

MEP visits the Port of Tilbury

MEP Richard Howitt visited the Port on 18 May and met with Perry Glading, Managing Director, and Andy Green, Senior Shop Steward for Unite, the main union represented in Tilbury. During his visit, he viewed operations at the Ferry Terminal and was delighted to hear of the recent expansion of operations which has led to the Port recently investing £1.25m in further facilities. Clearly, a very heavily used area, the P&O expansion in volumes will require further land for trailers and containers putting further pressure on an already congested part of the Port. Richard also met with several members of staff and was pleased to hear of their role in the success of the ferry operation.

As a firm supporter of job creation with a keen interest in transport, Richard was co-chairman of the Committee on Trade and Economic Issues in Brussels between 2002 and 2004. He therefore appreciated the need for Tilbury to grow and expand in the forthcoming years to ensure that jobs continue to be maintained and customers can grow their businesses.

Perry Glading welcomed the MEP's visit and said 'It is important that our politicians understand the needs of businesses to ensure we can provide employment opportunities to the local community. Tilbury is a thriving port and is continuing to attract new business even in the current economic recession. It is key to the future growth and prosperity of the area'.

Richard has been an MEP for East of England since 1994 and his website quotes his top priority as helping 'the regeneration of our towns'.

Perry Glading, Richard Howitt MEP and Andy Green at Ferry Terminal with P&O vessel 'Northing'

