



Trafalgar Dock

Red Funnel strategic investment

The regeneration of this part of Southampton includes the provision of new first-class facilities for Red Funnel at Trafalgar Dock. As the existing ferry operations need to be relocated prior to any redevelopment at Royal Pier, this consultation focuses specifically on the Red Funnel proposals.



An exciting
new waterfront
for Southampton

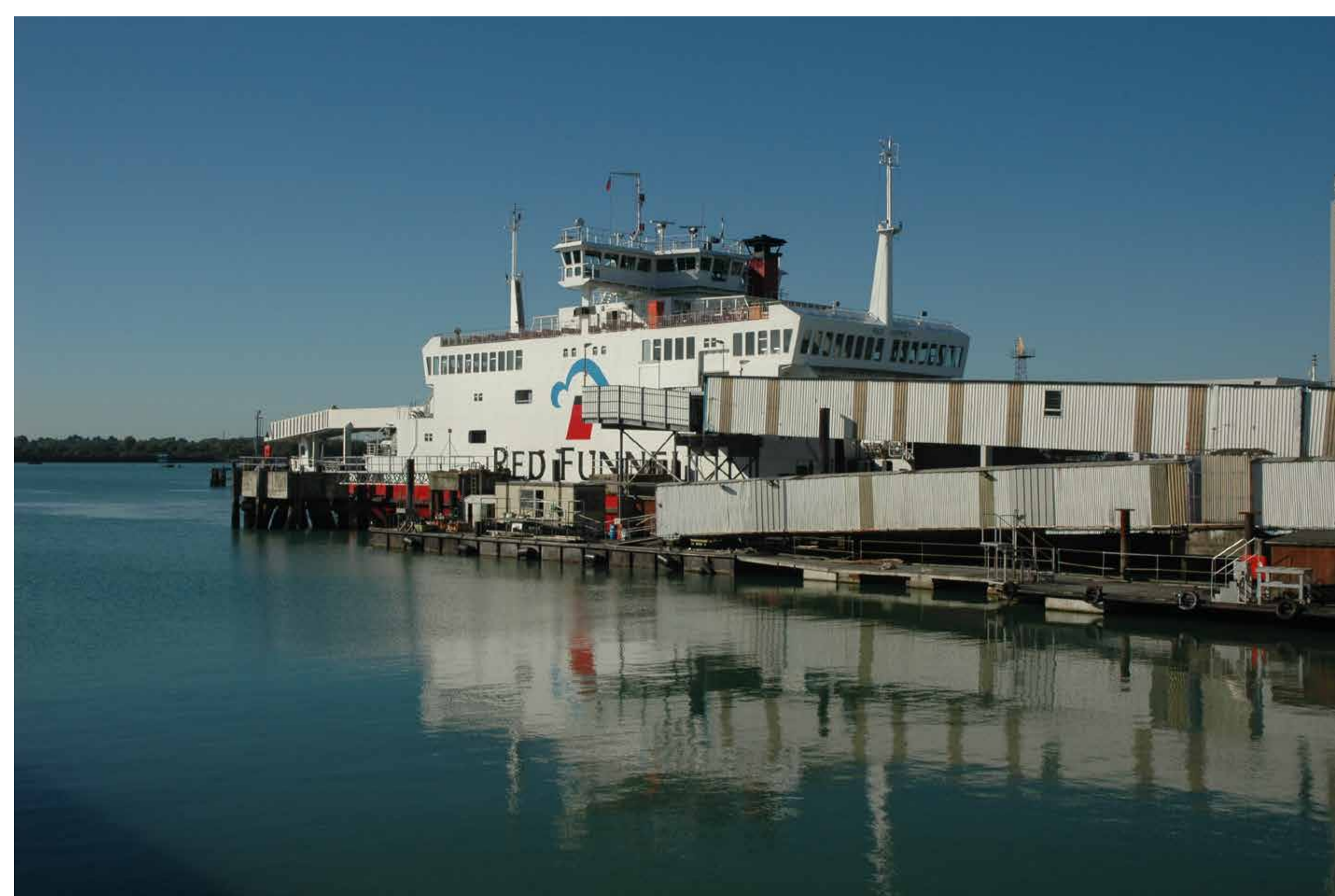


Existing Red Funnel site at Town Quay Road



The relocation of Red Funnel from Royal Pier and Town Quay is one of the transformative strategic projects being supported by the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), and forms part of the 'Solent Gateways' project which has been earmarked for almost £15m of LEP funding. Alongside this, Red Funnel will invest around £15m in the refurbishment of its ferry fleet and terminal buildings.

The transformation and modernisation of the Red Funnel cross-Solent ferry interchanges in Southampton and East Cowes will facilitate major regeneration schemes at Royal Pier Waterfront and East Cowes.



The significant benefits that will be realised through this investment are:

- Capacity constraints at the existing site will be removed
- Connectivity with the Isle of Wight will be improved
- Punctuality of services across the Solent will be improved.

The current challenges for Red Funnel include:

- Old and poor quality building stock that is not fit for purpose and provides inadequate facilities
- The site is at capacity and constrained by existing infrastructure such as roads
- Red Funnel and Red Jet operations operate from different sites, which leads to operational inefficiencies
- Operations at the existing site leads to congestion on adjacent roads.

The existing Red Funnel site is also a prime waterfront location, which could be transformed into a publicly-accessible leisure destination close to the city centre, thereby reconnecting Southampton with its maritime heritage.

"We were delighted to see Government recognise the unique challenges that need to be addressed in relation to connectivity to the Isle of Wight and welcome the backing they have provided to fund the public infrastructure needed to develop the waterfront access in Southampton and East Cowes. Following this significant announcement we look forward to working with the many stakeholders involved to agree the detailed plans which will enable a better ferry service with improved connectivity to trains, planes and buses, as well as creating jobs in the Solent region"

Kevin George,
Chief Executive Officer,
Red Funnel



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July 2014 consultation respondent