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To all interested and statutory parties and Local Authority Consultees

Your Ref:

Our Ref: WW010001

Date: 25 July 2013

Your unique reference number :

Dear Sir/Madam

Application by Thames Water Utilities Limited for the Thames Tideway Tunnel Notice of preliminary meeting and availability of relevant representations¹

I am writing to you following my appointment² by the Secretary of State on the 3 June 2013 as the lead member of the panel forming the Examining authority (ExA)³, which will examine this application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

The ExA thanks those who have submitted relevant representations. These representations have assisted us in considering how to examine this application.

This letter is in six parts with a number of supporting annexes:

- 1. Confirmation of your status as a 'Statutory Party', 'local authority' (with the right to participate in the examination) or an 'Interested Party';
- 2. Invitation to the preliminary meeting and details about how to suggest additional agenda items;
- 3. The purpose of the preliminary meeting;
- 4. Arrangements for the preliminary meeting;
- 5. Procedural decisions made by the ExA under s89(3) Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA 2008);
- 6. Award of costs.
- 1. Confirmation of your status as a 'Statutory Party', 'local authority' (with the right to participate in the examination) or an 'Interested Party'



¹ Section 88 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA 2008) and Rule 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

² s61 PA 2008 and Rule 4 The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

³ **Annex F** letter confirming the appointment of the Examining authority

You have been sent this letter either because you are an Interested Party, a Statutory Party or a local authority with the right to participate in the examination. Your unique reference number is provided at the head of this letter. All relevant representations submitted are available for you to access on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal's website or to inspect at various locations. The details of where and when the representations and application documents can be inspected are provided in **Annex A** to this letter.

2. Invitation to the preliminary meeting and details about how to suggest additional agenda items

The preliminary meeting will take place on 12 September 2013, continuing onto the 13 September 2013 if necessary. Registration will begin at 09.30 hrs (9:30am) and the meeting is scheduled to start at 10:30 hrs (10:30am) at the Barbican Centre, in the Barbican Hall, level one, Silk Street entrance, London, EC2Y 8DS. If it is considered that any additional time may be required the ExA will advise at the meeting how this will be notified to all invited Parties.

If you wish to speak at the preliminary meeting please write, email or telephone the Planning Inspectorate using the address and contact details set out at the front of this letter identifying the agenda items you wish to speak on and listing the points you wish to make, and marking it for the attention of Mark Wilson (Principal Case Manager). In accordance with the procedural decision set out at **Annex E**⁴ the Planning Inspectorate must receive this request by **17:00 hrs (5pm) on Wednesday 28 August 2013**⁵.

If you need to identify and notify the ExA of any additional agenda items you believe are important and relevant to be dealt with at the preliminary meeting (taking into account the purpose of the preliminary meeting) these must also be made known in writing by 17:00 hrs (5pm) on Wednesday 28 August 2013⁶. This is also the deadline for providing any legal submissions supporting representations about how the application is to be examined and to be raised at the preliminary meeting.

3. The purpose of the preliminary meeting

The purpose of the preliminary meeting is to enable views to be put to us about the way in which the application is to be examined. *It is important to appreciate that this meeting deals only with procedure and not with the merits of the application.* The merits of the application will be considered once the examination starts after the preliminary meeting has closed. Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent, Department for Communities and Local Government, 26 April 2013, is available on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website: http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/quidance

The ExA will determine how it will examine the application as soon as practicable after the preliminary meeting. We wish to run a fair, efficient and effective preliminary meeting to enable us to hear all relevant views. We strongly encourage groups of individuals who have similar views about the examination process to choose one representative to speak for the group.



⁴ s89(3) Planning Act 2008 decision of the ExA set out at Annex E

⁵ s89(3) Planning Act 2008 decision of the ExA set out at Annex E

⁶ s89(3) Planning Act 2008 decision of the ExA set out at Annex E

The agenda for the preliminary meeting can be found at **Annex B** and follows our initial assessment of the principal issues arising from the application⁷. The initial principal issues are set out in **Annex C**.

In **Annex D**, we have detailed our draft examination timetable.

4. Arrangements for the preliminary meeting

On arrival you will be asked to register your name and your unique reference number (if you have one) with staff of the Planning Inspectorate. Please bring this letter with you because it will contain all the information needed to register your attendance.

We will announce any changes to the agenda on opening the preliminary meeting if we consider this will assist the discussion of the procedure for the examination.

As soon as practicable after the end of the preliminary meeting, we will send you a letter with the timetable for the examination representing our procedural decision as to how the application will be examined. A note and an audio recording will be made of the preliminary meeting. These will be published on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal's website and the note will be deposited at the locations listed in **Annex A** to this letter.

Please note:

You are not required to attend the preliminary meeting in order to participate in the examination, although the discussion could provide useful information to help you understand how the process is being/will be managed by the ExA. If you are an Interested Party you will still be able to make written representations and participate in any hearings that are arranged. If you no longer wish to be an Interested Party and do not wish to be involved in the examination process, you should notify us of this in writing.

5. Procedural decisions made by the ExA under s89(3) Planning Act 2008

We will also discuss Statements of Common Ground at the preliminary meeting. The aim of a Statement of Common Ground is to provide factual information identifying areas of agreement and disagreement, highlighting key issues.

The Applicant, other Interested Parties, local authorities (with the right to participate in the examination) and Statutory Parties are encouraged to use the pre-examination period and the period leading up to any programmed written submissions and hearings to reach as much consensus as possible and to be clear on any disagreements that remain.

