

Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal **('IERRT')**

Spring Newsletter – April 2022

Scheme Update

The Proposals

This Spring Newsletter outlines and explains certain changes that we have decided to make to our proposed IERRT Development following the close of the formal consultation which took place at the beginning of this year.

As explained in our last Newsletter, approval for the construction and operation of the new facility is given by way of what is known as a Development Consent Order ('DCO'). Unlike an application for planning permission, an application for a DCO is, for a harbour facility, submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport – not the planning authority, in this case North East Lincolnshire Council, although the Council will be playing a key role in the process.

The new facility will be located within the Port of Immingham, on its eastern side and Associated British Ports ('ABP') intends to submit its application later this year.

Updated Proposals

As you will be aware, a statutory consultation explaining ABP's proposals for the IERRT commenced on 19 January. Although the consultation formally closed on 23 February, ABP remains happy to receive any comments and observations about its proposals as the scheme continues to evolve as a result of those responses already received as part of the formal consultation process.

Indeed, the purpose of this Newsletter is to let you know that as a result of the responses and representations that ABP has received to date, together with our commissioned navigation simulation, we have decided to reduce the size and scale of the scheme. This reduction in both size

and scale will lead to a further reduction in the overall environmental impact of the scheme. In addition, it will enable us to better optimise vessel movements and will also, through changes in jetty configuration, assist us operationally by reducing vehicle congestion on the approach jetty. As a consequence, whilst previously we were looking at a four berth scheme, we have now decided to reduce the number of berths to three. In so doing, we have also been able to reduce the footprint of the entire project. The redesigned proposals are as a direct result of the very helpful responses and representations that ABP received during the consultation process from regulators, stakeholders and the general public.

The changes that ABP proposes to make as it continues to work on the application can be summarised as follows -

- A reduction in the number of berths from four to three – removing the berth nearest to the shore from the scheme; and

- A consequent reduction in the size of the required dredged berth pocket;

- The removal of one berth meaning that there will be a reduction in vehicular throughput; which

- Enables ABP to remove the Eastern Trailer Park Area from the scheme.

All of these changes are explained in more detail on ABP's IERRT project website shown below.

EIA Development

So, to recap, the IERRT is what is known as an Environmental Impact Assessment development (or 'EIA development'). ABP is currently preparing an 'Environmental Statement' which will form part of the DCO application and which will identify any potential environmental impacts which may arise in the context of both the construction and operation of the new facility. The EIA will assess all possible environmental impacts and effects ranging from the effect

of a capital dredge on the designated Special Protection Area within the Humber Estuary to traffic, construction noise, vibration and air quality.

The final Environmental Statement will be published, together with a number of other DCO application documents, after the application has been accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

Getting Involved

Following the submission of our DCO application, members of the public will be able to register to take part in the DCO examination if they so wish. In the meantime, any updates on the IERRT scheme will be posted on ABP's project website: www.abports.co.uk/immroro.

You can also write to us with questions or to find out more about the IERRT scheme by **email**: immroro@abports.co.uk or

by **post**: Associated British Ports, Port of Immingham, Dock Office, Alexandra Road, Immingham Dock, Immingham, North East Lincolnshire, DN40 2LZ (*Quoting Reference: Immingham Eastern Ro-Ro Terminal*).

Timeline for the IERRT

The estimated timeline for the project is shown below.

Summer 2022 - Submission of the DCO application.

Late 2022 - Anticipated start of the DCO examination period, with a decision in **early/mid 2023**.

Mid 2023 - Construction likely to commence.

April 2025 - Anticipated completion of construction.

3D Image of Updated Proposals



This 3D Image shows, although very much only as an indicative representation, the revised IERRT scheme. It may be subject to further changes as the scheme continues to evolve.