

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

As the UK's leading ports group, Associated British Ports (ABP) owns and operates 21 ports in England, Scotland and Wales, handling approximately a quarter of the country's seaborne trade.

ABP's ports, together with the other transport-related businesses that constitute the ABP group, form a nationwide network capable of handling every conceivable type of cargo. ABP is backed by investment in modern facilities and equipment, and supported by experienced staff. The group's other activities include rail terminal operations (Hams Hall), ship's agency, dredging (UK Dredging Ltd), and marine consultancy (ABPmer).

ABP will endeavour to manage its obligations to the environment in a morally responsible manner, and to develop its business to meet the needs of our customers in a way which has due regard for sustainable development both for its business and the environment.

ABP's key environmental commitments are listed below. ABP's compliance management system has processes and procedures in place, which are periodically reviewed to deliver upon these commitments.

It is ABP's policy to:

- Comply with all environmental legislation and other compliance obligations that relate to our business.
- Protect the environment, including preventing pollution and contamination and minimising disturbance by ensuring that each business unit has the best tools in place to operate effectively
- Respond promptly to environmental incidents or emergencies in order to reduce our impact upon the environment.
- Provide appropriate and relevant training and environmental information to all colleagues working for or on behalf of ABP.
- Strengthen our business resilience and prepare for the consequences of climate change.
- Target continual environmental improvement and set measurable environmental targets and objectives.
- Pursue the efficient and responsible use of natural resources ensuring that energy, water efficiency, waste and carbon reductions are integrated into business decision making.
- Manage and aim to reduce the environmental impacts of our operations, through a process of risk assessment, audit, review, training and guidance.
- Communicate and engage on environmental matters with employees, stakeholders and port users.
- Manage all of the above via a compliance management system, which is integrated with other business processes.

ABP's environmental policy will be reviewed annually and will be communicated internally to all employees, tenants and contractors working for or on behalf of the organisation. It will also be made available to the public via the internet and our public reports.

This policy applies equally to all employees of ABP and its subsidiary companies and it is the responsibility of all employees when doing their job, to adhere to any environmental procedures, guidance or instructions detailed within our compliance management system.

James Cooper - Chief Executive ABP



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