

**Comment from
Hampshire Chamber of Commerce – Southampton office – 16.7.2010**

Re: Fifth Cruise Terminal for Southampton

Comment from Captain Jimmy Chestnutt, Chief Executive, Hampshire Chamber of Commerce in Southampton regarding the possibility of a fifth cruise terminal in the city:-

“Southampton has always been a city where great adventures start. Indeed the original Southampton Chamber of Commerce was created in 1851 “for the promotion and extension of the Trade and Commerce of the Port.”

So it is very reassuring to know that Southampton will be playing a major role in the growth of the cruise industry in the UK. But we also need to be able to cope with the forecasted 2 million cruise passengers coming and going through Southampton and learn how the city’s economy and the wider city region can best benefit from this.

Our Chamber of Commerce together with City Centre Management “Streets Ahead” recently facilitated a business engagement event for the City Council on the emerging masterplan for the City Centre. Ideas for maintaining good access to the port and better travel in the city were discussed.

The next Local Transport Plan for Southampton and South Hampshire has been started. We are already ensuring views from business leaders in the city contribute to shaping Port Traffic Management Plans and other improvements that will be necessary to maintain good traffic flow to support the retail, commercial and tourism sectors that will help drive the local economy.”