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TILBURY BEGINS FORMAL CONSULTATION FOR NEW PORT TERMINAL PROPOSAL

Statutory consultation begins on 19 June for TILBURY2

The Port of Tilbury, London's major port, begins its formal statutory consultation on **Monday 19 June** to seek further views from local communities and other stakeholders on its proposals to build a new port terminal and associated facilities near to the current port, known as TILBURY2.

The Port of Tilbury has been expanding at a fast rate over the past two decades as it has experienced a significant increase in the goods and products coming through it – as a result, customers in the port are looking for more space to expand their businesses. The port estimates that demand for use of its facilities will increase further in the next 15 years which the TILBURY2 proposals would support. TILBURY2 will be built 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 port undertook an informal non-statutory consultation exercise earlier this year and the upcoming formal statutory consultation seeks views to help further refine the TILBURY2 proposals. As part of this consultation, the port will be running a number of consultation events which give local communities the chance to find out more about the proposals.

Commenting on the formal consultation events, **Peter Ward, Commercial Director at the Port of Tilbury**, said: *“Our plan to create a new port in Tilbury is an exciting opportunity for not only the port and the local area but for our customers who are seeking more space to expand their own businesses. TILBURY2 has the potential to create jobs and support the expansion and growth of the Thurrock area.*

“The local communities have provided valuable feedback when we undertook informal consultation events in April. As part of the formal planning process, we are now running further consultation events on our proposals. TILBURY 2 will help us to continue to grow and bring economic benefit to the area and we want to hear from communities about the proposed scheme.

“I’d encourage people to come along to one of our exhibitions during June and meet the team or go to our website where there is more detailed information about our proposals and a chance to complete an online survey from 19 June.”

TILBURY2 will act as a satellite of the main port and it would 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.

The formal statutory consultation exercise runs from 19th June until 28th July 2017. The community consultation events as part of this will take place in June at the locations and dates below. The events are open to everyone to attend. More information and an on-line questionnaire can be found at **www.tilbury2.co.uk**

Exhibition details

Thameside Theatre, Orsett Road, Grays RM17 5DX

Wednesday 21 June 2017: 10.00am-12.00pm & 2.30pm-9.00pm

Tilbury Hub, Civic Square, Tilbury RM18 8AD

Monday 26th June 2017: 3.00pm-9.00pm

Wednesday 28th June 2017: 10.00am-5.00pm

The Gateway Primary Free School, Marshfoot Road, Tilbury/Chadwell-St-Mary RM16 4LU

Tuesday 27th June 2017: 3.00pm-9.00pm

Gravesend Old Town Hall, High Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 0AZ

Thursday 29th June 2017: 10.00am-12.00pm & 2.30pm-9.00pm

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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 which comprised part of the former Tilbury Power Station, including a proposed further deep water jetty in the river Thames, has been acquired by the Port of Tilbury. It is intended to use this land to extend the port's current operations with the construction of a new port terminal and associated facilities, to meet the needs of the port's customers and market demands. Because of the capacity of the proposed new terminal, its construction must be authorised by a development consent order ("DCO") made under the Planning Act 2008. It is anticipated that an application for a DCO for the Tilbury2 proposals will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Government) in late 2017. www.tilbury2.co.uk

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