At **Annex E** we have identified initial areas where we believe further information and referenced or omitted material should be provided and where Statements of Common Ground would assist the examination, although it should be noted that this is not an exhaustive list. You will note, from the draft examination timetable at **Annex D**, that we are proposing receipt of Statements of Common Ground at identified dates throughout the examination and in any event on or before Wednesday 12 February 2014. We have also set out the deadline for notifying the ExA of a wish to speak at

⁷ s88 Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and Rule 5 The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

the preliminary meeting and the deadline for providing any legal submissions (in writing in full) to be raised at the preliminary meeting.

6. Award of Costs

We also draw your attention to the possibility of the award of costs against Interested Parties who behave unreasonably. You should be aware of the relevant cost guidance that applies to National Infrastructure projects. The Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders Guidance, July 2013, Department for Communities and Local Government, is available on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website: http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/guidance

We look forward to working with all Parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Jan Bessell

Jan Bessell

Lead Member of the Examining authority - on behalf of the Panel

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.



Annex A

Availability of documents and representations

On the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal's website at: http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/London/Thames-Tideway-Tunnel/

A copy of any representations made and examination documents will also be made available for inspection at the following places and times:

Institute of Civil Engineers

One Great George St London SW1P 3AA

Monday - Friday only (closed on public/bank holidays) 9am - 5pm No copying facilities

Glaziers Hall

9 Montague Close London Bridge London SE1 9DD

Monday - Friday only (closed on public/bank holidays) 9am - 5pm No copying facilities

Linden House

Upper Mall London W6 9TA

Monday - Friday only (closed on public/bank holidays) 9am - 5pm No copying facilities

The Planning Inspectorate

Major Applications and Plans Directorate The Planning Inspectorate Room 3/18 Eagle Wing Temple Quay House Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6PN

By appointment only - please call 0303 444 5000 Monday - Friday only (closed on public/bank holidays) 10am - 4pm Copying charges: 10p per A4 sheet (back and white) other sizes on request at additional cost.



A DVD of the application documentation described above is available free of charge upon written request to the Applicant. To request a DVD or hard copy of the application documentation (or any part of it) or to request copies of individual documents or extracts from them in other specific formats or forms, please contact the applicant using the details below:

By post to: Freepost RTCL-HJLR-ZUST, Thames Tideway Tunnel, London, W2 1AF

By e-mail to: info@tidewaytunnels.co.uk

Hard copies of any other examination documentation, including representations, are also available upon written request to the applicant. Charges will apply to the provision of hard copies of documents as follows:

The first 50 printed sheets will be provided free of charge. Additional printed sheets required to meet a request received by the applicant will be charged at the following rates:

- A4 (black and white) 10 pence per sheet
- A4 (colour) 20 pence per sheet
- A3 (black and white) 20 pence per sheet
- A3 (colour) 40 pence per sheet



Annex B

Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting

Date: 12 September 2013

Time: 10.30 am (Registration at 09.30 am)

Venue: The Barbican Centre, in the Barbican Hall, level one, Silk Street

entrance, London, EC2Y 8DS

9:30	Registration				
10:30	Opening of the preliminary meeting, welcome and introductions				
	Examining authority's (ExA) explanation and remarks about the examination process				
Any matters arising from written or legal submissions surepresentations about how the application is to be exam about additional agenda items made by 17:00hrs (5pm) August 2013					
	Principal Issues – see Annex C				
	Timetable for the examination – see Annex D				
	Including consideration of methods of examination				
	Deadline for submissions:				
	Omission, update and initial requested information				
	All Written Representations				
	Local Impact Reports				
	 Responses to ExA's first written questions 				
	Comments on Written Representations				
	Comments on Local Impact Reports				



	Comments on Responses to ExA's first written questions
	Statements of Common Ground
	 Responses to ExA's second written questions
	Comments on Responses to ExA's second written questions
	Notifications relating to hearings and accompanied site visits
	Written summaries of oral submissions made at any hearing
	 Completed s106 and any other agreements or programmes to be taken into account by the ExA and Secretary of State
	 Updated draft DCO
	Hearings and Accompanied site visits
	 Dates reserved for issue specific hearing, relating to the rationale for the selection of worksites and drive strategies
	Dates reserved for open-floor hearings
	 Dates reserved for issue specific hearings relating to the Development Consent Order (DCO)
	 Dates reserved for compulsory acquisition hearings including statutory undertaker and special category land
	 Dates and times reserved for accompanied site visits to application sites and surrounding area
	Time period reserved for any other hearings
	Final opportunity for comments and written submissions
	Deadline for close of examination
	ExA's concluding remarks
	Close of preliminary meeting
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Annex C

Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

This is the **initial** assessment of the principal issues arising from consideration by the Examining authority of the application documents and relevant representations received concerning the Thames Tideway Tunnel between Acton Storm Tanks and Abbey Mills Pumping Station London. It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of all relevant matters; regard will be had to all important and relevant matters in reaching a recommendation after the examination is concluded.

