



Meeting note

Project name	Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
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Meeting with	Associated British Ports (ABP)
Venue	Microsoft Teams
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Introductions and openness policy (the Inspectorate)

The Applicant 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.

Response to PINS' Section 51 Advice

The Applicant thanked The Inspectorate for the feedback and discussed some of the issues raised within the Section 51 Advice of 26 August 2022 (attached) regarding the submitted draft documents at the pre-application stage.

The Applicant noted the Inspectorate's comments in regard to Off-site traffic management, Requirement 12 in the draft DCO. The Applicant stated that it was in discussions with National Highways and the Local Authority's highways department regarding the Traffic Management Plan (TMP).

In response, The Inspectorate advised that a control mechanism that can be secured will need to be in place with certified documents. The Applicant confirmed that a Signage Strategy document will be signed off by the relevant regulatory authorities by the close of Examination.

The Applicant responded to The Inspectorate's comments in regard to the Funding Statement and compulsory acquisition. The Applicant stated that it very much hoped to have an agreement with all tenants regarding the Compulsory Purchase Orders in place by the beginning of the Examination.

The Applicant noted the s51 comments regarding the 660,000 throughput restriction in the Explanatory Memorandum. The Applicant also confirmed that the application is only for RoRo traffic and not for a lift on/lift off facility.

The Applicant addressed the points regarding Skeffling and Environmental enhancement. The Applicant explained that the Skeffling scheme is part of a joint realignment scheme with the Environment Agency, and it will be included in its Marine Enhancement Plan.

The Applicant responded to the Inspectorate's comments regarding draft Chapter 2 of the Environmental Statement (ES) and confirmed that it and Chapter 3 (the draft of which the Inspectorate had not been provided with for review) would contain comprehensive detail with regard to the infrastructure proposed when submitted for Acceptance.

Project update

The Applicant stated that the application is on track for submission, including undertaking a Navigational Risk Assessment (NRA).

The Applicant made reference to a request from one of the tenants for further protective measures by their jetty which is currently being risk assessed. The Inspectorate commented that should this issue be raised in writing by the Applicant, further advice could be provided.

The Applicant indicated that its present intention was that the submission date would be the first week of November – although a number of matters were still under consideration.

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The Applicant enquired as to how to appropriately respond to [DFDS's presentation to The Inspectorate](#) of 24 August 2022 (link). The Inspectorate advised that a brief response from the Applicant could be published on the project website.

The Inspectorate requested an update about the communication with Natural England (NE) in regard to the proposed development's impact on the Special Protection Area (SPA). The Applicant responded that discussions had already taken place with NE and the SPA issues would be addressed in the ES and the Habitats Regulations Assessment (disturbance to SPA features, mitigation methods, etc).

The Applicant stated that discussions regarding protective provisions were still ongoing with some parties, including Northern Powergrid and Network Rail.

The Applicant made reference to another NSIP ([Immingham Green Energy Terminal](#)), currently at scoping stage, which is due to be submitted by a different ABP project team in 2023.

The Inspectorate advised that the Applicant's ES should address the cumulative/combination effects as much as possible and it should provide more information during Examination as information/data arises from the other NSIP.

Finally, the Inspectorate requested the Applicant to provide four weeks' notice before the date of submission.