



Meeting note

Project name	Immingham Green Energy Terminal
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Meeting with	Associated British Ports
Venue	Microsoft Teams
Meeting objectives	Project Update Meeting
Circulation	All attendees

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.

Stakeholder engagement and consultation

The Applicant explained that the Second Statutory Consultation began on 24 May 2023 and will run until 30 June 2023. Approximately 5,000 households in the local area, alongside statutory consultees and key stakeholders, were notified. As of Friday 2 June 2023, it has received: 3 feedback forms and 19 emails.

The Applicant summarised the key themes so far from the consultation. The majority of responses have come from land interest consultees who are requesting further information on the proposals, particularly where there has been a change in ownership or for land owners on Kings Road whose interests in the project have changed. For now, the responses have been a mix of support for the proposals, and queries about the location and layout of the site. The Applicant confirmed that all queries would be responded to in the Consultation Report.

The Applicant indicated that it will be running public drop-in sessions at Burton Hall in the Immingham Civic Centre in late June 2023.

The Applicant outlined its engagement with landowners and confirmed that landowners had been advised of the DCO process, Land Referencing was on-going, with desk-top

referencing completed, and Land Interest Questionnaires issued. The Applicant added that all land interests would be included in the s42 consultation and captured in the Book of Reference submitted with the DCO.

Habitats Regulations Assessment and Programme Update

The Applicant outlined the progress to date. The Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report was shared at first Statutory Consultation, and will move on to Stage 2 assessment. The Applicant highlighted that the Terminal (Jetty) design works were ongoing with related marine physical processes modelling work and iterative Stage 2 HRA.

The Inspectorate welcomed the Applicant's offer to provide updates of its discussions with Natural England, which are due to take place in July 2023.

The Inspectorate queried whether the draft Stage 2 HRA would be sent for comments in preparation for the application submission in August 2023. The Applicant responded that it would consider this offer depending on the progress with the environmental modelling and the design work and the remaining programme time constraints.

The Inspectorate requested that the Applicant provide a specific date of submission as soon as it was able to.

General overview

The Applicant provided a general introduction to ABP and Air Products for the benefit of the new meeting attendees. To summarize: ABP is the largest ports group in the UK, owning and operating 21 ports and other transport-related businesses across England, Wales and Scotland. ABP is the owner and operator of the four Humber ports of Immingham, Hull, Grimsby and Goole, which together form the largest ports cluster in the UK.

Air Products is a world-leading industrial gases company and the world's largest hydrogen supplier. It has been operational for more than 60 years in the UK; it is focused on serving energy, environment and emerging markets and provides essential industrial gases, related equipment and applications expertise.

The Applicant presented several infographics depicting the process as to how green hydrogen is produced and transported as well as about the economic benefits of the proposal (e.g. 1400 full time jobs created locally; c. 300k tonnes of greenhouse gas reduced and 38000 tonnes green hydrogen fuel produced every year, etc).

The Applicant added that further benefits will include enhancing both the local and regional economy through providing opportunities for training, upskilling, apprenticeships and local employment; providing essential port infrastructure to support the growth of the energy sector in Immingham and the Humber Enterprise Zone, and delivering and operating new port infrastructure in a safe, efficient and sustainable way.

Overview of the proposed development

The Applicant explained the Marine and Landside components of the project as follows.

- New approach trestle and jetty infrastructure with one berth to provide flexibility
- Topside infrastructure on the jetty for the handling of liquid bulk products.

- Refrigerated ammonia storage.
- Hydrogen production units (converters) that convert green ammonia feed to produce green hydrogen.
- Hydrogen liquefiers to liquefy the green hydrogen for temporary storage and road transport.
- Loading bays to fill road tankers with green hydrogen which will then be distributed to H2 filling stations throughout the UK.

The Applicant outlined the safety aspects of the proposal as follows.

- The ammonia and hydrogen tanks and pipelines would be designed to national and international safety standards.
- Due to the quantity of hazardous substance stored the site will need a hazardous substance consent, which would only be awarded following detailed review by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE).
- The converters transform green ammonia into green hydrogen. The converters are the size of small boilers.
- In addition to harmless nitrogen, there will be some small emissions to air including some nitrogen oxides which would be controlled by a catalytic removal step (SCR).

The Inspectorate queried whether the Applicant intended to get involved with any green hydrogen certification schemes. The Applicant responded that the current proposal was underneath the threshold, however, it was designed to meet the applicable renewable transport obligations' definition for green hydrogen. It also indicated that it was aiming to source green energy (power & biogas) in the future and to green the whole supply chain (inc. shipping, etc).

Next steps

The next project update meeting will take place on 3rd July 2023. The Applicant will provide information about the Second Statutory Consultation and the progress of the HRA. The Inspectorate will send the Applicant a written feedback on the submitted draft documents to date and will add the item to the next meeting agenda.