Examining authority (ExA):

Jan Bessell lead member of the ExA

Libby Gawith member of the ExA

Emrys Parry member of the ExA

Andrew Phillipson member of the ExA

David Prentis member of the ExA

Completed on: 18 June 2013⁸

The identified principal issues are set out under headings organised in alphabetical order, as follows:

1. Air Quality and Emissions

Matters include but are not limited to:

- The effects on air quality from dust and particulates from construction and transportation
- Odour, particularly during operation
- Adequacies of the baseline assessment, the assessments of likely significant effects and any proposed monitoring regime and mitigation. Any measures to avoid, reduce and compensate for adverse impacts

2. Biodiversity, Biological Environment and Ecology

Matters include but are not limited to:

- Implications for European sites and protected species
- Loss of or change to habitats, both estuarine and terrestrial, including timing of works and activities and resultant seasonal effects
- Potential impacts of waste disposal transportation and method and location of disposal

⁸ s88 Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and Rule 5 The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

 Adequacies of the baseline assessment, the assessments of likely significant effects and any proposed monitoring regime and mitigation. Any measures to avoid, reduce and compensate for adverse impacts

3. Coastal/River Change

Matters include but are not limited to:

- The effects of the application proposals on channel, bank and foreshore erosion and deposition (affecting flood defence structures, transport infrastructure, ecology, recreation and heritage assets)
- Restoration of and works to foreshore
- Any proposed monitoring and measures to avoid, reduce and compensate for adverse impacts

4. Compulsory Acquisition and Related Matters

Matters include but are not limited to:

- Justification for compulsory acquisition of the land, rights and powers that are sought by the draft development consent order
- Alternatives both in relation to individual plots and specific sites
- Statutory undertaker land and apparatus and potential detriment to the carrying on of an undertaking and any need for replacement land in that context
- Open space⁹ land and rights over that land, loss of open space and any need for replacement land in that context
- Resource implications in particular the availability and certainty of funding for the project, blight and hardship matters and compensation
- Considerations in relation to mooring rights and displacement both permanent and temporary
- Protective provisions and indemnities
- Limitations on rights of way, access and works to property likely to have a direct effect beyond the property interests and Book of Reference defined limits of compulsory acquisition sought

5. Design, Landscape and Visual Impact

Matters include but are not limited to:

 The extent to which the design would be attractive, durable, resilient and adaptable and whether the project would demonstrate good design in terms of siting in relation to existing and proposed townscape, landscape, local context and setting

⁹ Open space has the same meaning as in section 19 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67)

- The main alternatives to the designs considered
- Visual impact and public perceptions of the landscape, riverscape and townscape of the area
- Loss of and change to existing tree and vegetation cover, the duration of impact and the delivery mechanisms and timescales for mitigation
- The extent to which the design would meet the functional objectives of the project and operational, safety and security requirements

6. Flood Risk and Climate Change

Matters include but are not limited to:

- Appropriate adaptation and consequential impacts and mitigation
- Potential impact of settlement on flood defence assets
- The extent to which design and landscape measures maximise permeability and the potential for preventing rainwater from entering the sewerage system
- Lifetime and capacity of new infrastructure
- Any update required against UK Climate Projections

7. Historic Environment

Matters include but are not limited to:

- The effects on the significance of buildings and structures identified as heritage assets
- The effects of settlement on heritage assets
- The effects on the settings of heritage assets and the wider historic environment
- The measures to protect heritage assets which are as yet undiscovered

8. Land Use Including Regeneration and Open Space

Matters include but are not limited to:

- The effects on current and planned regeneration schemes and housing delivery
- The effects on open space including Metropolitan Open Land

9. Noise and Disturbance

Matters include but are not limited to:

The effects of noise and vibration on residential amenity (including shift



workers) and other sensitive receptors such as recording studios and schools

- Noise and vibration from transportation particularly during construction
- Use of assessment methodologies and mitigation and thresholds proposed for construction and operational noise levels and the "Thames Tideway Tunnel noise insulation and temporary re-housing policy" and "Compensation programmes"

10. Rationale for the Selection of Worksites and Drive Strategies

Matters include but are not limited to:

- Detail of specific sites, routes, designs, layout, construction programmes and operational processes
- Sites and alternatives including Carnwath Road Riverside, Chambers Wharf and the matters relating to the drive to versus the drive from these locations, Deptford Church Street, King Edward Memorial Park Foreshore and the considerations raised by the potential for use of land at Heckford Street

11. Socio-Economic Effects

Matters include but are not limited to:

- Health and wellbeing including any measures to avoid, reduce or compensate for adverse impacts
- The effects of the proposed development on the community including amenity, use and enjoyment of open space and equalities impacts
- The effects on river access, occupiers (residential, leisure and business) and users
- The effects on schools, businesses and tourism
- Baseline assessment methodologies and mitigation

12. Traffic, Travel and Transportation

Matters include but are not limited to:

- The effects in relation to waste management and disposal strategy
- The effects of settlement on transportation bridges and tunnels (road, rail and pedestrian/cycle etc)
- The effects on existing transport networks (highway, waterway, rail and pedestrian/cycle etc) and parking and the capacity for and impacts on existing users

13. Water Quality and Resources



Matters include but are not limited to:

- The effects of proposed project on water quality discharges during construction, maintenance periods and operation
- The effects of the proposed design for reduction of discharges from each combined sewer overflow connection site
- Relationship with the River Basin Management Plans, estuary management plan and water resources management plans and the requirements of the Water Framework Directive
- Mitigation and management during construction, operational and decommissioning phases

Please note: The policy, draft development consent order and overall consenting requirements and documentation are an integral part of the examination and are therefore not set out as principal issues. However, it should be noted that the ExA will expect to deal with the need for requirements and other undertakings to secure any necessary mitigation set out in the application documents and Environmental Statement, and arising from any matters identified during examination. In addition, it should be noted that a number of these principal issues have an interrelationship and overlap and these will be reflected in the examination.



