

Bathside Bay Container Terminal

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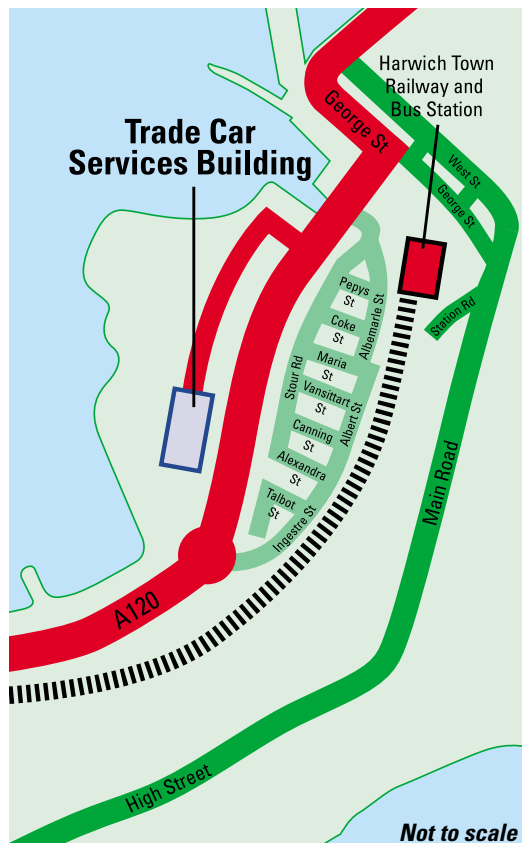
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The Secretary of State has announced that the Public Inquiry into the development of Bathside Bay Container Terminal is to commence on Tuesday 20th April 2004.

Bathside Bay adjoins Harwich International Port, and is proposed as a new deep-water container facility within Harwich Haven, which already includes the UK's largest container port at Felixstowe. When complete, the new terminal would provide 1,400 metres of deep-water quay, able to accommodate the latest generation of container vessels.

The development of Bathside Bay would have significant economic benefits for Harwich, a priority area for regeneration. The new terminal would create an additional 772 jobs, with nearly 1,000 more in supporting industries, and is expected to generate up to £50 million per annum for the local economy.

Further information on the development of Bathside Bay is available online at www.hipct.co.uk



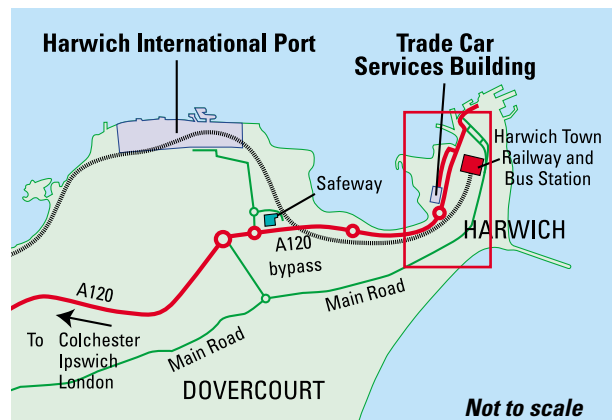
This leaflet aims to give a brief outline of the rules and procedures relating to the Public Inquiry.

When/where will the Inquiry take place?

The Inquiry will commence on Tuesday 20th April at 10.00am, at the Trade Car Services Building, Bathside Bay, Harwich, Essex. The Inquiry will normally sit 4 days per week (Tuesday - Friday inclusive).

How can I get to the Inquiry?

By road: Approach Harwich on the A120, past the Safeway superstore on the left hand side. Continue straight over at the next two roundabouts. The Inquiry Venue is the next turning on the left (opposite the Old Anchor public house on Stour Road).



By rail: There are regular hourly services between Harwich Town station and Manningtree station. Trains from Ipswich, Colchester and London connect at Manningtree. Harwich Town station is on Station Road, which adjoins George Street, a few streets away from the Inquiry Venue.

By bus: The 103 and 104 services operate between Harwich (Bus Station) and Colchester (Bus Station), Monday - Saturday; the 103 calls at Manningtree, Mistley and Ramsey; the 104 calls at Manningtree, Mistley and The Oakleys. The duration of the journey is approximately 65 minutes. Harwich Bus Station is on Station Road, which adjoins George Street, a few streets away from the Inquiry Venue.

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Who can attend the Inquiry?

Any member of the general public is welcome to attend the Inquiry to observe the proceedings.

What will the Inquiry address?

At the Inquiry, the Inspector will hear oral evidence for, and against, the proposals, from individuals and organisations who have registered to take part in the Inquiry. The Inspector will also take into account written representations made to Tendring District Council and the First Secretary of State (in respect of planning and listed building consent applications), and to the Secretary of State for Transport for applications for Tidal Works or Coast Protection Act Consent in his report.

Copies of proofs of evidence and written representations received will be available for inspection at the Inquiry Library at the Inquiry Venue in due course.

How can I find out more about the Inquiry?

Information about the Inquiry - including who will be presenting evidence each day - will appear on the Planning Inspectorate website for the Inquiry:

www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/bathsidebay.
Alternatively, you can contact the Large Inquiries Team prior to the Inquiry (details below). When the Inquiry is sitting, the Programme Officer will be based at the Inquiry Venue.

What happens after the Inquiry?

Following the Inquiry, the Inspector will write a report summarising his findings for submission to the First Secretary of State and the Secretary of State for Transport. At the end of the Inquiry, the Inspector may give an estimate of when he is likely to submit his report to the Secretaries of State.

Taking all the Inquiry evidence into consideration, the Secretaries of State will then decide whether there are sufficient grounds to allow the development of Bathside Bay to proceed. There is no fixed period within which the Secretaries of State are required to make a decision.

For any queries relating to the Bathside Bay Container Terminal Public Inquiry, please contact:

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