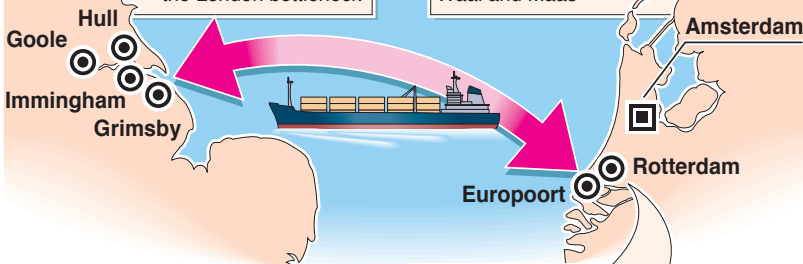


# New terminal for Britain's busiest estuary

An £11m floating terminal at the port of Hull is set to increase freight trade between Humberside and Rotterdam by 1m tonnes per year. Two high-speed ferries will reduce the crossing time by a fifth to 11 hours, enabling truck drivers to unload, re-load and return within 36 hours

**Humberside:** Currently handles 62m tonnes of cargo a year and provides easy access to Scotland, northern England, the Midlands and Ireland, avoiding the London bottleneck

**Rotterdam Europoort:** The world's largest seaport – handles 32,000 sea going vessels a year with a combined cargo of 290m tonnes. 180,000 barges serve the rivers Rhine, Waal and Maas



Rotterdam's direct link into the 3,500km Rhine / Main / Danube canal system gives unbroken passage through nine countries to the Black Sea. The port also offers access to the 240,000km continental rail network, and is only 4 hours by road from the Ruhr – the industrial heartland of Europe

