



ABP Solent Gateway

Solent Forum – 15 October 2025

Associated British Ports

ABP is the UK's leading port owner and operator.

21 Ports

Contributes

£15 billion+ to the UK Economy

25%+
of UK Port traffic

Supporting over

200,000 jobs

c. 4,875
hectares of freehold land

90 million
tonnes of cargo

£2bn investment in
our sustainability strategy

A **vital enabler of the UK's net zero transformation**, providing the bases for offshore green energy projects, industrial decarbonisation and own generation



Demand is strong, the port is nearing capacity



Southampton Renaissance



Itchen Regeneration



Town Quay



West Quay Road

Capacity Challenge



Solent Gateway - Current





Non-statutory consultation

16 September – 13 October

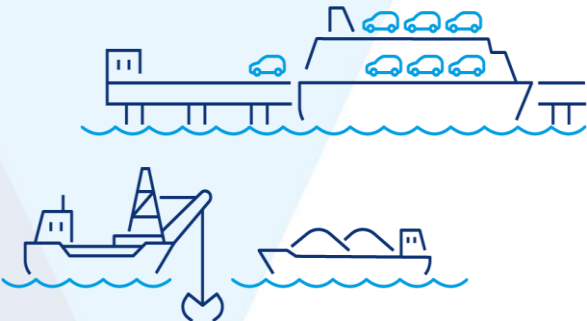


SOLENT GATEWAY 2

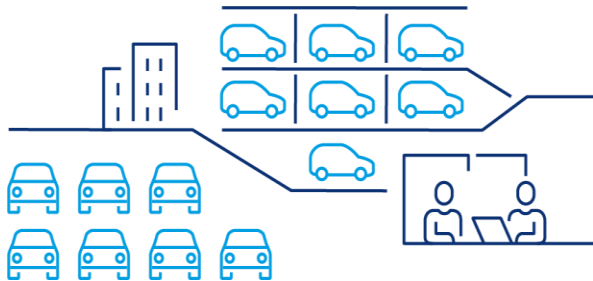
Why is expansion needed and why here?



