

# UK Ports Policy: Planning for the Future

26th January 2011, Mayfair Conference Centre, London



The Coalition Government and recent and proposed changes to policy and legislation including the Localism agenda, will have a substantial impact on the future of UK ports.

Major changes are taking place in the planning system with the abolition of regional planning, a revised process for major infrastructure planning with an updated timetable for publishing the National Policy Statements and a Localism Bill expected shortly.

The MMO has recently come into operation with a draft Marine Policy Statement having been consulted on and the first two Marine Plan areas having been announced. Marine Conservation Zones are currently being drawn up, to be confirmed next year with substantial impacts for ports and shipping in some areas.

Meanwhile investment in low carbon technologies, in particular renewable energy provides a number of opportunities for ports.

This conference examines the impact of the new Government on the future of ports and the marine sector.

## Your chance to hear from a leading line-up including:

**Mike Penning MP** Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport

**Charles Hammond** Chairman **UKMPG**

**Jerry Hopkinson** Managing Director Bulks Ports & Logistics **PD Ports**

**Mark Malone** Managing Director **Svitzer**

**Sir Andrew Cubie CBE** Chairman **Northern Lighthouse** Board and Member **GLA Joint Strategic Board**

**Mike Garratt** Managing Director **MDS Transmodal**

**Robbie Owen** Partner and Head of Major Projects **Bircham Dyson Bell**

**Martin Hendry** Director **Adams Hendry**

**Richard Bennett** Head of Ports Division **Department for Transport**

**Peter Nears** Strategic Planning Director **The Peel Group**

**Simon Bird** Chief Executive **The Bristol Port Company**

**Mary Starks** Director of Infrastructure **Office of Fair Trading**

**Martyn Youell** Senior Marine Planner **MMO**

**James Marsden** Director Marine **Natural England**

**Steve Purnell** Partner and Head of Transport **ERM**

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## Who should attend?

- Port operators
- Port owners
- Institutional investors, stockbrokers and private equity houses
- Shipowners and operators
- Harbour authorities
- DfT, DEFRA, DCLG and HM Treasury
- CBI, Chambers of Commerce around the country
- Rail freight operators
- Rail freight terminal operators
- Rail Freight Group
- Road freight operators
- Highways Agency
- Inland waterways
- Freight By Water
- Local authorities
- Regional Development Agencies
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency and other Government agencies
- Maritime trade unions
- Environmental groups and Environment Agency
- Maritime, planning and environmental lawyers
- Insurers
- Property developers
- Consultants – planning, environment, economic forecasting
- Safety, training and skills bodies
- UK Maritime Pilots Association
- Transport consultants and academics

## Benefits of attending:

The seminar will cover the following:

- Ensuring the future of the UK ports industry
- Future demand and capacity projections
- The impact of changes to the planning system and the policy of localism on planning for future growth
- The future for major project delivery
- Developing a National Policy Statement for ports – what should be included?
- Conducting a stock take of infrastructure ownership and control
- The future for Trust Ports
- Progress with developing a Marine Policy Statement and developing Marine Plans
- The impact of light dues policy on the industry - The Atkins Report

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# Programme

08:45 Registration and coffee

09:30 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Julian Brazier TD MP** Joint-Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Maritime and Ports Group

## Section 1 – Ports and future demand

09:35 **Opening address**  
**Ensuring the future of the UK ports industry**  
**Mike Penning MP** Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport

09:50 **Questions and discussion**

10:00 **Future priorities for the ports industry**  
**Charles Hammond** Chairman **UKMPG**

10:20 **Future demand and capacity projections**

- Updating the current growth forecasts in the draft NPS

**Mike Garratt** Managing Director **MDS Transmodal**

10:40 **Questions and discussion**

10:50 **Morning coffee**

## Section 2 – Planning for the future of the ports industry

11:10 **Developing a National Policy Statement for Ports and the future for major project delivery**

- Changes to the planning process for major projects following the abolition of the IPC
- The future for National Policy Statements and the development of a National Policy Framework

**Robbie Owen** Partner and Head of Major Projects **Bircham Dyson Bell**

11:30 **The impact of localism on port development**

- The impact of the new Government's agenda on planning for future port development
- The implications of the removal of RSS and the development of LEPs
- What localism means in practice

**Martin Hendry** Director **Adams Hendry**

11:50 **Developing Marine Plans and links to streamlined licensing**  
**Martyn Youell** Senior Marine Planner **MMO**

12:10 **Questions and discussion**

12:20 **Designating Marine Conservation Zones – an update on progress**  
**James Marsden** Director Marine **Natural England**

12:40 **Questions and discussion**

13:00 **Lunch**

## Section 3 – Ports and the renewable energy industry

14:00 **The opportunities ports provide for renewable energy development**  
**Peter Nears** Strategic Planning Director **The Peel Group**

14:20 **The role of ports in aiding the development and fabrication of offshore wind farms**  
**Steve Purnell** Partner and Head of Transport **ERM**

14:40 **Panel discussion**  
**Ports and the energy industry – challenges and opportunities**

- The opportunities ports can provide for renewable energy
- The opportunities for producing biomass at ports
- The role of ports in aiding the development and fabrication of offshore wind farms
- Supply chain efficiency

**Simon Bird** Chief Executive **The Bristol Port Company**  
**Peter Nears** Strategic Planning Director **The Peel Group**  
**Jerry Hopkinson** Managing Director Bulks, Ports & Logistics **PD Ports**  
**Rhys Thomas** Supply Chain Policy Officer **Renewables UK**  
**Howard Holt, Seeports**  
**Mark Malone** Managing Director **Svitzer**  
**Steve Purnell** Partner and Head of Transport **ERM**

15:20 **Afternoon tea**

## Section 4 – Moving forwards

15:40 **Reporting on infrastructure ownership and control – conclusions from the interim report**  
**Mary Starks** Director of Infrastructure **Office of Fair Trading**

16:00 **Recent Section 31 appeals under the 1964 Harbours Act – the implications for port authorities and port customers**  
**Francis Tyrrell** Senior Associate **Bircham Dyson Bell**

16:15 **The Atkins report – an update on progress and future challenges**  
**Sir Andrew Cubie CBE** Chairman **Northern Lighthouse Board** and Member **GLA Joint Strategic Board**

### Summary remarks

16:35 **UK Ports Policy: where are we now?**  
**Richard Bennett** Head of Ports Division **DfT**

16:45 **Questions and discussion**

16:55 **Chairman's closing remarks**

17:00 **Close of conference**

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