



Application by Associated British Ports for Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal

Case reference: TR030007

Examining Authority's note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) to which the Application or Specified Matters relates on 29 September 2023

Examining Inspectors Mark Harrison and Grahame Gould, as part of the Examining Authority (ExA) for the application for Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal, undertook an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI1) during the morning of 29 September 2023. In the course of undertaking USI1 the ExA viewed the public highway network within the vicinity of the Port of Immingham and visited Long Wood.

The inspection was undertaken by car and on foot using public roads and footpaths. A route was planned having regard to the issues raised in written and oral representations. Throughout the USI the weather was sunny with light cloud, and with good visibility.

The inspection commenced at 10:00 with the ExA joining the A180 at its junction with the A1173 (the Stallingborough Interchange) and heading westwards to the A180's junction with the A160. The A180 was lightly trafficked with there being a mixture of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs), light goods vehicles and cars present.

The ExA joined the A160 at the Brocklesby Interchange and proceeded northwards to Habrough Road Roundabout. The ExA then left the A160 and joined the A1077/Ulceby Road and travelled westwards and drove into the village of Ulceby, passing the truck stop on route. The ExA then returned eastwards along Ulceby Road, observing that the truck stop's lorry parking area was in the region of 10 to 20% occupied.

The ExA then re-joined the A160 at the Habrough Road Roundabout and travelled eastwards to the Manby Road Roundabout. Both the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the A160 between the Eastfield Road junction and the Manby Road Roundabout were subject to temporary traffic management measures, with the nearside lane in each direction being coned off for verge cutting and/or litter picking. The ExA then joined the A1173/Manby Road via Manby Road Roundabout, using Humber Road. The A160 was lightly trafficked, with there being some evidence of HGVs travelling, in effect, in short conveyances of no more than five vehicles. The A160 and its various junctions were all free running, including the section subject to the temporary management measures.

The dualled section of the A1173 was very lightly trafficked at the time of USI1. The ExA made a stop at the Immingham Lorry Park and observed five parked HGV tractors and five parked "unaccompanied" trailers. The ExA then drove westward back along the A1173 before turning off that road to drive along the non-classified section of Manby Road and then re-joined the A1173/Kings Road via Pelham Road. The ExA then continued along Kings Road before joining Queens Road and heading to the Port of Immingham's East Gate. On route the ExA observed the various residential and commercial properties on Queens Road.

The volume of traffic, whether that be HGVs or other vehicles, using Kings Road and Queens Road in both directions was very light.

At East Gate, the number of HGVs observed exiting the port was low, with around half of those HGVs driving onto Queens Road, while the other half turned eastwards onto Laporte Road.

The number of vehicles observed entering the port via the East Gate was generally very low. At one stage while an HGV was being cleared for entry into the port a short queue, comprising one HGV and two cars, formed in Queens Road. That queue in turn blocked the passage of an HGV in Laporte Road seeking to turn right and enter the port.

The ExA parked in the vicinity of East Gate and then walked along Laporte Road and then entered Long Wood and observed that the woodland comprises a mixture of deciduous tree types. There was also evidence of significant amounts of ground level scrub vegetation.

Having concluded the inspection of Long Wood the ExA then followed some HGVs driving along Laporte Road. Some of those HGVs were observed at the roundabout junction between Laporte Road with Hobson Way and Kiln Lane to continue travelling eastwards in the direction of Grimsby. Other HGVs turned right/westward into Kiln Lane and drove through the Kiln Lane industrial area before joining the A1173 at the roundabout junction. Laporte Road and Kiln Lane were subject to light traffic levels.

Having driven to the western extremity of Kiln Lane the ExA drove northwards along the A1173 before re-joining Kings Road and heading to the centre of Immingham via Pelham Road. No HGVs other than those serving commercial premises were seen using Pelham Road. The ExA then retraced its route back to the A1173. For this leg of USI1 Kings Road and the A1173 were observed as being lightly trafficked.

The inspection was concluded when the ExA returned to the Stallingborough Interchange at 11:40.

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Members of the Examining Authority