

DOVER HARBOUR BOARD

OBJECTIONS TO 2010 AND 2011 HARBOUR DUES

PURSUANT TO SECTION 31 OF THE HARBOURS ACT 1964

REPRESENTATIONS BY DOVER HARBOUR BOARD TO THE
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT CONSEQUENT UPON HER
DECISION ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 2011 TO MAKE THE HARBOUR
REVISION ORDER FOR THE NEW TERMINAL 2 AT DOVER HARBOUR

1. On 28th November, 2011, the Secretary of State for Transport published her decision to make the Harbour Revision Order for the New Terminal 2 at Dover Harbour.
2. The proposal for a Second Terminal was the subject of evidence at the Section 31 inquiry.
3. Dover Harbour Board ("DHB") notes in particular paragraph 27 of the HRO Decision Letter, which is set out below for convenience:

"27. The Secretary of State has also identified a national need for additional port handling capacity in the UK and has provisionally endorsed this in the National Policy Statement for Ports, which refers to forecasts of national demands to 2030. The Statement was laid before Parliament on 24 October 2011 and is currently awaiting designation by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State accepts that there is a need for this development in relation to the port of Dover, the economy of the South of England, and the wider economy, and is satisfied that the published scheme is consistent with the Government's national policy objectives for ports."
4. The Operators in evidence and submissions have sought to cast doubt on the validity of DHB's strategy for the development of a Second Terminal. It is considered that the Secretary of State's recent decision represents an important and current endorsement for that strategy and confirms that DHB's plans are entirely consistent with national transport policy.

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