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Dear Mr Price,

At the Issue Specific Hearing 2 on 7th March 2019 navigation issues were listed as item 9 on the agenda. As it turned out very few direct navigation issues were discussed and the meeting was adjourned to be continued at 1100h 1st April 2019. I asked if the Scheme of Operation (SO) could be placed on the agenda for the 1st April meeting. There was a reluctance to do this, and the Inspector guided us towards carrying out a meeting between Suffolk County Council - the applicant (SCC), Associated British Ports (ABP), and Lowestoft Cruising Club (LCC).

The reason I wished to see the SO on the agenda was not that I had concerns about it, but that I knew ABP have issues which do not appear to have been resolved. I had hoped that LCC could be a party to an airing of these issues at the 1st April hearing, and any discussions to resolve the differences between SCC and ABP.

I am particularly interested in the future role of the Navigation Working Group (NWG), the role of which ABP have suggested is covered by their Port Stakeholders Meetings. We consider that the references to the NWG should remain in the draft DCO to enable LCC to have direct input to the revised Navigation Risk Assessment and any changes to the SO (see my submission REP5-034). At the same time we value the opportunity to participate in future Port Stakeholders Meetings.

I have laid out below a timeline of the main relevant documentation, as far as I am able to find them amongst the 400+ documents.

18/12/2018. Third meeting of the Navigation Working Group, at which a draft SO was presented by SCC and extensively discussed.

08/01/2019. SCC. The minutes of the NWG3 meeting are given in Annex B of SCC/LLTC/EX/10 - REP3-029.

08/01/2019. SCC. Draft Scheme of Operation. SCC/LLTC/EX/41 - REP3-033.

29/01/2019. ABP. Comments on the draft Scheme of Operation (REP3-033). REP4-033.

29/01/2019. SCC Justification and Traffic Effects of draft Scheme of operation. SCC/LLTC/EX/60 - REP4-016.

22/02/2019. ABP. Response to the Applicant's Response on the Justification and Traffic Effects of draft Scheme of Operation (REP4-016). REP5-031.

25/02/2019. LCC. Written summary of oral submission at Draft DCO hearing 13

Feb 2019. REP5-034

11/03/2109. Recording of Issue Specific Hearing 2 - 7th March 2019 AM

I am willing on behalf of LCC to participate, outwith the examination, in any meeting with SCC and ABP, if it would help to resolve the issues ABP have raised.

As I am not sure who in SCC (probably Michael Willks) and ABP (their Counsel?) should be contacted to arrange a meeting I would ask you to copy this email to the appropriate persons. You may wish to discuss the email first with one of the Inspectors.

Thanking you for your assistance,  
Yours sincerely,  
David Bennett (on behalf of Lowestoft Cruising Club)

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