



**PORT OF TILBURY CELEBRATES PRESTIGIOUS PLANNING
EXCELLENCE AWARD WIN**

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The Port of Tilbury scooped the inaugural **National Infrastructure Planning Association Award for “Best Project”** at the organisation’s awards celebration in London on 21 November for Tilbury 2.

The judges praised the team behind the DCO planning process of the new port Tilbury2 which is currently under construction and due to open in 2020. The inaugural single award by NIPA recognises best practice in participating in the Development Consent Order Process (DCO) for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

Celebrating the award success, **Peter Ward, Commercial Director at The Port of Tilbury**, said: *“We are thrilled to have received this prestigious award from NIPA. Throughout the DCO process for Tilbury2 we wanted to ensure that best practice was paramount and we worked hard to engage fully with all our stakeholders. This win is testament to the hard work of all our team at Tilbury and our excellent team of professional advisors. Tilbury2 is our largest investment project and is key to the future success of our business.”*

Angus Walker, NIPA Board Chair, commented: *“NIPA is delighted, that after a thorough independent two-stage judging process, the Tilbury2 project was judged to be the winner of the inaugural National Infrastructure Planning Association Award. The Award is yet another way that NIPA identifies and shares best practice in the planning, development and delivery of nationally significant infrastructure projects, and we will be publishing case studies of the shortlisted entries shortly. Many congratulations to the Port of Tilbury and their Tilbury2 team, and our thanks to all of those who submitted entries.”*

Tilbury2 is under construction on 150 acres of land at the former Tilbury Power Station on the north bank of the River Thames at Tilbury. When operational in Spring 2020, Tilbury2 will be the UK’s largest unaccompanied ro-ro freight ferry port, the country’s biggest construction processing hub managed by Tarmac, and will see the creation of a new rail head which can accommodate the longest freight trains of 775 metres.

The project is central to the Port of Tilbury’s £1 billion investment programme during 2012-20, which has seen it double the size of its business in the past 10 years and is projected to double the volume of cargo across the quay (from 16 million to 32 million tonnes) and increase direct employment (from 3,500 to 12,000 jobs) over the next 10-15 years.

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About The Port of Tilbury / Tilbury2

1. **Forth Ports Ltd** owns and operates The Port of Tilbury, alongside seven other commercial ports on the Firth of Forth and the Firth of Tay: Grangemouth, Dundee, Leith, Rosyth, Methil, Burntisland and Kirkcaldy. In October 2018, PSP Investments became majority shareholder in Forth Ports Limited, to along with other minority co-investors, GLIL Infrastructure, First State Super, Construction and Building Unions Superannuation.

2. **The Port of Tilbury is the number one UK port** for forestry products, construction materials, paper, grain, recyclables and warehousing space. The port has a strong market presence in bulk commodities, ro-ro, cars and cruise vessels. The port's London Container Terminal handles a mix of short and deep sea services, is the UK's number four port for containers and has the greatest reefer (refrigerated container) point connectivity in Europe.

Tilbury's strategic location makes it a natural point for distribution, with nearly 20 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 1,000 acres (850 acres and the London Distribution Park, in addition to the Tilbury2 site) 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 and dedicated barge facilities.

3. The privately funded port, **Tilbury2**, is being built on a site covering in excess of 150 acres, which was part of the location of the former Tilbury Power Station. When operational in Spring 2020, Tilbury2 will be the UK's largest unaccompanied ferry port and the country's biggest construction processing hub, with AEO-trusted trader status. For more go to www.tilbury2.co.uk