

# Felixstowe South Reconfiguration

# UPDATE



Port of Felixstowe

**The Secretary of State has announced that the Public Inquiry into the reconfiguration of the southern part of the Port of Felixstowe is to commence on Tuesday 26th October 2004.**

Hutchison Ports (UK) Limited, owner of the Port of Felixstowe, is proposing to reconfigure facilities at the southern part of the Port to provide additional deep-water container handling capacity. The plans involve the conversion of the area previously used by P&O North Sea Ferries Limited, Landguard Terminal, and the now largely redundant Dock Basin, into a new deep-water container terminal.

The Port of Felixstowe is one of the Eastern region's major employers, and provides direct employment for over 2,600 people. The Port contributes some £70 million to the local economy in wages alone, and over 12,500 people in Suffolk derive their livelihoods from the Port and related industries.

The continued success of the Port is essential for both the national and regional economy, and the reconfiguration of Felixstowe South will help to secure the future employment of all those that currently rely on the Port for their livelihoods.

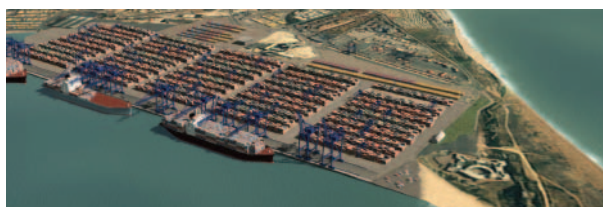
Direct employment at the terminal will develop over time, with the proposed expansion of berths and operations. It is expected that, by 2015, when all four berths are operational and the terminal is fully staffed, an additional 621 jobs will have been created. There will also be an estimated 860 additional jobs arising from associated activities and multiplier effects elsewhere in the area.

Further information on the reconfiguration of Felixstowe South is available online at [www.portoffelixstowe.co.uk](http://www.portoffelixstowe.co.uk)

This leaflet aims to give useful information on the Public Inquiry.

## When/where will the Inquiry take place?

The Inquiry is due to commence on Tuesday 26th October at 10.00am, at the Hotel Elizabeth Orwell (Elizabeth Suite), Hamilton Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk. The Inquiry will normally sit four days per week (Tuesday - Friday inclusive), and is scheduled to last six weeks.



## How can I get to the Inquiry?

**By road:** Take the A14 to Felixstowe. Continue straight on at the first roundabout in Felixstowe, along Candlet Road. Continue over the second roundabout, along Grove Road, and turn right at the third, continuing along Beatrice Avenue, towards the town centre. The Hotel Elizabeth Orwell is situated opposite the roundabout adjoining Hamilton Road and High Road East/High Road West.

**By rail:** There are hourly services from Ipswich to Felixstowe Station (25 minute duration). Felixstowe Station is at Great Eastern Square, a short walk from the Inquiry Venue.

**By bus:** The 77 service operates hourly between Ipswich (Old Cattle Market) and Felixstowe (Hamilton Road), calling at the Trimleys and Walton. The duration of the journey is approximately 40 minutes.



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## Who can attend the Inquiry?

Any member of the general public is welcome to attend the Inquiry to observe the proceedings.

## What will the Inquiry address?

At the Inquiry, the Inspector will hear oral evidence for, and against, the proposals, from individuals and organisations who have registered to take part in the Inquiry. The Inspector will also take into account in his report written representations made to Suffolk Coastal District Council and the First Secretary of State, in respect of the planning application, and to the Secretary of State for Transport, for applications for a Harbour Revision Order and Marine consent under the Coast Protection Act, and an application for the proposed Felixstowe Dock and Railway (Land Acquisition) Order.

Proofs of evidence received will be available for inspection at the Felixstowe Town Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council offices in due course.



## How can I find out more about the Inquiry?

Information about the Inquiry - including who will be presenting evidence each day - will appear on the Planning Inspectorate website for the Inquiry: [www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/felixstowe](http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/felixstowe).

Alternatively, you can contact the Large Inquiries Team prior to the Inquiry (details below). When the Inquiry is sitting, the Programme Officer will be based at the Inquiry Venue.

## What happens after the Inquiry?

Following the Inquiry, the Inspector will write a report summarising his findings for submission to the First Secretary of State and the Secretary of State for Transport. At the end of the Inquiry, the Inspector may give an estimate of when he is likely to submit his report to the Secretaries of State.

Taking all the Inquiry evidence into consideration, the Secretaries of State will then decide whether there are sufficient grounds to allow the reconfiguration of Felixstowe South to proceed. There is no fixed period within which the Secretaries of State are required to make a decision.

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