, Port of Immingham, Dock Office, Alexandra Road, Immingham Dock, Immingham, North East Lincolnshire, DN40 2LZ (Quoting Reference: Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal) (a pre-paid stamped addressed envelope will be provided on request free of charge)
- All responses must be received in writing by **11:59pm on Wednesday 23 February 2022**. Responses received after that date may not be considered. All the consultation documents will be accessible to view online on the Project Consultation Website until the deadline for responses has passed.
- The above contact details can also be used during the consultation period to contact members of the Project team about requesting hard copies of the consultation documents, booking free of charge telephone surgeries appointments and for general enquiries. Alternatively, requests and enquiries can also be made by calling freephone 0808 169 9912.



4 Other consultation in the local area

4.1 The Project team is not aware of any other consultations in the local area that could influence or impact upon the consultation for the Project. The Project Team will continue to monitor for other relevant consultations in the local area.



5 Where information is available and details of local display/deposit locations

- A range of consultation documents as detailed in Table 2 below will be made available for the duration of the consultation period. Table 3 outlines the methods and locations for accessing the consultation documents.
- 5.2 Printed copies of a reasonable quantity of some of the consultation documents will be made available on request free of charge. These include the Project Newsletter, Feedback Questionnaire and SoCC. There may, however, be a charge for paper copies of other consultation documents, including the PEIR, of up to £300. Please contact the Project team for further details.
- In addition, a reasonable quantity of USB flash drives containing the consultation documents will be made available on request, free of charge, for those who do not have access to the internet but who have a computer. Please contact the Project team for further details.

Table 2: Consultation documents

Type of Document	Detail
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	This document sets out how ABP will be consulting people living in the vicinity of the Project. The SoCC is for information purposes. It does not form part of the consultation and so comments on its content are not required.
Project Summary Booklet (Non- Technical Summary of the PEIR)	 Written in plain English, this document will provide a summary of the proposals including: A summary of the Project objectives; A detailed summary of the information contained in the PEIR; An explanation as to how we propose to mitigate any potential impacts; Signposts for readers to more detailed information reports; and Details as to how to provide feedback on the proposed project.



Type of Document	Detail
Feedback Questionnaire	This questionnaire will be available for people to provide their feedback and comments on all aspects of the Project.
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	This will contain preliminary information on the likely environmental effects of the Project as we have ascertained them so far - how we propose to reduce these effects, and how we proposed to maximise the benefits of the Project.

Table 3: Methods to make consultation documents available

Method	Detail
Project Consultation Website	All consultation documents including the PEIR will be published on the Project Website at: www.abports.co.uk/immroro/consultation.
Online Exhibition (In the event that the face to face consultation events are not possible)	All consultation documents will be accessible via the online exhibition hosted on the Project Consultation Website.
Deposit locations	In accordance with the Regulations governing the procedural requirements for major infrastructure projects, the statutory requirement to make the SoCC available for inspection will be met by making the document available for inspection online, free of charge, using the Project Consultation Website. All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that all requests for hard copies of the consultation documents or copies on a USB flash drive (if appropriate) are met.
Public information points	ABP will engage with North East Lincolnshire Council to agree a list of public information points that are most relevant and convenient



Method	Detail
	for the community on which to provide links to the Project Consultation Website.
Freephone	A freephone line will be available between the hours of <i>09.00 and 17.00 - (Monday to Friday)</i> - for the duration of the consultation period, where members of the public will be able to request USB flash drives, hard copies of the consultation documents, book free of charge telephone surgeries appointments and for general enquiries.
	The freephone line is: 0808 169 9912.



6 Consultation with Statutory Consultees

- As well as consulting with the public under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, ABP will also be undertaking a consultation with a number of consultees who are specifically identified in Section 42 of the Act. These consultees include:
 - People with an interest in land potentially affected by the proposals including owners, tenants, lessees or occupiers of the land or anyone who has the power to sell, convey or release land which is potentially affected by the proposals or who are eligible to make a relevant claim (Section 44 of the Act).
 - All local authorities with jurisdiction covering the area in which the project is located. In this instance this would be North East Lincolnshire Council (Section 43(1) of the Act).
 - Neighbouring local authorities whose boundaries adjoin the local authorities where the proposed project would be sited (Section 43(2) and (2A) of the Act).
 - Prescribed bodies, such as Natural England, the Environment Agency, the Health and Safety Executive, Parish and Town Councils and interested environmental organisations (Section 42(1)(a) of the Act).



7 Data Protection

ABP is committed to protecting personal information that you may share with us. Any information provided, will be used in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the privacy policy published on the Project website.



8 Next steps

- 8.1 We will record all formal written responses received during the consultation and carefully consider these in finalising our application before we submit it to the Planning Inspectorate.
- We will summarise our findings in a Consultation Report, which will include an anonymised database of the consultation response received, a description of how our application was informed by the responses received and we will outline any changes made as a result of consultation. The Consultation Report will form part of the DCO application documentation which is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 8.3 The Planning Inspectorate will decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination and will determine whether our consultation has been adequate.
- If, as a result of feedback from this statutory consultation, the Project proposals change to the extent that it is necessary to undertake further geographically targeted consultation, this would be undertaken in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.
- 8.5 If you would like more information about the Project, please visit our main Project webpage at: www.abports.co.uk/immroro.
- 8.6 If you have any queries about the Project, please contact the Project Team directly by calling freephone 0808 169 9912 or emailing immroro@abports.co.uk.

