

## **U DX226      Records of Humber Conservancy Board and the Ministry of War Transport 1943-1968**

**Accession number:** 1990/03

**Historical Background/Biographical Background:** The Crown Estate Commissioners are generally the owners of the bed of estuaries and harbours in Britain. However, in 1868 the Crown granted the lease of the Humber bed to a body to be known as the Humber Conservancy Commissioners; the lease period was for 999 years - the longest ever granted by the Crown - and included the responsibility for any works carried out on the bed. In granting this lease the Crown Estate Commissioners retained ownership of two areas on the North Bank of the estuary while, subsequently, several smaller areas on the south bank were sold to various bodies. In 1907 the Humber Conservancy Commissioners were dissolved by Act of Parliament and a new body - the Humber Conservancy Board - was established. This entailed some minor changes in the constitution of the Harbour Authority, following on from a number of such changes made in a sequence of Acts passed between 1876 and 1907, but in the main the change was merely one of name.

The Humber Conservancy Board acted as Harbour Authority until 1966, when the Humber Harbour Reorganisation Scheme dissolved the Conservancy Board. Until this time the Board had sole responsibility as Harbour Authority, but the Humber Reorganisation Scheme created a new system whereby the direct control of the management of the Humber bed was to be undertaken by the British Transport Docks Board who were to be advised and assisted by a new Board - the Humber Local Board. This Board consisted of 17 members representing the various interests in the Humber. Control of the Humber was therefore vested in a national Board who were to take advice from local interests.

In 1981 the British Transport Docks Board was renamed the Associated British Ports subsequently to become a private company. This company consequently assumed the duties of Harbour Authority, responsible for the management of the estuary but still to be advised whenever necessary by the Humber Board. The final change in the development of this dual responsibility also took place in 1981, when the Transport Act gave the Associated British Ports the power to appoint the members of the Humber Board.

Frank Atkinson was chairman of the Humber Conservancy Board from 1962 to 1968, and it was in this capacity that he collected the material in U DX226/1-2.

**Custodial history:** Donated by Frank Atkinson, Goole, 15 March 1990. U DX226/1-2 were transferred to Hull City Archives in November 2018 and were recatalogued as part of C DPD. See item level descriptions for Hull City Archives reference numbers.

**Description:** Printed Minutes of the Humber Conservancy Board and various Committees (1962-1968), plans of the River Humber from Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board. These items were transferred to Hull City Archives in November 2018 and are now catalogued under the reference C DPD/1/3.

The collection also includes a few reports and telegrams from the Ministry of War Transport, some compiled by Frank Atkinson (1943-1946).

**Arrangement**

U DX226/1 Humber Conservancy Board - Printed Minutes [Transferred]  
 U DX226/2 Humber Conservancy Board - Plans of the River Humber [Transferred]  
 U DX226/3 Ministry of War Transport

**Extent:** 7 bundles & 18 items

**Related material:** Hull City Archives, C DPD

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX226/1	<b>[Transferred] Humber Conservancy Board - Printed Minutes</b>	<b>1962-1968</b>
	Printed minutes of the Humber Conservancy Board and a number of its Committees including General Purposes, Finance, Marine and Works. Transferred to Hull City Archives in November 2018 and now catalogued under the references C DPD/1/3/1/7/55-61. 7 volumes	
U DX226/1/1	[Transferred] Humber Conservancy Board. Printed Minutes: Board and Committees (General Purposes, Finance, Marine, Works) See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/1/7/55 1 volume	1962
U DX226/1/2	[Transferred] Humber Conservancy Board. Printed Minutes: Board and Committees (General Purposes, Finance, Marine, Works) See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/1/7/56 1 volume	1963
U DX226/1/3	[Transferred] Humber Conservancy Board. Printed Minutes: Board and Committees (General Purposes, Finance, Marine, Works) See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/1/7/57 1 volume	1964
U DX226/1/4	[Transferred] Humber Conservancy Board. Printed Minutes: Board and Committees (General Purposes, Finance, Marine, Works) See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/1/7/58 1 volume	1965
U DX226/1/5	[Transferred] Humber Conservancy Board. Printed Minutes: Board and Committees (General Purposes, Finance, Marine, Works) See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/1/7/59 1 volume	1966

