

Haven Gateway Partnership: proactive support



The Haven Gateway Partnership is taking the short, medium and long-term views as it works to support its thriving ports and logistics sector.

Crucially, the Partnership is made up of both public and private sector organisations – and with experts representing Hutchison Ports (UK), Associated British Ports, the sub-region's universities and British Telecom working alongside its county and local councils, the Haven Gateway has the critical mass and weight of influence that can turn ideas into reality.

The Partnership commissioned an extensive Employment Land Study which looked at where and in which sectors future economic growth in the sub-region was likely to occur and then reviewed its employment land supply against this expected demand.

The study reinforced the importance of the ports and logistics sector to employment and economic growth in the Haven Gateway and has led to

further work in conjunction with the local planning authorities to ensure that the future land needs of the sector are addressed.

A major expansion at the Port of Felixstowe is due for completion by the end of 2010 and planning permission is in place for a major new deepwater container port at Bathside Bay, Harwich.

Against the background of such expansion, and with the ever-increasing drive for more intelligent, low-carbon logistics solutions, a significant increase in interest in the "portcentric" logistics model is expected – and, hence, a rising need for land near to the port.

The Haven Gateway Partnership is working closely with several importers and shippers on specific portcentric propositions.

DRYPORT

a modal shift in practice

The Dryport project:

- The Haven Gateway Partnership is a joint core partner, with Babergh District Council, in a European Union project entitled Dryport.
- Dryport was set up to examine the way in which hinterland intermodal freight transport hubs can support the sea ports they serve, help the ports sector to cope with traffic and cargo flow and, in many cases, reduce the overall environmental impact of import and export operations by smarter transport choices.
- The Haven Gateway recognises that there is huge potential for development under the "Dryport" model; and as a partner in the project, it has contributed its own expertise and also learned from the experience of others around Europe.

"The ports and logistics sector in the Haven Gateway sub-region is huge and we must ensure it has the land availability it needs. With the expansions going ahead and planned at Felixstowe and Harwich, container volumes could double, so we need to look at long-term planning.

We think there is enormous potential; we want to engage with the private sector and work with the ports and local authorities in order to gain from the massive opportunities presented by the expansion we can see happening in front of us.

"We are continuing to work jointly with various parties on portcentric propositions. Meanwhile, with Dryport introducing ideas from around Europe, this will inform our thinking and opportunities as we plan ahead."

Steve Clarke
Interim development director, Haven Gateway Partnership



The Haven Gateway: a maritime centre of excellence



Singled out by the European Commission as a "maritime centre of excellence", the Haven Gateway includes:

- Felixstowe, by far the largest container port in the country and the seventh largest container port in Europe;
- Harwich, a major East Coast ferry and cruise port;
- Ipswich, a substantial regional port and the UK's largest grain exporting point.
- Mistley, a small but thriving port on the Stour estuary.
- The Haven Gateway ports and logistics sector:
- Handled 37% of the UK's container throughput and a substantial share of its roll-on/roll-off freight in 2008;
- Welcomed 126,000 cruise passengers through Harwich International Port in 2008;
- Employs 32,200 people – 11.3% of employee jobs in the sub-region;
- Has a turnover of £3 billion a year;
- Buys about £100 million of services in the area.

Expansion is under way and the Haven Ports' importance will step up another gear:

- The Port of Felixstowe, which already handles the world's largest containerships, will offer much-needed additional deepwater berthing for the UK through Hutchison Ports (UK)'s Felixstowe South expansion, due for completion by the end of 2010.
- HPUK has permission to build a new deepwater container terminal at Bathside Bay, Harwich.
- Road and rail connections to the Haven Gateway ports are being upgraded.
- Ports and logistics continue to generate wealth for the local economy and initiatives are under way to ensure that the right skills are available for this growing sector.



The growth and infrastructure of the Haven Gateway are of regional, national and international importance, and critical to the UK's economy.

The Haven Gateway Partnership brings together partners from both public and private sector, who work together to promote economic opportunities and secure the future prosperity of this major gateway to the UK. The Haven Gateway sub-region offers an excellent quality of life – residents and

visitors enjoy bustling towns, quiet villages, a stunning coastline and estuaries, and beautiful, tranquil countryside. Our emphasis is on sustainable economic growth, while enhancing the sub-region's high-quality, attractive and natural assets.

The Haven Gateway: a great deal to offer!

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