

**PROPOSED ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS
(FISHER FLEET QUAY) HARBOUR REVISION ORDER**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Fisher Fleet quay is a 125 metre mooring and catch landing facility within the statutory harbour of Associated British Ports at King's Lynn, which was authorized by the King's Lynn Dock Act 1877 and the King's Lynn Dock Act 1881 and has been made available to the local fishing industry since the late 19th century. The quay was originally constructed of timber materials, by ABP's predecessors and continued to be maintained by ABP and its predecessors in this fashion until the late 1950's, when a new concrete suspended quay was built in its place.

It is proposed that the King's Lynn Fisher Fleet Quay be extended and upgraded. The current facility was constructed in the 1950's, and whilst it has been maintained, the size and scope of the facility has been outgrown by modern fishing vessels, in both their physical size and operational demand. The new modern facility will provide for the ongoing requirements for the local fishing industry for many years to come.

It is intended that the modernised facility will be leased to a body representative of the fishermen who use it, but statutory responsibilities will remain with Associated British Ports.

It is considered that the Order is desirable in the interests of securing the improvement and maintenance of the harbour in an efficient and economical manner and that the purposes of the Order fall within the scope of section 14(2)(b) of the Harbours Act 1964.