Annex D

Timetable for Examination of the Application

The Examining authority (ExA) is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the start day¹⁰.

In addition to the timetable set out below please note that the ExA may at any time before the completion of its examination of an application or specified matters request further information or written comments from an Interested Party, who must supply such information by the date and in the manner specified by the ExA¹¹.

This timetable is in draft and assumes that the preliminary meeting concludes by the end of Thursday 12 September 2013. The draft is subject to change following representations to be heard at the preliminary meeting.

Due Dates – submissions or publication may be made on or before the identified dates in the timetable (or any published revised timetable). The submission dates are those by which the Planning Inspectorate must receive submissions. Any late submissions may not be accepted or considered¹².

Late submissions prejudice all Parties and the delivery of a proper examination. It is in every Party's interests that all submission stages are followed and engaged with constructively. The costs guidance is drawn to every Party's attention and can be found at the following link:

http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/guidance

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1	Preliminary Meeting The Preliminary Meeting is scheduled to take one day but the venue has been kept available for a second following day should additional time be required. The meeting will close when all agenda items and any other relevant matters the ExA deems necessary have been dealt with to the satisfaction of the ExA. If this is not on Thursday 12 September 2013 then the ExA will advise at the meeting of the proposed approach to continuing the meeting	To be held on Thursday 12 September 2013 (Friday 13 September 2013 reserved in the event that all agenda items are not



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¹⁰ s98 (1) Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA 2008)

¹¹ Rule 17 Examination Procedure Rules 2010 (EPR)

¹² Rules 10(8) and 17(3) EPR

		completed)
2	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	Monday 23
	☐ Submission by applicant of all documents relating to the applicant's proposed corrections and omissions to the application including all environmental information and other supporting information	September 2013
	☐ Statutory Parties (SP) written confirmation that they wish to be considered as an Interested Party (IP) ¹³	
	 Persons in certain categories with interests in land written request to the ExA to become an IP (using the prescribed form)¹⁴ 	
	□ Submission by any SP or IP of corrections and omissions in relation to a relevant representation or for an SP who wishes to be considered as an IP an initial submission about the application. This includes the initial submission details by IPs who advised in their relevant representation that further information would be provided	
	☐ Any representations relating to locations to view at or near the site and in the surrounding area that IPs consider are important and relevant for the ExA to better understand representations made or to see land and interests where there is no other opportunity to gain public access. In considering making a representation it should be kept in mind that the ExA has already undertaken unaccompanied site visits and is generally familiar with all sites within the application (to the extent practicable from publicly accessible locations)	
	Please note: the site visit is not an opportunity to make representations to the ExA or engage directly with the ExA	
	□ Notification of wish by IPs to make oral representations on the specific issue or issues being examined at an issue specific (IS) hearing, relating to the rationale for the selection of worksites and drive strategies ¹⁵	



 $^{^{13}}$ s102 PA 2008 14 s102A and s102B PA 2008 (This request must be made in the form set out in 102A(1)(a)to(d)) 15 s91 PA 2008 and Rule 8(1)(k) EPR

	 Notification of wish to be heard at an open floor (OF) hearing by IPs¹⁶ and any representation about the potential location of such hearings Notification of wish to be heard at a compulsory acquisition (CA) hearing by Affected Persons (APs)¹⁷ Notification of wish by IPs to make oral representations on the specific issue or issues being examined at identified IS hearings, relating to the draft development consent order (DCO), requirements, any s106 undertaking and related LIR matters¹⁸ 	
3	Issue by the ExA of: □ Procedural timetable ¹⁹ □ First written questions ²⁰ □ First request for Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) □ Note of preliminary meeting ²¹	On or before Thursday 26 September 2013
4	Publication of applicant's proposed corrections/omissions and any other IP or SP submissions on the National Infrastructure Page of the Planning Portal website http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/ ²² Availability of applicant's proposed corrections/omissions and other IP or SP submissions for public inspection at notified locations ²³	On or before Thursday 3 October 2013
5	Issue of final notification by the ExA of date, time and place for: ☐ OF hearings ²⁴ ☐ Three IS hearings ²⁵ relating to the draft development consent order (DCO), requirements, any s106	On or before Tuesday 15 October 2013 It should be noted that agendas for



 $^{^{16}}$ s93(1) PA 2008 and Rule 8(1)(f) and Rule 13(1) EPR 17 s92(2) PA 2008 and Rule 8(1)(f) and Rule 13(1) EPR

