

# IMMINGHAM EASTERN RO-RO TERMINAL



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# 1 Section 1 – Introduction

## Overview

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (“SoCG”) has been prepared in relation to the application (the “Application”) by Associated British Ports (“ABP”), made under the provisions of Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the PA 2008”), for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) which if approved will authorise the construction and operation of the Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal (IERRT).
- 1.2 The IERRT development as proposed by ABP falls within the definition of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”) as set out in Sections 14(1)(j), 24(2) and 24(3)(b) of the PA 2008.

## The Project

- 1.3 In summary, the IERRT development comprises two principal elements:
- (a) on the marine side, the construction of a new three berth Roll-on/Roll-off harbour facility and related marine infrastructure; and
  - (b) on the landside, the provision of a suitably surfaced area to accommodate a terminal building and ancillary buildings together with storage and waiting space for the embarkation and disembarkation of the vessel borne wheeled cargo.
- 1.4 The landside development will also include, within the Order Limits – i.e., within the boundary of the development site – a building for the UK Border Force together with an area for disembarked traffic awaiting UK Border Force checks prior to departure from the Port.
- 1.5 ABP will also be providing an area of off-site environmental enhancement at Long Wood, which is located close to the Port’s East Gate.

## Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.6 This SoCG is submitted on behalf of:
- (a) ABP – the promoter of the IERRT development and the owner and operator of the Port of Immingham; and
  - (b) Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust – a charity dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and wild places throughout Lincolnshire.
- 1.7 In this SoCG ABP and the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust are collectively referred to as “the Parties”.

## The Purpose and Structure of this Document

- 1.8 The purpose of this document is to identify and summarise any agreement, disagreement or matters outstanding between the parties on matters relevant

to the examination so as to assist the Examining Authority in its consideration of the Application.

- 1.9 In preparing this SoCG, the guidance provided in 'Planning Act 2008: examination of application for development consent' (Department for Communities and Local Government (as it then was), March 2015) has been fully taken into account.
- 1.10 Section 1 of this SoCG is designed to act as a general introduction to the IERRT project and to the parties concerned.
- 1.11 Section 2 of this SoCG sets out a summary of the correspondence and engagement between the parties to date.
- 1.12 Section 3 of this SoCG sets out the matters which have been agreed or which remain outstanding, together with any matters upon which it has not been possible to reach agreement.
- 1.13 The Table in Section 3 uses a colour coding system to indicate the status of the matters between the Parties as follows:
  - (a) Green – matter agreed;
  - (b) Orange – matter ongoing; and
  - (c) Red – matter not yet agreed.

## 2 Section 2 – Summary of Engagement

- 2.1 A summary of the consultation and engagement between ABP and the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust up to the date of this SoCG in relation to the IERRT project generally and concerning the matters raised in this SoCG specifically is presented in Table 2.1 below.
- 2.2 It is agreed by the Parties to this SoCG that Table 2.1 is an accurate record of the meetings and key correspondence between the Parties.

**Table 2.1 – Summary of Engagement**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Form of Correspondence</b>	<b>Summary with key outcomes and points of discussion</b>
February 2022	Questionnaire	LWT submitted S42 Consultation Response
23.05.22	Email and Newsletter	ABP issued Spring newsletter to Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
27.10.22	Email	ABP advised of Notification of Supplementary Statutory Consultation
09.03.23	Email	ABP advised of Notification of Supplementary Statutory Consultation
11.04.23	Email	LWT submitted relevant representations
04.09.23	Email	ABP responded to points raised in relevant representations including addressing concerns on impacts of dredging on Humber Estuary, cumulative impacts of maintenance dredging, alternative uses for dredged arisings, impacts of piledriving noise on estuary, increased sediment suspension from construction, long term cumulative impacts of shipping noise and emissions, cumulative impacts with IGET, achieving 10% BNG
17.10.23	Meeting	ABP discussed port development on the Humber, including the IERRT project, in general terms.

### **3 Section 3 – Matters Agreed and Matters Not Agreed**

- 3.1 Table 3.1 below contains a list of ‘matters agreed’ and a list of matters outstanding at the date of the Examination along with a concise commentary of what the items refers to and how it came to be agreed between the Parties.

**Table 3.1: List of Matters Agreed and Outstanding**

Matter	Document Reference	ABP's Position	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust's Position	Status
Effects of Capital and Maintenance Dredging	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Relevant Representation <b>[RR-012]</b>	ABP has engaged extensively and constructively on this topic with the MMO and Natural England as the appropriate statutory bodies, as well as engaging with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. The effects of Capital and Maintenance dredging (including the disposal of dredge arisings) have been fully assessed in the Chapter 7 of the Environmental Statement [APP-043]. The ES assessment has concluded that, with the proposed mitigation measures in place, no significant adverse effects are anticipated.	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust defers to NE and the MMO as the relevant decision making bodies ensuring legal compliance with environmental legislation.	
Other construction and operational effects	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Relevant Representation <b>[RR-012]</b>	As detailed in the Environmental Statement [APP-035 to APP-109], it is not considered that the IERRT development will lead to any significant adverse environmental effects. ABP has engaged extensively and constructively with MMO and Natural England, as well	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust defers to NE and the MMO as the relevant decision making bodies ensuring legal compliance with	



		as Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, in order to ensure that the environmental assessment and proposed mitigations are robust.	environmental legislation.	
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## 4 **Section 4 – Signatories**

This Statement of Common Ground is agreed:

On behalf of Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust:

Name

Signature

Date:

On behalf of ABP:

Name:

Signature:

Date:

## Glossary

<b>Abbreviation / Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
ABP	Associated British Ports
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government (as it then was)
DCO	Development Consent Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
IERRT	Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal
IOT	Immingham Oil Terminal
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
PA 2008	Planning Act 2008
PINS	Planning Inspectorate
Ro-Ro	Roll-on/roll-off
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
SoS	Secretary of State for Transport
UK	United Kingdom