

Construction at £1bn London Gateway expansion to start in May

DP World to begin four-year project to add two more berths, boosting capacity to become UK's largest container port.

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[DP World](#) has announced that construction work on the expansion of its [London Gateway](#) terminal will begin in May, and the project will take four years to complete.

The addition of two 400 metre all-electric berths will make London Gateway the [UK's](#) largest container port, and follows closely on the completion of berth four last year, which boosted capacity by a third.

The latest development work will also add a second rail terminal, as DP World continues its drive to move cargo from road to rail to boost efficiency and cut emissions.

“The expanded container port, part of the Thames Freeport, will be able to accommodate six of the world’s largest container ships, which will be served by Europe’s tallest quay cranes,” DP World said in a press release.

Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, CEO and group chairman of DP World, said: “This investment enhances London Gateway’s position at the heart of British trade, creating new capacity and new connections between the UK and the global economy. DP World has invested more than £5bn in its UK operations, providing more than 5,500 jobs, and is proud to be supporting national economic growth by enabling businesses to thrive and increasing resilience in the supply chain.”

The group recently announced an investment of £60m in quay cranes for its Southampton terminal, which are due to arrive from mid-2026.

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Supporting the expansion at London Gateway, DP World has signed an agreement with the Gemini Co-operation for the alliance's Asia-Europe and Middle East-Europe services to call at the port; the first ship arrived earlier this week.

DP World handled 8.3% more containers in 2024, but recorded a reduced profit for the year despite an increase in global revenues.