



An  
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Pleanála

## Record of Meeting ABP-310268-21 4th meeting

<b>Case Reference / Description</b>	ABP-310268-21 Development of port lands on Poolbeg Peninsula, construction of a Southern Port Access Route comprising of a new bridge across the river Liffey.		
<b>Case Type</b>	Pre-application consultation		
<b>1st / 2nd / 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting</b>	4th		
<b>Date</b>	23/06/22	<b>Start Time</b>	11:00 a.m.
<b>Location</b>	N/A	<b>End Time</b>	11:35 a.m.

<b>Representing An Bord Pleanála</b>
<b>Staff Members</b>
Ciara Kellett, Assistant Director of Planning (Chair)
Una Crosse, Senior Planning Inspector
Niamh Thornton, Executive Officer
<b>Representing the Prospective Applicant</b>
Alan Barr
Cormac Kennedy
Garrett Fennell
Helena Gavin
Brendan Considine
Eamonn O'Reilly

The meeting commenced at 11:00 a.m.

The Board's representatives referred to its previous meeting with the prospective applicant of the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022 and the record of that meeting. The prospective applicant stated that it had no comments to make on the record.

**Presentation:**

The prospective applicant gave an update on the project since the last meeting in February, 2022.

Regarding timescales, the prospective applicant stated that it envisages keeping the pre-application consultation open until March 2023, with the intention of lodging the application in June, 2023 should the Board deem the project to be SID.

The prospective applicant gave an update on the status of the proposed general arrangement. The prospective applicant is in ongoing discussions with Dublin City Council regarding the proposed development which is resulting in changes to General Arrangement version 3. Discussions are ongoing around roads, active travel, district heating, lands south of K<sub>2</sub> and the possible inclusion of a playing field in Port Park. The target is to produce a Draft Final Arrangement by November for public consultation in December, 2022.

Detailed design and environmental impact analysis have commenced.

Giving an update on unitised volumes of Ro-Ro and Lo-Lo freight, the prospective applicant stated that Dublin Port's share of national volumes has dropped from 85% in 2020 to 79% in 2021. It was stated however that this is significantly higher than its share in 2000 and in the first 5 months of 2022, Dublin Port's volumes were only 1.7% lower than their record levels of 2019. It was stated that the national dependence on Dublin Port's capacity will continue as population and economic growth drive port volumes.

The prospective applicant stated that Dublin Port Company has sufficient interest in most land included in the application site. A CPO may also be required, and the Port Company has CPO powers under the Harbours Act, 1996. Legal advice is currently being sought.

**Discussion:**

The prospective applicant asked if there was any update on when the provisions of the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2021 will commence. The Board's representatives stated that the Maritime Area Consent (MAC) process opened in April and requests for pre-application consultations with the Board were expected from September, 2022. It was noted that, if this pre-application consultation process stays open until March, 2023, as envisaged, associated Regulations may be available and there would be more clarity by that time.

The Board's representatives clarified that the proposed project had not been presented formally at Board level and that the prospective applicant would be advised if this were to happen.

Regarding EIA Scoping, it was noted that the prospective applicant intends to carry out its own scoping. A formal scoping request will not be made to the Board.

It was clarified for the prospective applicant that where an application is submitted to the Board with an associated CPO application, both applications are generally dealt with by the same inspector and decided by the Board at the same time. The Board tends to hold oral hearings in relation to CPO cases but this is entirely at the discretion of the Board.

The Board's representatives requested that an A1 hard copy of the updated General Arrangement version 3.0 be provided to the Board.

**Conclusion:**

The record of the instant meeting will issue in due course and the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have. The onus is on the prospective applicant to either request a further meeting or formal closure of the instant pre-application consultation process.

The meeting concluded at 11:35 p.m.

 7/7/22

**Ciara Kellett**

**Assistant Director of Planning**