

Port of Felixstowe

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Alan Tinline, Environment and Energy Manager; an overview of how the port is reducing its ecological footprint.

- The Port of Felixstowe is wholly owned and operated by Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH), a subsidiary of Hutchison Whampoa Ltd (HWL). HPH is undisputedly the world's largest port investor, developer and operator. The HPH network of port operations comprises 318 berths in 52 ports spanning 26 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Americas and Australasia. Today, HPH has three ports within Britain, Port of Felixstowe, Harwich International and London Thamesport and a track record of continued substantial investment in the British ports and distribution industry.
- This backing has allowed us develop the Port of Felixstowe and improve our environmental performance continually. We are the only port in the UK able to handle the next generation of 18,000 teu ships which will emit only 50% of the CO₂ of the current average vessel on Asia – Europe trade, offering potentially even greater savings to shippers who use Felixstowe.
- This continual improvement through investment in the most efficient plant available and continually improving effectiveness of our operations has allowed us to reduce our carbon footprint by over 12%, and set ambitious plans for the future.
- Cleaner burning equipment, cleaner fuels, improved working practices, reducing congestion and improving turnaround times has not only made us more productive but improved air quality significantly in and around the Port of Felixstowe.
- All our employees contribute to these achievements and have also helped us to develop our waste management to a point where we regularly achieve and exceed 70 % recycling rates.
- The Port of Felixstowe through its continued investment in technology and people has the created the best connected port in Britain.
- The Port of Felixstowe is entirely surrounded by protected environments and works to ensure these remain in good ecological status. The port fully funded the development of a nature reserve on our northern boundary which many port employees, including Kevin, a very keen birder, enjoy.
- This allows our customers the lowest carbon options available for their supply chain.
- This intermodal hub that is the Port of Felixstowe effectively negates its own carbon emissions twice over.
- Working with the TUC green work places programme will hopefully allow us to further engage with all Port of Felixstowe employees and continue the progress made to date pushing forward together to achieve our ambitions for the benefit of everyone using, working and living around the Port of Felixstowe.

Kevin Rogers, Green Workplace Rep & Senior Shop Steward, The Port of Felixstowe

Aims to highlight the value of the TUC Greening the Workplace Course I have attended & bringing the TUC Workshop & Training Course to the Port. This will also reflect the importance of the partnership developed to work with management on Greening the Workplace.