

The Secretary of State for Transport Our ref: AN/2023/134941/08-L01

Great Minster House Your ref: TR030008
33 Horseferry Road

London Date: 17 December 2024 SW1P 4DR

(submitted via the Planning Inspectorate's submission portal only)

Dear Madam

Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Associated British Ports ("the Applicant") seeking Development Consent for the Proposed Immingham Green Energy Terminal Project ("the Proposed Development")

I write with reference to my previous letter to you on 6 December 2024 regarding the above project.

I am pleased to confirm that the legal agreement to secure the future maintenance of the flood defence that would be oversailed by the proposed jetty has today been completed. Therefore, the Environment Agency is now satisfied that the proposed development accords with the National Policy Statement for Ports (January 2012) and in particular the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point of paragraph 5.2.16 (flood risk exception test).

Accordingly, the Environment Agency withdraws its objection to the application and confirms it is satisfied that the legal agreement will ensure that the proposed works will be carried out in a way that will safeguard the appropriate level of flood protection and maintenance during the construction works and into the future. I can also confirm that the protective provisions for the Environment Agency, included in the draft Development Consent Order (Schedule 14, Part 2), sent to you as Appendix 3 to the Applicant's letter dated 14 November 2024, are also agreed.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Yours sincerely

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