¹⁷ s92(2) PA 2008 and Rule 8(1)(f) and ¹⁸ s91 PA 2008 and Rule 8(1)(k) EPR ¹⁹ Rule 8(1) and (2) EPR ²⁰ Rule 8(1)(b)(i) and (iii) EPR ²¹ Rule 7(2) EPR ²² Rule 21(1) EPR ²³ Rule 21(1) EPR ²⁴ s93 PA 2008 and Rule 13(3)(a) EPR

	undertaking and related LIR matters □ CA hearings ²⁶ and statutory undertaker and special category land hearings □ IS hearing relating to the rationale for the selection of worksites and drive strategies matters □ Accompanied site visit to limited access sites	each hearing will only be published on the project website at least five calendar days before the hearing is due to take place. Detailed questions may also be published in the same manner to support the agendas at these identified hearings
6	Accompanied site visit to limited access sites including: Cremorne Wharf (to include the interior of the listed Lots Road Pumping Station); Beckton Sewage Treatment Works; Greenwich Pumping Station (to include the interior of the listed Pumping Station); and Heathwall Pumping Station	Tuesday 29 October 2013
7	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: ☐ Comments on relevant representations ²⁷ (RRs) ☐ For any RRs or initial submissions that exceeded 1500 words ²⁸ a summary should be provided ☐ Comments on any omissions, errata or supplementary information submitted for the 23 September deadline ☐ Written representations (WRs) by all IPs ²⁹ (It is very important that all Parties submit their full written case and supporting evidence at this stage. All Parties are reminded that there is nothing to gain from holding information back ³⁰ and that any	Monday 4 November 2013

 $^{^{25}}$ s91 Rule 13(3)(a) and Rule 8(1)(h) 26 s92 PA 2008 and Rule 13(3)(b) EPR

²⁷ Rule 8(1)(c)(i) & (d)(i) and Rule 3(2)(b) EPR

28 Rule 8(1)(i) EPR

29 Rule 8(1)(a)) and Rule 10(1)&(2) EPR

30 Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent, Department for Communities and Local Government, 26 April 2013 and Awards of costs: examinations of

	representations to be heard at a hearing should be based on a relevant or written representation ³¹) Any summaries of WRs, for WRs that exceed 1500 words ³² Local impact report (LIR) by all local authorities ^{33 34} Responses to ExA's first written questions ³⁵ SoCG requested on or before Thursday 26 September 2013	
8	Time period reserved for the IS hearing relating to the rationale for the selection of worksites and drive strategies matters ³⁶	Tuesday 12 – Friday 15 November 2013
9	Time period reserved for any OF hearings	Tuesday 19 – Saturday 23 November 2013
10	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: ☐ Written summaries of the cases put orally at the hearings held on and between Tuesday 12 and Saturday 23 November 2013	Tuesday 26 November 2013
11	Time period reserved for the first session of the IS hearing on DCO, requirements, any s106 undertaking and related LIR matters ³⁷	Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 November 2013
12	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: ☐ Written summaries of the cases put orally at the hearings held on and between Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 November 2013 ☐ Comments on WRs and responses to comments on	Monday 2 December 2013

applications for development consent orders – guidance, Department for Communities and Local Government, 12 July 2013



Local Government, 12 July 2013

31 Rule 14 EPR

32 Rule 8(1)(i) EPR

33 Rule 8(1)(j) EPR

34 Notification is also hereby given under s60(2) PA 2008

35 Rule 8(1)(b) EPR

36 Rule 8(1)(h) EPR

37 Rule 8(1)(b) EPR

³⁷ Rule 8(1)(h) EPR

	RRs	
	☐ Comments on LIRs	
	☐ Comments on responses to first written questions and initial requested and first requested SoCG	
13	Time period reserved for any CA hearings	Thursday 28 - Friday 29 November, Tuesday 3 - Friday 6 December, Tuesday 10 - Friday 13 December and Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 December 2013
14	Issue by the ExA of:	On or before Thursday 19
	☐ Second written questions	December 2013
	☐ Second requested SoCG	2013
	Issue of final notification by the ExA of date, time and place for:	
	☐ The accompanied site visit	
	In the event that the ExA decides during the progress of the examination that they are needed, any other:	
	☐ OF hearings ³⁸	
	☐ IS hearings ³⁹	
	☐ CA hearings ⁴⁰ and statutory undertaker and special category land hearings	
15	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	Monday 23 December
	☐ Written summaries of the cases put orally at the hearings held on and between Thursday 28	December



 $^{^{38}}$ s93 PA 2008 and Rule 13(3)(a) EPR 39 s91 PA 2008 and Rule 13(3)(a) and Rule 8(1)(h) 40 s92 PA 2008 and Rule 13(3)(b) EPR

	November and Friday 20 December 2013		
16	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	Monday 13	
	☐ Responses to ExA's second written questions ⁴¹	January 2014	
	☐ Second requested SoCG		
17	Time period reserved for any CA hearings including but not limited to statutory undertaker and special category land	Tuesday 14 – Friday 17 January 2014	
18	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	Monday 20 January 2014	
	☐ Any written summaries of the cases put orally at the hearings held on and between Tuesday 14 and Friday 17 January 2013	January 2014	
19	Time period reserved for the second session of the IS hearing on DCO, requirements, any s106 undertaking and related LIR matters ⁴²	Monday 20 – Tuesday 21 January 2014	
2 0	Publication by the ExA of:	Tuesday 21 January 2014	
	The ExA's Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) for consultation	January 2014	
20	Time period reserved for any other IS or CA hearings (in the event that the ExA decides during the progress of the examination that they are needed)	Wednesday 22 - Tuesday 28 January 2014	
21	Time period reserved for accompanied site visits	Wednesday 29 - Friday 31 January 2014	
22	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	Monday 3	
	☐ Comments on responses to second written questions and second requested SoCG	February 2014	
	☐ Written summaries of the cases put orally at any hearings held on and between Monday 20 and Tuesday 28 January 2014		
23	Time period reserved for any other OF, IS or CA hearings (in the event that the ExA decides during the	Monday 3 – Wednesday 5	



