



Meeting note

Project name	Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal
File reference	TR030007
Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	24 August 2022
Meeting with	BDB Pitmans and DFDS
Venue	Microsoft Teams
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Introductions and openness policy (the Inspectorate)

The parties and The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

DFDS' concerns regarding the proposed DCO

BDP Pitmans had contacted the Inspectorate having viewed the meeting note with the applicant dated 4 May 2022 which stated that there were no known objectors to the scheme, and sent by email on 12 July 2022 a copy of DFDS response to pre-application statutory consultation dated February 2022, which explicitly opposed the proposals.

BDB Pitmans noted that DFDS's position in relation to some of the points raised in its consultation response have developed since February, which were briefly presented to The Inspectorate. DFDS' concerns have only increased as a result of the changes to the Applicant's proposals. The main issues, as highlighted in their consultation response related to business relocation, marine navigation and safety, traffic and transport and environmental issues.

BDP Pitmans considered that the Inspectorate would require specialist resource to examine the proposal, which is due to be submitted in September 2022.

The Planning Inspectorate repeated its earlier advice, namely that DFDS should continue to engage directly with the Applicant and the Local Planning Authorities at the pre-application stage. The Planning Inspectorate emphasised that representations regarding the merits of the application should be made during the appropriate stages should the application be accepted for examination.