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## ICE South Branch – Solent Freeport – A Huge Opportunity for Southern England

17:30 for 18:00 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 - Horizon Cruise Terminal, Western Docks, Southampton

The Solent Freeport was approved as one of UK's first freeports by Government in December 2022. In being designated as a freeport, Southampton can only benefit further from committed investment decisions and encourage further investments in high quality employment opportunities in state-of-art growth sectors. Partnerships with the Solent's three world-class universities will catalyse an innovation revolution in the region's maritime, autonomy and green sectors.

Join us on the 2nd of March 2023 for an in-person event at the Horizon Cruise Terminal, Southampton where [Brian Johnson, Chair of the Solent Freeport](#) will provide an overview of this 'once-in-a-generation' development opportunity and what it will mean for the region and local people for generations to come.

[Sue Simmonite](#), Sustainable Developments Manager at ABP Port of Southampton and [Stuart Baker](#), Business Development Director / MD of [Maritime Solent](#) will provide a key stakeholder perspectives on how freeport status will benefit Southampton.



[Brian Johnson - Chair of Solent Freeport](#) When not chairing the Solent Freeport Consortium, Brian is the UK Business Development Director at BAE Systems Maritime working at the in Portsmouth Naval Base. He brings a wealth of private sector experience to his role, with over 20 years' experience in the Marine and Maritime sector at organisations such as Thales, Marconi and BAE Systems. Brian is also on the Board of the Society of Maritime Industries.



[Sue Simmonite – Sustainable Developments Manager ABP](#) Since joining Associated British Ports in 1997 Sue has spent time at several ABP site around the UK before settling in Southampton. Sue has held a variety of development and environmental roles at ABP before focusing on long term development. Sue current remit is strategic long term planning and working with stakeholders to ensure Southampton remains at the forefront of UK port capability.



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