⁴¹ Rule 8(1)(b) EPR ⁴² Rule 8(1)(h) EPR

	progress of the examination that they are needed)	February 2014
24	Time period reserved for the third session of the IS hearing on DCO, requirements, any s106 undertaking and related LIR matters ⁴³	Thursday 6 – Friday 7 February 2014
25	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:	Wednesday 12
	☐ Written summaries of the cases put orally at any hearings held on and between Monday 3 and Friday 7 February 2014	February 2014
	☐ Any outstanding SoCG	
	☐ Completed s106 and any other agreements or programmes to be taken into account by the ExA and Secretary of State	
	□ Updated draft DCO	
	☐ Consultation response to the RIES (which compiles, documents and signposts information received during the examination of the DCO application. As such, the RIES presents the ExA's understanding of the main facts regarding the Habitats Regulation Assessment in relation to this application that have been identified to date). In making a response IPs are asked to confirm whether they consider this understanding of the facts to be accurate, or if not, why not	
26	Publication by the ExA of:	On or before Thursday 20
	☐ Any outstanding submitted SoCG	February 2014
	☐ Completed s106 and any other agreements or programmes	
	☐ Updated draft DCO in the final form that the applicant wishes it to be made	
	☐ Responses to RIES consultation	
	Issue by the ExA of:	
	☐ Any request for further information by the ExA	
	☐ Request for comments on the published documentation	

⁴³ Rule 8(1)(h) EPR



27	Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: ☐ Comments on any outstanding submitted SoCG	Monday 3 March 2014	
	☐ Comments on any submitted completed s106 and any other agreements to be taken into account by the ExA and Secretary of State		
	☐ Comments on any updated draft DCO		
	☐ Comments on responses to RIES consultation		
	☐ Any final written submissions by any IP or SP		
28	The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the last day of the preliminary meeting ⁴⁴	Final date by which examination must be completed Wednesday 12 March 2014	

Glossary

Affected Person: – AP

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing: - CA

Development Consent Order: - DCO

Examining authority: - ExA

Interested Party: – IP

Issue Specific Hearing: – IS

Local Impact Report: – LIR

Open Floor Hearing: – OF

Planning Act 2008 (as amended): - PA 2008

Relevant Representation: - RR

Statements of Common Ground: - SoCG

Statutory Party: – SP

Written Representations: - WR

⁴⁴ s98 PA 2008

Annex E

Procedural decisions made by the Examining authority (ExA) under s89(3) Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

The ExA has made the following procedural decisions under section 89(3) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA 2008).

- 1. The deadline for notifying the ExA of a wish to speak at the preliminary meeting (scheduled to start on Thursday 12 September 2013) is 17:00 hrs (5pm) on Wednesday 28 August 2013.
- 2. The deadline for notifying the ExA of any additional agenda items for the preliminary meeting (scheduled to start on Thursday 12 September 2013) is 17:00 hrs (5pm) on Wednesday 28 August 2013. Any submissions must be made in writing with reasoning as to why they are required and appropriate to be addressed at the preliminary meeting.
- 3. The deadline for providing any legal submissions supporting representations about how the application is to be examined (in writing in full) to be raised at the preliminary meeting is on or before Wednesday 28 August 2013 at 17:00 hrs (5pm).
- 4. The deadline for the submission of other information is 17:00 hrs (5pm) on Monday 23 September 2013. The information includes but is not limited to:
 - Submission by the applicant of any documentation relating to the applicant's proposed corrections and omissions to the application and environmental information and any other supplementary supporting information;
 - Statutory Parties written confirmation that they wish to be considered as an Interested Party⁴⁵;
 - Persons in certain categories with interests in land written request to the ExA to become an Interested Party (using the prescribed form)⁴⁶;
 - Submission by any Statutory or Interested Party of corrections and omissions in relation to a relevant representation or for a Statutory Party who wishes to be considered as an Interested Party an initial submission about the application. This includes the initial submission details by Interested Parties who advised in their relevant representation that further information would be provided;
 - Any representations relating to locations to view at or near the site and in the surrounding area that Interested Parties consider are important and relevant for the ExA to better understand representations made or to see land and interests where there is no other opportunity to gain public access.

5. Request for initial Statements of Common Ground

In relation to some of the principal issues identified in **Annex C**, the ExA would be assisted by the preparation of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) between the

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⁴⁵ s102 PA 2008

⁴⁶ s102A and s102B PA 2008 (this request must be made in the form set out in s102A(1)(a) to (d) PA 2008

applicant and certain Interested Parties. The draft timetable for the examination therefore provides a deadline for submission of SoCG at each question submission stage and with a final deadline proposed to be Wednesday 12 February 2014.

The aim of a SoCG is to agree factual information and to inform the ExA and all other Parties by identifying where there is agreement and where the differences lie at an early stage in the examination process. It should provide a focus and save time by identifying matters which are not in dispute or need not be the subject of further evidence. It can also usefully state where and why there may be disagreement about the interpretation and relevance of the information. The reasons for the differences and the interpretation of the implications of a difference can then be expanded in the evidence. Unless otherwise stated or agreed, the SoCG should be agreed between the applicant and the other relevant Interested Party or Parties and submitted by the applicant.

