

**THE PROPOSED ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS (EASTERN RO-RO TERMINAL)
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

DEADLINE 2

Response on behalf of the Harbour Master, Humber

to the Examining Authority's written question NS. 1.15 issued on 7 August 2023

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1. Introduction

1.1. This is a written submission made on behalf of the Harbour Master, Humber (**HMH**) in response to the Examining Authority's written question (**ExQ1**) issued on 7 August 2023.

1.2. The question addressed in this submission is:

1.2.1. NS. 1.15 - Pilot and tug availability

2. NS. 1.15 - Pilot and tug availability

2.1. There are currently 95 authorised pilots for the Humber, each of whom can cover vessels to and from Immingham relevant in size to their class of authorisation.

2.2. All authorised pilots can pilot vessels up to 10000 tonnes deadweight and 7.0m draft. 72 are authorised to pilot vessels up to 20000 tonnes deadweight and 8.5m draft. 53 can pilot vessels up to 40000 tonnes deadweight and 11.0m draft. These classes cover all vessels using Immingham Dock or Ro/Ro facilities. Typically, 47 Authorised pilots are on duty on any given day. There are currently 10 further pilots in training. To date in 2023, the service carries out an average of 38 daily acts of pilotage. Over the past 20 years, numbers have varied with 58 per day on average in busier times. There may be more than one pilot per vessel, depending on its size, draft and characteristics.

2.3. The service has always recruited flexibly to meet demand. The same commercial and demand principles apply to the provision of tugs on the Humber although these arrangements are direct between the vessel concerned and the towage providers.

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