

## **Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal** **('IERRT')**

### **Supplementary Statutory Consultation Newsletter October 2022**

#### **Introduction**

This Newsletter provides an update on our proposals to develop a new three berth Roll-on Roll-off ('Ro-Ro') facility in the Port of Immingham.

Following a number of refinements which have been made to the IERRT scheme as a result of the very helpful feedback and comments received during the original statutory consultation in early 2022 and thereafter from stakeholders and consultees, together with our own assessment of the potential impacts, ABP has decided to undertake a further statutory consultation. We are calling it the Supplementary Statutory Consultation and it is to ensure that everyone understands precisely what the IERRT proposal comprises and understands its potential effects.

Undertaking this additional consultation gives us the opportunity to ask for any views you may now wish to offer before we finalise the scheme and submit our application for consent.

#### **The Current Position**

Inevitably since the close of the original statutory consultation earlier this year, the IERRT scheme has evolved - particularly considering the responses we have received both during that formal statutory consultation and afterwards. The changes made are, we believe, all positive with the benefit of reducing the overall impact of the scheme, and are probably more properly called "refinements".

We are now in the final stages of preparing our application for what, as we have

mentioned in earlier Newsletters, is known as a Development Consent Order ('DCO').

#### **Changes to the Scheme**

We have reported on changes to the scheme as it has evolved over the past months in our Spring and Summer Newsletters.

#### **The IERRT Proposal**

The IERRT scheme as it now stands, subject to any final comments we receive as part of this Supplementary Statutory Consultation, comprises, in summary, the following: -

##### ***Marine works***

- An approach jetty from the shore linked to two floating pontoons appropriately secured in position
- Two separate finger piers to provide three berths thereby enabling the vessels to berth alongside with their stern ramps resting upon two floating pontoons
- A capital dredge of the new berth pocket
- Disposal of dredged material at sea if no beneficial alternative can be identified
- Possible impact protection measures if required

##### ***Landside***

- The demolition and redevelopment of some existing commercial buildings within the site
- The improvement of the existing port cargo storage areas, including resurfacing and the provision of new pavements and associated infrastructure
- The construction of a terminal building and a small welfare building to provide appropriate facilities for terminal operational and administration staff, lorry drivers and passengers
- The construction of a small workshop with fuel station and a UK Border Force building
- The construction of an internal bridge within the site to cross over Robinson Road

and the ABP managed transit sidings (linking the north and central storage areas)

- Related utilities and operational infrastructure
- The creation of a second entrance lane at the Port's East Gate
- Offsite environmental enhancement (by means of the provision of marine environmental enhancement at Skeffling on the north bank of the Humber Estuary and terrestrial ecological improvements to an area known as the Long Strip Woodland, immediately adjacent to the east of the Port)

## **Supplementary Consultation**                      **Statutory**

ABP is running the Supplementary Statutory Consultation between **Friday 28 October and Sunday 27 November 2022 at 23:59pm** during which we are inviting written comments on the scheme.

For this purpose, we have prepared a **Supplementary Consultation Report ('SCR')** which provides a description of how the scheme has evolved and been refined since we held our original statutory consultation in early 2022. It contains a description of the changes made to the scheme, our rationale and justification for making them, an outline of the implications for environmental effects of the IERRT scheme as well as providing plans showing the current proposals. This can be viewed and downloaded online at: [www.abports.co.uk/immro/consultation](http://www.abports.co.uk/immro/consultation).

Further details about how to respond to the Supplementary Statutory Consultation are provided below.

## **Environmental Impact Assessment**

As explained in our previous Newsletters, the IERRT is what is known as Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. ABP is, therefore, required to undertake an

Environmental Impact Assessment and will be submitting an Environmental Statement as part of its application for a DCO.

ABP is at this time preparing and finalising its Environmental Statement for the scheme, which will be published online, together with all the other DCO application documents, after the application has been accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate ('PINS'). It is PINS who will deal with the application process on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport.

