

Summary of Consultation and Community Benefits

Port of Immingham Wind Turbines

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1 Introduction

As part of the development process, Associated British Ports (ABP) and Green Cat Renewables (GCR) committed to undertake public engagement with the community surrounding the port, running two public consultation events in 2023 dedicated to the Proposed Development.

As well as these in person events, a project website was set up with all of the project information hosted, so any members of the public who could not attend the events in person could access the project information and provide feedback through the website to the project team **Figure 1.1**.

There was also a project email address available for members of the public to correspond with the project team if they were unable to attend any of the events; abp.onshorewind@abports.co.uk



Figure 1.1 – Immingham Project Website - <https://www.abports.co.uk/locations/immingham/immingham-onshore-wind-development/>

ABP are committed to supporting the local community. ABP plans to provide a community fund as part of the onshore wind development at the port, more of which in section 3 below along with other potential benefits to the local community.

ABP also plays an important part in the local economy through both provision of attractive places for business to locate in and as a major employer in its own right. Across the Humber ABP's four ports support £75bn of trade and have circa 44,000 vessels visiting per year. The Humber ports support in the region of 34,900 jobs and contribute circa £2.5bn to the economy.

ABP's new sustainability strategy launched in February 2023, Ready for Tomorrow, also recognises that ABP has an important role to facilitate decarbonisation and reaching Net Zero. ABP plans to reach Net Zero by 2040, ten years sooner than current UK Government's plans. Delivery of this will help the local community by both being an attractive place for current and future businesses and helping to avoid harmful climate change. Onshore wind turbines at ABP's ports are an integral part in delivering the sustainability strategy and the ports themselves being sustainable places for business and the jobs they provide for the future. Many of ABP's existing and potential new customers are asking for renewable energy for their operations. Provision of onshore wind is a major element of ABP's drive to retain and attract more business to the Humber ports, with the intention of providing an attractive

place for business to locate and grow, thus helping to safeguard existing jobs and hopefully lead to more direct jobs at the port and indirect jobs for the local community.

2 Public Engagement

2.1 Public Consultation Event 1 – April 2023

The event was held in the Burton Hall at The Immingham Civic Centre, Pelham Road on Thursday 20th April 2023, running from 1:30pm to 7:30pm.

The event was set up with a number of banners, providing information on the Proposed Development, as well as some of the initial findings of environmental and technical surveys, and assessments that were underway to inform the planning submission. An image of the boards is shown in **Figure 2.1**.

The initial consultation event was based around the information provided to the Local Planning Authority as part of the request for a Scoping Opinion, which included up to four wind turbines.



Figure 2.1 – Immingham Exhibition 1, Burton Hall at The Immingham Civic Centre

2.2 Public Consultation Event 2 – September 2023

The event was held again at the Burton Hall at The Immingham Civic Centre on Thursday 21st September 2023, running from 1:00pm to 7:30pm.

The second event provided an opportunity to present the design changes between the options considered at Scoping stage, four wind turbines and the design changes which had taken place in the lead up to the preparation of the planning submission, which has been updated to reflect the reduction to two wind turbines.

The event was set up in the same way as the initial event with updated information boards and some photomontages, showcasing the Proposed Development from some key locations, as shown in **Figure 2.2**.



Figure 2.2 – Immingham Exhibition 2,

2.3 Public Feedback

As part of the consultation events ABP and GCR produced a questionnaire for attendees to provide anonymous feedback to the project team on the Proposed Development. While the project team were on hand to discuss the proposals and answer any queries on the day, it is understood that not everyone is comfortable in voicing thoughts/concerns in that setting. As such the feedback forms provided an opportunity for the Project Team to consider all the public comments prior to submission of the application.

2.3.1 Public Questionnaires

A copy of the questionnaire is provided in **Appendix A**.

The following questions were set out:

Opening Statement – to gauge level of local engagement

Which do you consider yourself to be? Please tick as appropriate and provide additional details if desired.

- A local resident or property owner (living within approximately 10km/6miles of the Project)
- A local business owner (operating within approximately 10km/6miles of the Project)
- A Town or Parish Council member
- Other (Please Specify)

Question 1 - How much does the impact of Climate Change concern you?

Question 2 - Do you support ABP in their ambition to make their ports Net-Zero by 2040?

Question 3 - Do you think that new onshore wind power is needed to meet our climate change targets?

Question 4 - Do you support the proposals for the project?

Question 5 - Do you feel more informed about the project after reading the information provided?

Question 6 - Any additional comments/questions?

2.3.2 Questionnaire Responses

In total across the Immingham events there were a total of 16 completed questionnaires provided to the Project Team, some of those who attended the events did not fill in forms.

The responses to the questions posed are summarised in the following section:

Of those completing the forms, 13 respondents classed themselves as a local resident/property owner and three were local business owners.

