

# **Freeports**

Prospectus published 16/11/2020 inviting bids by 5/2/2021. c10 freeports to be awarded across UK with at least one in each devolved administration. Competition open to all modes of port including rail and air.

## **Government objectives**

National hubs for trade and investment

#### Investment

- Bring new investment and drive trade
- Work with local/international businesses and wider UK to level-up

### Trade

- Improve current practices
- · Outline prospects for trade growth
- Specific sectors that benefit
- Regeneration and levelling up
- Harness ideas and investment from private sector
- Sustainable economic growth
- Supporting emerging industrial clusters
- Target sectors present and growing
- Align with skills in local market and support for upskilling

- Creating hotbeds of innovation
- Dynamic environment for innovators
- Controlled spaces to develop ideas and technologies
- · Capability for R&D
- Translational research
- Testing and application of new ideas and technologies

## **Key measures**

- "Customs Zones" (unlimited) and Tax Sites (max 3 totalling up to 600Ha) grouped in a 45km "outer boundary." Sites can be outside Outer Boundary but need economic rationale.
- Customs Zones
  - Relief from payment of duty / VAT until goods exit Customs Zone
  - Ability to move goods between Customs Zones
- Tax Sites

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- Stamp Duty Land Tax Relief
- Enhanced Structures and Buildings capital allowance
- Enhanced Plant and Equipment capital allowance
- Employers NI relief on salaries up to £25k
- Business Rates holiday
- Note tax benefits apply within a 5 year window (2021-2026)
- Tax benefits targeted at new investment
- Freeport Regulatory Engagement Network to drive faster development of new ideas, technologies etc.

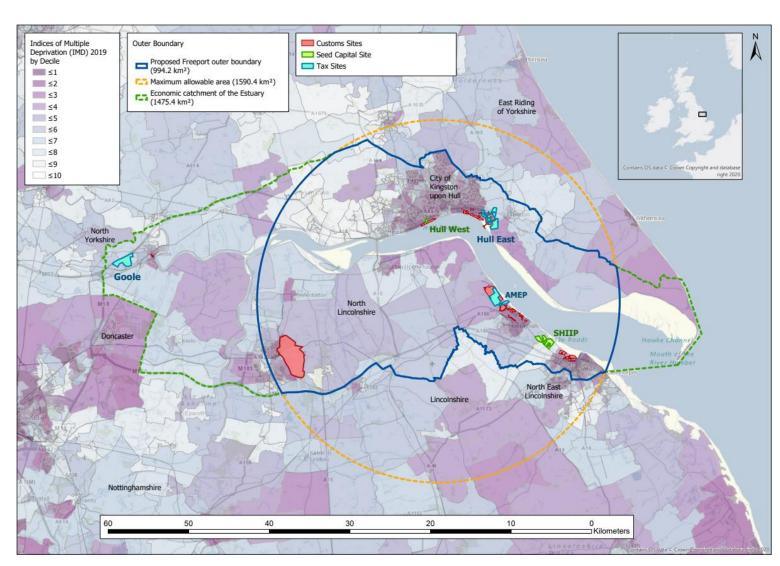
# **Humber Freeport**

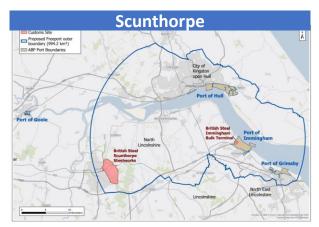
## **Strategic UK asset**

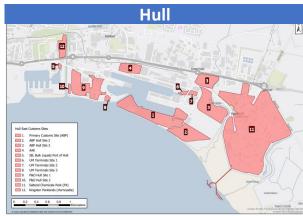
Biggest port complex in the UK, Humber can deliver growth at scale