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U DX226/1/6	[Transferred] Humber Conservancy Board. Printed Minutes: Board and Committees (General Purposes, Finance, Marine, Works) See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/1/7/60 1 volume	1967
U DX226/1/7	[Transferred] Humber Conservancy Board. Printed Minutes: Board and Committees (General Purposes, Finance, Marine, Works) See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/1/7/61 1 volume	1968
<b>U DX226/2</b>	<b>[Transferred] Humber Conservancy Board - Plans of the River Humber</b> Colour plans of the River Humber: Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven dating from 1956-1966, surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board. The plans give details of water depth, sand deposits, locations of buoys, towns along the banks, and the docks of Hull. Each contains details of entry to Grimsby Harbour and a diagram of buoyage and ships course. Some plans are painted with different shades reflecting water depth, the Cartography was done by R.J Hindmarsh. Transferred to Hull City Archives in November 2018 and now catalogued under the references C DPD/1/3/10/12/11-21. 11 items	<b>1956-1966</b>
U DX226/2/1	[Transferred] Plan. 'River Humber: Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven', surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/10/12/11 1 item	1956
U DX226/2/2	[Transferred] Plan. 'River Humber: Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven', surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/10/12/12 1 item	1957
U DX226/2/3	[Transferred] Plan. 'River Humber: Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven', surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/10/12/13 1 item	1958
U DX226/2/4	[Transferred] Plan. 'River Humber: Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven', surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/10/12/14 1 item	1959

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U DX226/2/5	[Transferred] Plan. 'River Humber: Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven', surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/10/12/15 1 item	1960
U DX226/2/6	[Transferred] Plan. 'River Humber: Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven', surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/10/12/16 1 item	1961
U DX226/2/7	[Transferred] Plan. 'River Humber: Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven', surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/10/12/17 1 item	1962
U DX226/2/8	[Transferred] Plan. 'River Humber: Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven', surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/10/12/18 1 item	1963
U DX226/2/9	[Transferred] Plan. 'River Humber: Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven', surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/10/12/19 1 item	1964
U DX226/2/10	[Transferred] Plan. 'River Humber: Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven', surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/10/12/20 1 item	1965
U DX226/2/11	[Transferred] Plan. 'River Humber: Stallingborough Haven to Barton Haven', surveyed by the Humber Conservancy Board See Hull City Archives, C DPD/1/3/10/12/21 1 item	1966
<b>U DX226/3</b>	<b>Ministry of War Transport</b> This series contains miscellaneous reports and telegrams from the Ministry of War Transport, some compiled by Frank Atkinson others by the Ministry of War Transport. The reports date from July 1943 to June 1946, some content marked Top Secret. Some photocopies and some original copies. 7 items	<b>Jul 1943-Jun 1946</b>

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U DX226/3/1	Ministry of War Transport. Report. 'How to handle P.O.L. in packages' (i.e. petroleum and oil transport) 1 item	Jul 1943
U DX226/3/2	Ministry of War Transport. 'Report on visit to the Far Shore', by Frank Atkinson, Sea Transport Department, MWT. Photocopy. Visits to ports in North West France, plus Caen, Rouen and Paris. Marked Top Secret. 1 item	7 Oct 1944
U DX226/3/3	Photocopy. Ministry of War Transport. Report. 'Shipment of bulk coal to St. Brieuc' [by Frank Atkinson]. Marked Secret. 1 item	17 Oct 1944
U DX226/3/4	Ministry of War Transport. Message. Allied HQ Force 135 to War Office Situation in the Channel Islands (including details of German forces). Marked Most Secret. 1 item	10 May 1945
U DX226/3/5	Ministry of War Transport. Telegram. Allied HQ Force 135 to War Office Port situation reports: Wilhelmshaven, La Pallice, Fehman Island 1 item	14 May 1945
U DX226/3/6	Ministry of War Transport. Message. Allied HQ Force 135 to War Office Situation in the Channel Islands 1 item	May 1945
U DX226/3/7	Ministry of War Transport. Report. 'Operation "Overlord" (Coaster operations in the Liberation of North West Europe) [by Frank Atkinson, MWT, Sea Transport Division, Military Cargo Branch] 1 item	26 Jun 1946