Please note that this initial list is not fully inclusive. We encourage all Parties to seek confirmation through Statements of Common Ground on areas of agreement and disagreement and to seek to narrow and focus the areas for detailed examination if this would benefit the use of resources and the proper examination of the application.

Initial SoCG are requested to be prepared and submitted on or before Monday 4 November 2013 by:

- A. the applicant and each local authority and the London Mayor, to include:
 - Socio-economic impacts of the development (including regeneration, housing delivery and employment);
 - Community matters including health and wellbeing, amenity, use and enjoyment of open space and equalities impacts;
 - Traffic and transportation including scour and settlement impact on bridges and tunnels;
 - Noise and vibration;
 - Air quality and odour;
 - Design, landscape and visual issues including design issues by site;
 - Draft DCO, requirements, mitigation, discharge and enforcement and protective provisions;
 - Code of Construction Practice by site;
 - Adequacy of environmental information;
 - Policy framework that the Parties would like the ExA to consider, keeping in mind the parameters of s104 of the PA 2008 (as amended).
- B. the applicant and the Environment Agency, to include:
 - Water quality;



- Hydrology and flood risk, including effects of scour and settlement on flood defence structures;
- Resilience to climate change and population growth;
- Waste disposal strategy;
- Operation of CSOs and emergency outfalls post tunnel construction;
- Mitigation strategies to deal with settlement of flood defences and damage to flood defences from surface construction;
- Habitats Regulations and nature conservation matters.
- C. the applicant and Natural England, to include:
 - Procedural approach to appropriate assessment under the Habitats Regulations;
 - Ecology and ornithology, including the requirement for any European protected species licences or wildlife licences;
 - Adequacy of environmental information.
- D. the applicant and the Marine Management Organisation, to include:
 - Deemed marine licence;
 - Ecology and ornithology, including the requirement for any wildlife licences;
 - Scour and settlement.
- E. the applicant and the Port of London, to include:
 - Navigational issues;
 - Moorings;
 - Foreshore sites;
 - Scour and settlement.
- F. the applicant and English Heritage, to include:
 - Effects on the significance of heritage assets, including effects on setting, and any mitigation measures;
 - Effects of scour and settlement on heritage assets;
 - Measures to protect heritage assets which are as yet undiscovered.
- G. the applicant and the Canal and River Trust, to include
 - Effects on assets and mitigation measures.



- H. the applicant and Network Rail, to include:
 - Effects of scour and settlement on railway infrastructure;
 - Protective provisions.
- I. the applicant and Transport for London, to include:
 - Effect on highways managed by Transport for London;
 - Effect on other transportation assets managed by Transport for London;
 - Protective provisions.

The ExA's advice is that the SoCG should also cover the following topics where relevant:

- Methodology for environmental impact assessment including assessment of cumulative effects;
- Data collection methods;
- Baseline data;
- Data/statistical analysis, approach to modelling and presentation of results (including forecasting methodologies);
- Full expression of expert judgements and assumptions;
- Identification and sensitivity of relevant features and quantification of potential impact;
- Likely effects (direct and indirect) on special interest features of sites designated or notified for any nature conservation purpose; and
- Feasible and deliverable mitigation and methods for securing such mitigation within the DCO.

6. Crown land and interests s135 PA 2008

The applicant is requested to provide a schedule of Crown interests identifying in each case which Crown body is involved. Each interest should be referenced by London Borough and plot numbers. In addition the applicant should set out against each plot and interest what steps have been taken to obtain the appropriate Crown consent in principle or otherwise and how the applicant intends to conform to \$135 PA 2008.

7. s127 to s138 PA 2008

When the application was made the applicant advised that s127 through to s138 of PA 2008 would not apply due to changes being brought about by the then Growth and Infrastructure Bill. This Bill is now the Growth and Infrastructure Act and it is clear that these sections of the Act still apply to this application.

The applicant is therefore requested to provide schedules of statutory undertakers'



interests (s127), apparatus (s138) and Special Category Land interests (s131 and s132) PA 2008 identifying in each case which undertaker or body is involved. Each interest should be referenced by London Borough and plot numbers. In addition the applicant should set out against each plot and interest what steps have been taken to obtain the appropriate undertaker consent or agreement in principle or otherwise and how the applicant intends to satisfy s127, s131, s132 and s138 PA 2008, including details of applications to be made, tests to be met and suggested pro forma draft certificates as applicable.

8. Request for initial supplementary information, corrections and referenced and omitted material

8.1 The Applicant

A number of examples are set out below relating to corrections, omissions and supplementary information. However, this is not a fully inclusive list and the applicant should ensure that they have reviewed the s55 checklist matters raised, all submitted documentation and identified any material referenced and relied upon, but not previously provided and any material for clarification that supports the application material.

8.1.1 Land Plans:

Sheet 1	Larg	er sca	le insets	A, D and F
Sheet 2	17	17	V	A, E and D
Sheet 8	17	17	V	В
Sheet 10	17	17	V	В
Sheet 13	V	\ /	V	Α
Sheet 31	17	17	V	Α
Sheet 36	V	17	V	Α
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Sheet 41 Larger scale plan needed of area to north-east of Inset G where a number of plots cannot be distinguished eg plots 135,155.

Sheet 44 Make one inset comprising Insets A and B.

A new Inset plan is needed for the area between Plough Way and the current Inset B.

New inset needed for the tunnel area between the western edge of Inset C and plot 281.

New insets needed to show clearly plots 22 and 46 and 288.

