Tilbury2 examination process begins

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PORT OF TILBURY'S NEW PORT PROPOSAL BEGINS EXAMINATION PROCESS

The Port of Tilbury's proposals to build a new port terminal, TILBURY2, on the Thames close to the current port will be examined at Issue Specific and Open Floor hearings to be held in Tilbury on 20th and 21st February by the Examining Authority, appointed by the Secretary of State. Information on these hearings is detailed below.

An application for a development consent order for Tilbury2 was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport) in October 2017. TILBURY2 intends to build on a 152 acre site which was part of the former Tilbury Power Station and will include a new deep water jetty in the river Thames. The proposed terminal 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 as well as storage of a variety of goods, including cars. The project will also include surface access proposals to link the site to the existing road and rail networks.

Examination Hearings

The panel of Planning Inspectors (known as the 'Examining Authority') that has been appointed by the Secretary of State, for the examination of the Tilbury2 application has now called the first set of hearings in relation to the application. These hearings will take place on **Tuesday 20th February and Wednesday 21st February in the Thurrock Hotel, Ship Lane RM19 1YN and will include the following:**

Tuesday 20th February

- Preliminary Meeting to explain the process and discuss the Examination timetable registration 9am, comments 9.30am
- Open Floor Hearing for the community registration 2pm, commences 2.30pm
- Open Floor Hearing for the community registration 5.30pm, commences 6pm.

Wednesday 21st February

• Issue Specific Hearing into the wording of the draft Development Consent Order – registration 9.30am, commences 10am

Shuttle Bus for local community

The Port of Tilbury is arranging a return shuttle bus service for members of the local community who wish to attend the hearings. The bus will run on the 20th and 21st February. On Tuesday 20th February there are three pick up times, 09.00, 13.30 and 17.00. On Wednesday 21st there will be one pick up at 09.00. Pick-up points will be the Tilbury Hub and Tilbury Town Station. There is no need to book a place on this bus but please do arrive in good time at the pick-up points.

For more information on these hearings, including how and when to register to speak at the hearings and how and when to make written submissions, please contact the Planning Inspectorate (quoting the reference number 'TR030003') using the following details:

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