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Dear Mr Price,

**Associated British Ports (Objector Reference 20013261)
Proposed Lake Lothing Third Crossing (TRO10023)**

I write on behalf of our client, Associated British Ports (ABP), in relation to the above.

At this stage, almost half way through the examination process, our client has asked me to write formally to the Examining Authority to record a degree of concern – which it accepts may be entirely misplaced – to the effect that, as presently published, the Agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing 2 dealing with matters relating to the Environment which is taking place this Thursday 7th March 2019, has scheduled the topic of 'Navigation' as Item 9 – effectively at what appears likely to be at the end of an inevitably intensive and full day's business.

My client's concern, which our counsel Peter Goatley will of course raise with the ExA on the day, is essentially to ask whether the ExA intends to programme more time for the consideration of ABP's objections to the LLTC proposal? If so, this might possibly be at some stage during the issue specific hearings programmed for May, as the single sub-topic of "Commercial port-related navigation" appears somewhat limited and restrictive in scope bearing in the extent and breadth of ABP's written submissions (and its interest in this Examination).

The ExA will understand that as presently programmed, ABP is extremely concerned that it will not actually have the opportunity to make meaningful oral submissions in relation to the project. This is of particular concern bearing in mind the highly technical nature of ABP's written submissions and the complexity of its marine operations and port statutory obligations generally.

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In writing, may I also enquire whether it is still the ExA's intention to schedule time for consideration of ABP's objections concerning the applicant's compulsory purchase of part of ABP's statutory port undertaking this Friday 8th March 2019?

As you will be aware, consideration of that particular topic was adjourned at the last examination but I have not, as yet, seen a reissued programme dealing with this aspect.

Yours sincerely



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