Question 1	Very Concerned	Little concerned	Concerned for future generations	I am not concerned
How much does the impact of Climate Change concern you?	10 (63%)	2(13%)	2(13%)	2(13%)

Question 2 ¹	Yes	Yes, but I have concerns	No but with more information I could support	No
Do you support ABP in their ambition to make their ports Net-Zero by 2040?	14 (88%)	2 (12%)		

Question 3	Yes, it is needed	I am unsure if it is needed	I believe that some is needed	I do not believe it is needed
Do you think that new onshore wind power is needed to meet our climate change targets?	14 (88%)			2 (12%)

Question 4	Yes, I support the proposals	I support the proposals but have concerns	Undecided	No, I do not support the proposals

¹ Box left blank on one form.

Do you support the proposals for the project?	14 (88%)			2 (12%)
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Question 5	I feel well informed	I feel somewhat informed	I did not learn any new information	I do not feel well informed
Do you feel more informed about the project after reading the information provided?	12 (75%)	4 (25%)		

Question 6 – Any additional comments/questions?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very detailed information to help improve Net-zero 2. A local social fund will be welcome so people feel they will benefit 3. I believe wind turbines are installed as a cheap option 4. Fully support ABP in improving our future 5. I would prefer all roofs to be fitted with solar panels 6. I am fully supportive of Wind Turbine Technology d turbine technology

2.3.3 Summary of Feedback

Whilst a relatively modest turnout was achieved across the consultation events, It is clear from those who did attend the events and responded to the questionnaire that they are broadly supportive of the plans to develop onshore wind turbines at the Port of Immingham. A significant number were also supportive of ABP and their efforts to transition to Net-Zero by 2040.

The additional comments raised points which were discussed in person at the event around he cost effectiveness of onshore wind, compared with other technologies as well as the welcome addition of a benefit fund for the local communities.

3 Community Benefits

3.1 Introduction

ABP plans several initiatives to try and maximise the direct benefit to the local community from there being onshore wind directly powering the port.

3.1.1 Community Fund

ABP plans to provide a community fund of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity per year. For a 2.4MW turbine that would equate to £12,000 per year. For a 4.5MW turbine it would equate to £22,500 per year.

The approach to how community initiatives requesting funds would be assessed and determined is yet to be decided. ABP currently envisages a structure where ABP organises and administers meetings at which local community representatives review and discuss applications and agree which ones should receive some of the available funding. The local community representatives could include members of the community in elected positions, such as councillors.

3.1.2 Educational visits

Where possible ABP would seek to accommodate and offer educational visits to local schools. This would allow children to get close to and inside the base of an operational wind turbine, together with an educational presentation on how it works and why it is important. Any such visits would be on an occasional and pre-agreed basis rather than being open access given the operational nature of the port and the safety risks without appropriate preparation.

3.1.3 Construction benefits


ABP intends to use experienced main contractors to undertake the civils, electrical and turbine erection works. These main contractors work across the UK on onshore wind projects. The turbine suppliers work globally.

ABP will request that where possible according to skills and experience for certain roles that the contractors look to recruit locally. Furthermore, if sub-contract work is required that is of a generic nature and not onshore wind specific that effort is made to use local contractors.

During the construction phase it is expected that the contractors working on site would use local hotels etc, which will provide direct benefits so some local businesses.

The local community benefits listed above are in addition to the fundamental reasons why having onshore wind turbines at the port is both very important and is expected to provide direct clear benefit to the local community. Being able to control the cost of electricity and directly supply renewable power to the port is expected to help existing businesses to be competitive and attract new businesses to the port. This then means helping to support existing direct and indirect jobs and hopefully a route for existing businesses to grow and new businesses deliver more.

Appendix A Public Consultation Questionnaire

Port of Immingham Wind Turbines

PUBLIC CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

We would like to hear from you. In relation to what you already knew, and the information you have observed at this consultation, please fill out this questionnaire with your thoughts about the proposal:

Which do you consider yourself to be?

- A local resident or property owner (living within approximately 10km/6miles of the Project)
- A local business owner (operating within approximately 10km/6miles of the Project)
- A Town or Parish Council member
- Other (Please specify)

Question 1:
How much does the impact of climate change concern you?

- I am very concerned
- I am a little concerned
- I am concerned for future generations
- I am not concerned

Question 2:
Do you support ABP in their ambition to make their ports Net-Zero by 2040?

- Yes I support ABP in their ambition
- Yes but I have concerns
- No but with more information I could support
- No I do not support ABP in their ambition

Question 3:
Do you think that new onshore wind power is needed to meet our climate change targets?

- Yes it is needed
- I am unsure if it is needed
- I believe that some is needed
- I do not believe it is needed

Question 4:
Do you support the proposals for the project?

- Yes I support the proposals
- I support the proposals but have concerns
- I am undecided
- I do not support the proposals

Question 5:
Do you feel more informed about the project after reading the information provided?

- I feel well informed
- I feel somewhat informed
- I did not learn any new information
- I do not feel well informed


Question 6:
Any additional comments/questions?

If you have additional feedback please email the project team at abp.onshorewind@abports.co.uk

****END OF QUESTIONNAIRE****

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire and attending the public consultation for Immingham Wind Farm.

Attending this pre-application consultation, and filling out this questionnaire, does not remove the right, or the potential need, to comment on the final application once it is made to the planning authority. All your comments, opinions and concerns are important to us and will be carefully considered by the project team as part of the development process.





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