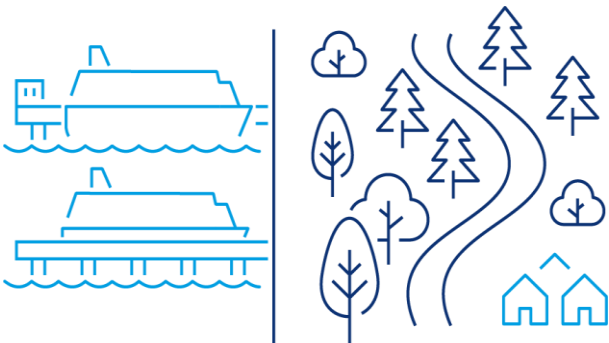
Our emerging proposals



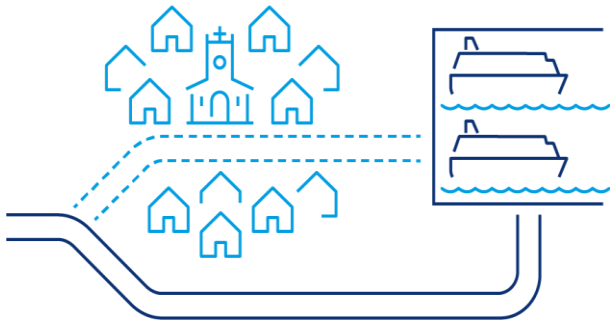
New marine facilities



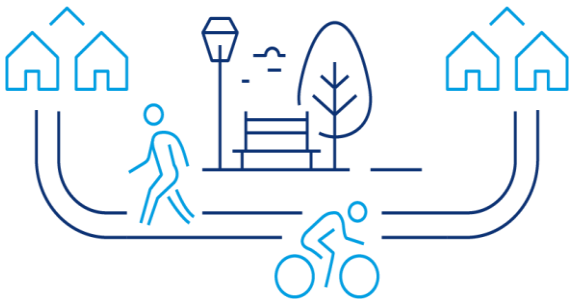
Automotive terminal space



Environmental works

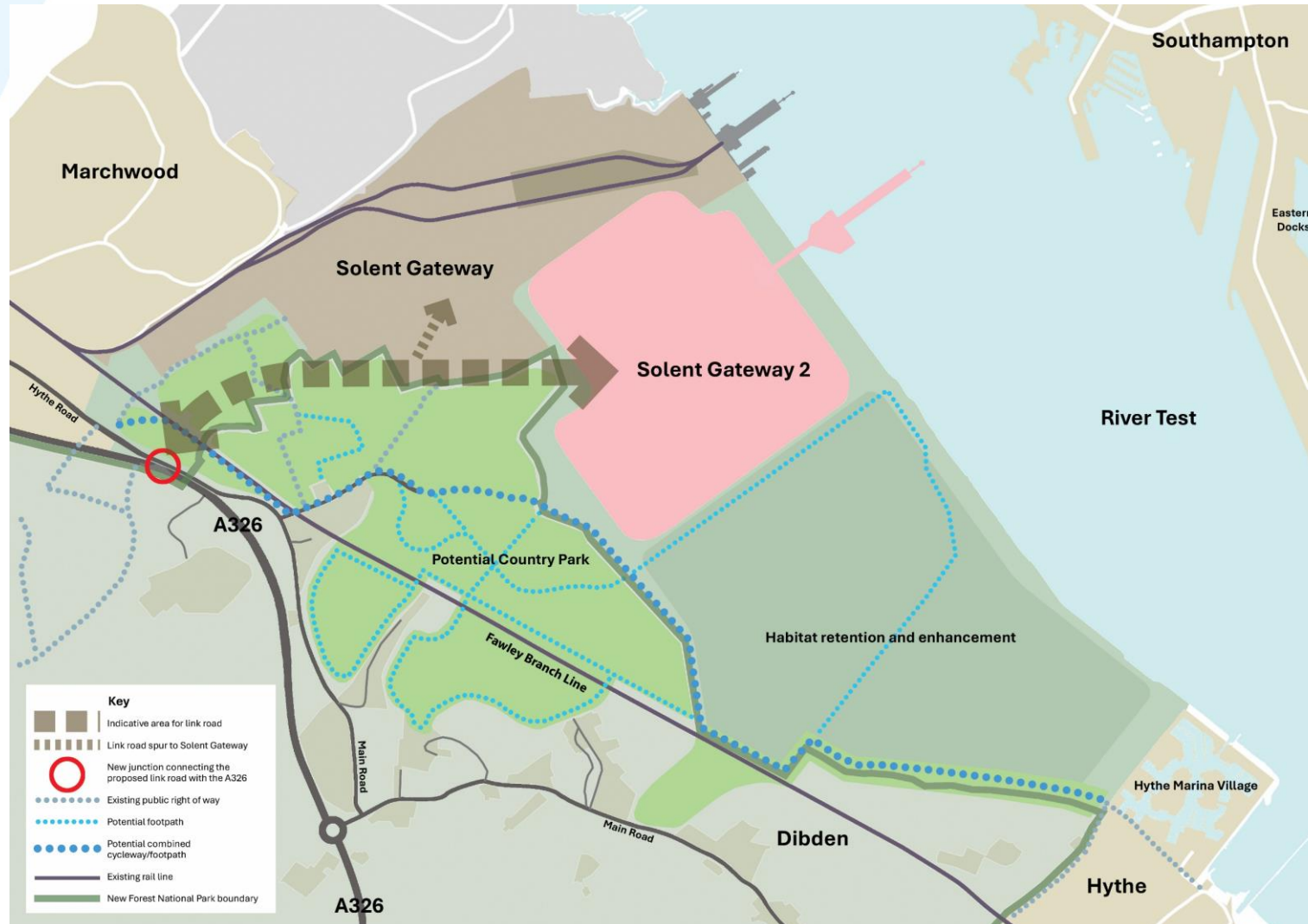


Improved road access



A new community green space

The proposed site



Environmental impacts and mitigations

These assessments are being supported and informed by extensive surveys and studies.

EIA will evolve alongside, and inform, the project design to ensure environmental considerations.

We expect our next round of consultation, in 2026, to include preliminary environmental information, with details of the assessments we've conducted as well as our proposals for mitigating any impacts.



The planning process

2025



Non-statutory consultation.
We are here.

2026



Statutory consultation.

2027



We aim to submit our application for a Development Consent Order to the Planning Inspectorate.

2028



A final decision on the Development Consent Order will be made by the Secretary of State.

Please do take time to provide feedback on our proposal, the Non-Statutory Public Consultation closes on Monday 13 October

Solent Gateway 2 – Key Takeaway Messages

- Current space & infrastructure at the Port is now nearing capacity
- We are setting out our emerging proposal for a considered expansion
- We want to deliver a project which brings **real benefits** to our **local communities, the environment and our nation**, we are proposing:
 - A world leading automotive terminal
 - New marine facilities
 - Direct road access
 - Major New Country Park
 - Environment works & designated ecological sites
- The emerging proposal will enable the main port to support the demand in Containers, Cruise, Cars and Bulks

Questions

