

Tilbury's Grain Terminal Expansion announced

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PORT OF TILBURY EXPANDS GRAIN TERMINAL

Significant investment increases capacity to 136,000 tonnes

Port of Tilbury, London's major port, has today (1 April 2016) announced plans for a major storage expansion at the port's Grain Terminal as part of the port's growth strategy. The investment will see storage capacity increase to accommodate up to an additional 16,000 metric tonnes of both import and export wheat at the Thames based port.

The grain terminal at Tilbury is one of the UK's largest, handling over 1.4million tonnes annually of combinable crops for both for the export and UK markets. The grain terminal has a current storage capacity of 120,000 tonnes and works with key customers including Frontier, Allied Mills and ADM.

This multimillion pound investment will see a new flat storage facility built adjacent to the existing grain terminal and will utilise the mill gallery conveyor system with overhead conveyors feeding the new storage unit

automatically. Construction work will begin in April with an expected completion date of the third quarter of 2017.

Commenting on the partnership, Peter Ward, Senior Asset Manager at The Port of Tilbury said: *“This is a significant investment in the Grain Terminal for our customers. As volumes increase in both the grain import and export markets, it’s essential that we have the storage facilities to handle this additional volume. This multimillion pound investment will ensure that the terminal remains the key strategic facility in the South East of the UK for the grain import and export markets.”*

As part of the port’s growth strategy, they recently announced the acquisition of 152 acres of land and deep water jetty facilities at the former site of the Tilbury Power Station. Forth Ports intends to use this land to extend current operations with the creation of a new port, to grow to meet the needs of their customers and market demands.

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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. 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 the 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 capital and across the South East where over 50% of the population live and work.

The Port is a diverse multi-modal hub, covering over 1100 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 and dedicated barge facilities.

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London Distribution Park (LDP) is a 70-acre development which received outline planning permission in 2012 and brings more than 900,000 sq. ft. of new high quality distribution facilities to the area. Builders merchant Travis Perkins were the first to occupy the site with a 110,000 sq ft warehouse which opened in 2015. The total development is expected to bring up to 1100 jobs and secure the long term prosperity of the port.

London Container Terminal (LCT) provides a unique combination of European Short Sea and Deep Sea services at the same facility. As the UK's third largest container terminal, Tilbury handles over half a million containers per year.

The **London Construction Link (LCL)** is a collaboration between the Port of Tilbury and S. Walsh, one of the leading construction solutions companies in London. The partnership is seeking to relieve congestion on the capital's roads, with associated cycling safety and CO2 benefits, through promoting greater use of construction consolidation and the use of the river for construction projects on or near the Thames.

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