



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Associated British Ports
Venue	Microsoft Teams
Meeting objectives	Project Update Meeting
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Summary of key points discussed, and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (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.

First Statutory Consultation: Overview of Consultation Report

Associated British Ports ('the Applicant) demonstrated how it intends to structure the Consultation Report and provided a breakdown of each Chapter. The Inspectorate noted that the structure appeared suitable and consistent with Consultation Reports on other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

Project changes

The Applicant outlined the amendments to the red line boundary for the Proposed Development which have been made in response to the first Statutory Consultation. This includes the addition of four distinct parts of Kings Road (in order to temporarily raise or otherwise modify the existing overhead lines and cables) and a reduction in pipeline corridor width, as the Applicant has made refinements to the proposed pipeline routing. Other amendments to the red line boundary involve the inclusion of southern part of the Long Strip woodland, within which public access would need to be temporarily stopped up during construction, and the inclusion of a section of Laporte Road. The Applicant explained that alterations to speed limits on Laporte Road may be required from a safety perspective. The Humber river wall west of the proposed jetty has also been brought into the red line boundary to enable the necessary working width to construct the jetty and to exclude informal access from this area, and the extent of the marine area has been altered resulting in a reduction of its area.

The Applicant outlined other project changes, including minor amendments to the layout of the West Site, and an increase in West Site elevation (+2.5 (AOD)) to allow a drainage solution to be achieved. The Applicant confirmed that all project changes will be explained to the public during the second Statutory Consultation.

The Applicant explained that the alignment of the jetty access road has been amended to reduce the impact on the southern part of the Long Strip woodland (north of Laporte Road) as far as possible. The Applicant added that the western section of the jetty access road now runs within the East Site, rather than within the southern part of the Long Strip woodland area (north of Laporte Road).

The Applicant explained that a jetty alignment which is in a similar orientation to the existing jetty to the west, is currently favoured, and added that further modelling work is underway and that this is expected to enable confirmation of the preferred alignment to be made. The Applicant explained amendments to the berthing arrangements, principally, the reduction in the number of berths from two to one.

The Applicant shared that they are anticipating an increase in construction vehicle numbers (from 194 at peak a day to 260+ a day) due to a revised cut and fill balance associated with the raising levels. The Inspectorate asked what the implications in this increase in construction vehicles would be. The Applicant explained that this increase would likely affect noise, vibration and air quality. The implications of this increase are being worked through ahead of the second Statutory Consultation.

There will also be temporary changes to the Kings Road Street Furniture and Overhead Lines, which will eliminate the need for undergrounding of the overhead lines. The Applicant is also proposing a permanent change to the speed limits on Laporte Road to 30mph in areas around the Proposed Development along with a temporary Public Rights of Way (PROW) diversion for Bridleway 36 and stopping up non PROW access in some other areas including access along the flood wall.

Second Statutory Consultation Overview

The Applicant confirmed it would be commencing the second round of Statutory Consultation on 24 May 2023 and concluding this on 22 June 2023¹. This second Statutory Consultation will focus on the changes to the proposals since the first Statutory Consultation was held. The Applicant explained that 5,000 homes will be notified along with publishing notices in the required local and national publications. Two drop-in sessions will run at the Immingham Civic Centre and information will be provided in a number of material formats such as leaflets. The Inspectorate reminded the Applicant to submit a second Section 46 notification to the Inspectorate before commencing another round of Statutory Consultation.

Powers outside the Red Line Boundary, including temporary traffic regulation measures

¹ Post Meeting note: The consultation will now end at 23.59 on 30 June 2023. The start date remains 24 May 2023.

The Applicant explained to the Inspectorate that Temporary Traffic Regulation Measures will be included in the Development Consent Order (DCO) to enable limited powers largely in the construction period outside of the red line boundary (e.g changes to speed limits and parking restrictions). The Applicant queried whether this approach was appropriate, noting that they had followed a similar approach to other DCOs (e.g. Tilbury 2). The Inspectorate offered to review the approach during the draft documents stage. The Applicant explained that the temporary traffic regulation measures are being discussed with the highways department of North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC).

The Applicant outlined that a Hazardous Substances Consent Application has been submitted and discussions with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are ongoing. The Applicant explained that work is ongoing to assess whether there is a need to undertake works to any buildings on adjacent industrial properties outside of the red line boundary, to ensure these provide adequate protection from major accident hazards. This is subject to detailed calculations, review and discussion with the HSE, and agreement with the affected parties.

Submission dates of draft documents to PINS

The Applicant explained that a selection of draft documents would be submitted at various points throughout May 2023. The Applicant confirmed that the intended DCO submission date is August 2023.