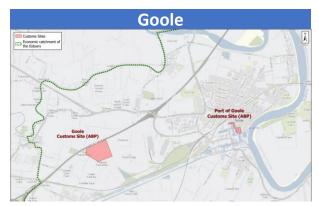
Accelerates decarbonisation of the UK

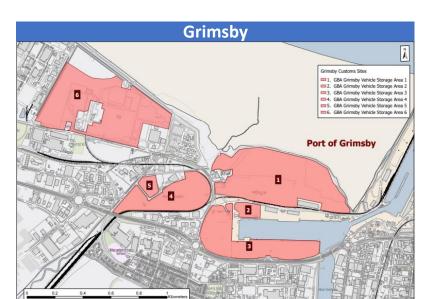
Estuary's economic reach is nationwide

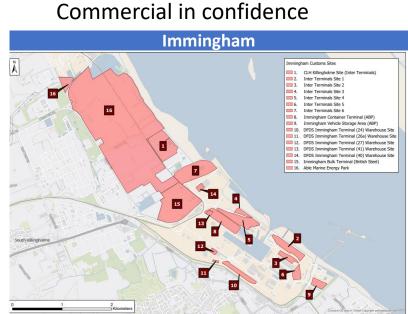












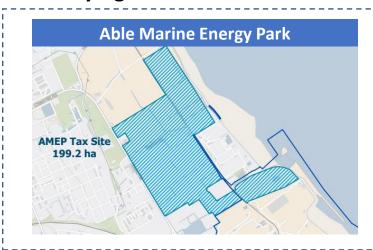
- Network of custom sites across the region supporting businesses of all sizes and full range of cargo types handled on the Humber Estuary
- Benefit from deferral of duty, import VAT
- Scope to transit to other customs sites

# Custom sites

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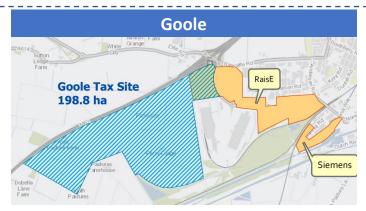
# Tax sites

Selected across Humber region to deliver against Government objectives. Sites under multiple ownerships. Unifying themes of decarbonisation and innovation



Centred on Able's proposed Marine Energy Park

- Scope for rapid development if OWMIS bid is successful
  - Bid proposes substituting site if OWMIS bid is unsuccessful and ABLE cannot find alternative funding
- Development of offshore wind manufacturing
- Site includes portion of current ABP coal stock yard which can be redeveloped once coal trade ceases



Unique opportunity to co-locate supply chain for Siemens rail factory (under construction)

- Large undeveloped site with excellent transport links
- Ideally situated to address deprivation in Hull, Goole, Scunthorpe as well as East Yorkshire (Doncaster, Wakefield)
- Rail Innovation centre (RaisE) under construction with planned second phase



Site encompasses HIEP, Yorkshire Energy Park, Saltend Chemical Park and eastern portion of Hull Docks

- Location of proposed Equinor hydrogen plant
- Opportunity to decarbonise Saltend Chemical Plant and create exportable surplus of hydrogen and decarbonised chemical products
- Yorkshire Energy Park offers immediate developable opportunities inc. incubar spaces
- Saltend proposed site for Pensana plc rare earth processing plant which forms part of the magnet / battery supply chain for offshore wind and electric vehicles

## Innovation and Governance

## Key aspects of the bid

### **Innovation**

- Collaborative working group established with Universities of Hull and Lincoln
- Leveraging existing strengths of Local Entreprise Partnerships
  - E.g. Greater Lincolnshire Logistics
- Building on strong innovation focus within region:
  - Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult
  - CATCH centre
  - RaisE suppoeting rail clustering
  - Proposed R&D centre in Hull under consdieration by major blue chip investor supporting medtech clustering
  - LHOFT project
- Freeport Governance body to allocate part of any surplus / business rates recycling to innovation
- Innovation liaison group to be established at represented on freeport board
- Freeport Regulatory Engagement Network

### Governance

- Proposed Company Limited by Guarantee with members comprising key companies, local authorities and LEPs
- Independent Chair with 'gravitas' to be recruited
- Small focused team to support delivery of key objectives including programme management, compliance and promotion
- Board comprising key stakeholders including ABP as SHA representing all river users
- Other members to give balance of public / private sector skills including innovation
- Broader business and innovation liaison groups
- Public Funds Committee to provide accountability and oversight of use of public money such as grants, recycled rates
- Service agreements with Local Authorities and key site users covering responsibilities of parties to deliver freeport proposals

# Strong coalition of supporters

























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