

Tilbury begins pre-planning consultation for proposed new port terminal

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TILBURY SEEKS VIEWS FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY ON NEW PORT TERMINAL PROPOSAL

Pre-planning community consultation begins in March for Tilbury2

The Port of Tilbury, London's major port, begins its pre-planning community consultation on 6 March to seek local views on its proposals to build a new port terminal adjacent to the current port. The proposed new port terminal, known as Tilbury2, will be built on a 152 acre site which was part of the former Tilbury Power Station and will include a new pontoon and deep water jetty.

The Port of Tilbury has been expanding at a fast rate over the past two decades as businesses in the port look for more space and land; coupled with a significant increase in the goods and products coming through the port. The port estimates that this will increase further in the next 15 years which the proposed new port terminal would support.

The proposed terminal at Tilbury2 will act as a satellite of the main port and it is proposed that it will comprise a roll on/roll off ferry terminal for importing and exporting containers and trailers. Tilbury2 is also likely to

include a facility for importing and processing bulk construction materials to support demands from the UK's building sector. In the northern part of the site there is land available for the potential storage of a variety of goods, including cars.

Commenting on the pre-planning consultation events, **Peter Ward, Commercial Director at the Port of Tilbury**, said: *“We are one of the largest ports in the South East and have an ambitious plan in place to continue to grow and to bring economic benefit and jobs to the area. Our customers are looking for expansion opportunities in Tilbury and Tilbury 2 is a part of the port's overall investment strategy.*

“The success of the port in recent years means that we now need more land close to the port to grow and our proposals for Tilbury2, on part of the site of the former Tilbury Power Station, will allow us to do this. We are an active partner in the community and we are holding a series of public consultation events in March and we hope that members of the community will come along and share their views with us there or through the online survey at www.tilbury2.co.uk.”

The community consultation events will take place in March. This is the first stage of seeking views from the local communities and will be followed by statutory/formal consultation during the summer. The non-statutory/informal consultation period runs from 6 March until 21 April inclusive. More information can be found at www.tilbury2.co.uk

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About The Port of Tilbury - the major gateway to London and the South East

The Port of Tilbury is London's major port, providing fast, modern distribution services for the benefit of the South East of England and beyond. The Port of Tilbury is a dynamic and diverse port, handling the full range of

cargoes with specialist expertise in the handling of paper and forest products, containers, Ro Ro, grain and bulk commodities and construction and building materials.

Tilbury's strategic location makes it a natural point for distribution, with 18 million people living within 75 miles. Serving the UK's market, the port offers customers excellent transport links to and from the UK's capital and across the South East where over 50% of the population live and work.

The port is a diverse multi-modal hub, covering around 1,100 acres and is well positioned to access the M25 orbital motorway and the rest of the UK's national motorway network. In addition, there are direct rail connections within the port, with access to the whole of the UK rail network, and dedicated barge facilities.

Tilbury2 - 152 acres of land, including a proposed further deep water jetty, close to the east of the port has been acquired. This land acquisition would bring the total port acreage to 1,100 acres and Forth Ports intends to use this land to extend their current operations with the creation of a new port terminal, to grow to meet the needs of their customers and market demands. It is anticipated that an application for a development consent order to permit the new port terminal will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Department for Transport) in late 2017. It is envisaged that the site will be a construction materials and short-sea shipping hub, handling imported and exported materials and goods. www.tilbury2.co.uk

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