## **The First Preliminary Environmental Information Report**

As part of the original statutory consultation which took place in early 2022, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') was published for your comments. As part of this further consultation exercise, we have produced the SCR which outlines the refinements made to the scheme (as well as the implications for environmental effects) since the publication of the PEIR as a result of ABP's ongoing consultation with interested parties and the scheme's natural evolution.

The SCR, the PEIR and the non-technical summary of the PEIR will all be available to view and download online at: [www.abports.co.uk/immro/consultation](http://www.abports.co.uk/immro/consultation) **from 28 October 2022** until the close of the Supplementary Statutory Consultation **at 23:59pm on 27 November 2022**.

## Getting Involved

As part of the Supplementary Statutory Consultation exercise, ABP will be holding the below in-person consultation events:

<b>For members of the public at:</b> Immingham Civic Centre, Pelham Road, Immingham, DN40 1QF	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Saturday 12 November 2022	10am to 3pm
<b>For Port Users at:</b> Seafarers Centre Immingham, Lockside Road, Immingham Dock, Immingham, DN40 2NN	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tuesday 15 November 2022	1pm to 4pm

Any changes to the above will be posted on the consultation website at: [www.abports.co.uk/immrora/consultation](http://www.abports.co.uk/immrora/consultation).

ABP may also hold online webinar sessions in November 2022 subject to demand. In addition, a free of charge telephone surgery appointment to discuss the scheme can be arranged. If you are interested in either of these please register your interest by emailing us at: [immrora@abports.co.uk](mailto:immrora@abports.co.uk) or calling us on **Freephone 0808 169 9912**.

All the consultation documents and materials are available to view and download online (free of charge) on the consultation website.

### Consultation Materials

The IERRT consultation materials can be viewed and downloaded online at: [www.abports.co.uk/immrora/consultation](http://www.abports.co.uk/immrora/consultation). This includes the SCR, the PEIR and the non-technical summary of the PEIR.

Printed copies of all the documents and consultation materials can be provided upon request by calling us on **Freephone 0808 169 9912**. There may be a reasonable copying charge for certain documents such as the PEIR, of up to a maximum of £300. You can also contact us on that number if you have questions about

the consultation documents, plans and maps or the consultation process generally.

A Questionnaire was published as part of the original statutory consultation undertaken in early 2022. In line with comments received in response to that consultation regarding the usefulness of the Questionnaire, we have not produced a further Questionnaire for the Supplementary Statutory Consultation. Instead, we ask that views and comments are submitted in full by email or letter. If, however, you would still prefer to submit your comments via the Questionnaire, a copy is available to download and complete on the project website or a hard copy can be requested by emailing or calling the project team, using the details provided below.

### Submitting your views

You can submit your views by:

**Emailing:** [immrora@abports.co.uk](mailto:immrora@abports.co.uk)

**Writing to:** Associated British Ports, Port of Immingham, Dock Office, Alexandra Road, Immingham Dock, Immingham, North East Lincolnshire, DN40 2LZ (*Quoting Reference: Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal*)

**Calling Freephone 0808 169 9912:** to request a pre-paid stamped addressed envelope be sent to you in the post (free of charge) and returning it to us

### Responses

All responses must be received by us **in writing before 23:59pm on 27 November 2022**. Responses received after that time may not be considered.

### Next Steps

We will consider all responses received to the Supplementary Statutory Consultation, which will inform our application documents, including the Environmental Statement and the consultation report that

will be submitted to PINS with our DCO application in due course.

We hope to be able to submit our application to PINS towards the end of this year.

**Timeline for the IERRT** The estimated timeline for the project is shown below:

**Late 2022** - Expected submission of the DCO application

**Early 2023** - Anticipated start of the DCO examination period

**2023/2024** - Decision on the IERRT DCO application

**Early 2024** - Construction likely to commence

**Mid 2025** - Anticipated commencement of the operation of the IERRT development

This 3D Image shows, although very much only as an indicative representation, the IERRT scheme as proposed. It may be subject to further minor changes prior to submission of the application.



**Questions - If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to ask us, using the contact details provided above.**