

## Freeport Stakeholder Briefing additional Q&A

- As the new tax incentives add to those already in place is the bid going to make the point that a holistic approach is needed to tax, to ensure there is also emphasis on those too, eg existing R&D tax benefits? These make the compelling inward investment case in a globally competitive tax world!  
Yes – the intention is to make use of the full range of tax benefits (including the Super Deduction if appropriate) when presenting to potential investing companies.
- Does your linkage to JLA include Garston Docks? Yes, Garston Docks is included as a potential Customs Zone.
- In terms of driving foreign direct investment into the freeport region, how do we imagine working with other UK freeports and pulling together and targeting our own regional USP for international investors and organisations? The Eight Freeports meet regularly and one of the aims of the meeting is to look for areas of mutual benefit / collaboration. We are talking to UK Government about cargo movements between Freeports in the UK and how this could drive efficiencies. We have a strategic view of the connections between the Freeports on the Humber and the Mersey and how this can support UK manufacturing and this is an ongoing dialogue.
- You mention that it is not a competition between other regions, but out of the 8, how many are likely to be accepted for Freeport Status? If all have a sound business case / proposal, can they all be successful? Yes, all eight can be successful. We have now passed the competitive part of the process. **However, the OBC and FBC need to be acceptable to MHCLG as a condition of designation.**