Sheet 52 Insets B and C need to be at a larger scale as none of the plots listed (save 132) can be distinguished.

8.1.2 Compulsory acquisition - clarification and update

To ensure that all Parties are clear as to which powers are being sought and that information is up to date in advance of the proposed Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (including statutory undertaker land, apparatus and interests and special category land) could the applicant produce the following in tabular form identified on a plot by plot numerical basis and with each interest referenced by London Borough and plot numbers:

- The named interest(s) for each plot;
- If the interest is air rights, surface or non surface;
- Is the interest permanent or temporary and if temporary over what maximum time period;
- Summary description of the works requiring the permanent interest;
- Summary description of the works requiring the temporary interest;
- Any change from that set out in the Book of Reference submitted at submission of application stage;
- Identification against each interest of the relevant category (a, b, or c) of paragraph 9.2.5 of the Statement of Reasons;
- Which plots are statutory undertaker land;
- Which plots result in extinguishment of rights, and removal of apparatus, of statutory undertakers;
- Which plots relate to open space;
- Which plots are subject to lease, tenancy or licence and where the lease, tenancy or licence affected is not contained wholly within the order land the consequential effects on the remainder of the lease, tenancy or licence;
- If the status of the interest has changed from objection to compulsory acquisition to agreement to acquire this should be clearly identified. If this is the case written evidence should be provided to corroborate any such statement;
- A brief description adequate to identify the land without reference to a plan, for example utilising descriptive features and boundaries, grid reference co-ordinates and land area as appropriate;
- Any new rights to be created and which land has the benefit and which is subject to the rights.

8.1.3 In support of the DCO

Provide an Annex bringing together all mitigation needs (from the Environmental Statement and all application and supporting documentation) and where and how these are secured in requirements or through other binding and enforceable mechanisms. This should be fully cross referenced and should be in a form that is



capable of tracking and updating throughout the examination.

8.1.4 Application and supporting documentation to be provided:

- J. Method of calculation of extent of loss of estuarine habitat and how the significance of this impact has been assessed.
- K. Report "Fluvial Scour Study Peer Review" by Black and Veatch (2012) referred to at 5.5.9 of ES Volume 3. HR Wallingford reports on individual sites referred to at 1.1.3 of the Interpretive Scour Report (ES Volume 3 Appendix L.3).
- L. The application and the supporting documents make some references to continuing work and assessments. For example, the Overarching Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (document 7.13) states that further evaluation or field testing will take place at each worksite prior to the determination of the application (paragraph 6.1.6 and table 5.2.1). The Navigational Issues and Preliminary Risk Assessment for Blackfriars Bridge Foreshore (Document 7.20.02) refers to further vessel tracking (paragraph 8.3.3). Please could the applicant provide any such assessments which have been completed since the application documents were prepared.
- M. The Open Space Assessment (document 7.06) states that at the Barn Elms School Sports Centre there would be a loss of one sports pitch, although this would be a temporary effect (paragraph 7.5.3). Please provide illustrative pitch layouts to demonstrate the effects on the availability of playing pitches during construction and operation.
- N. Noise contour plans have been provided for the tunnel length but not for each construction site. Provide noise contour plans for each surface construction site location, showing:
 - construction noise levels (dBLAeq) during standard working hours;
 - construction noise levels (dBLAeq) between 22.00 and 07.00am;
 - construction noise levels (dBLAeq) during extended working hours;
 - maximum noise levels during a storm event once the project is operational.

Please note: any limitations in producing the contour maps should be identified and set out in full as part of the response.

- O. Pipework schematics would aide all Parties understanding of the proposed works at each site. Provide:
 - pipework schematics at each modified CSO site to show revised CSO arrangements;
 - pipework schematic at Beckton STW showing flows from the Lee Tunnel, operation of the pumping station, siphon and emergency discharge point to the river.
- P. Third party verification has been provided for a number of areas of the ES, but



not for the settlement reports. Provide third party verification for the:

- settlement report for listed bridges (ES Doc 6.02.03, Appendix E3);
- settlement report on all listed buildings (ES Doc 6.02.03, Appendix E1 and E2).
- R. In the Solutions Working Group Report (Doc 8.1.5), Précis of Settlement and Ground Movement Study, GCG recommended a detailed assessment of Hungerford Bridge. Provide the assessment.
- T. The Settlement Information Paper (Doc 7.21) states that all tunnels and bridges located within the potential zone of influence have received a detailed assessment. Provide the evidence of the assessment and third party verification that no direct protective mitigation measures would be required (with the exception of two Thames Water assets) as stated in paragraph 2.6.3.
- U. The Settlement Report Paper (Doc 7.21, section 2.4) refers to a generic list of possible mitigation strategies. Provide the generic list of mitigation strategies and the options considered for different flood defences where these were considered a potential requirement.
- V. Provide omitted information from the Flood Risk Assessment (Volume 3, section 15) covering the consequences of approximately one third of the flood defence assets along the main tunnel route potentially falling below the statutory flood defence level, and identification of flood risk reduction measures.
- W. Provide alternative site assessment for Bekesbourne Street and Shad Thames Pumping Station, omitted from Final Report on Site Selection Process (Doc 7.05).
- X. Bekesbourne Street: provide cross-section drawing of penstock and flapvalve chamber.
- Y. Provide the Ground Investigation Report on route geology referred to in ES Volume 3, Appendix E1.

8.2 Interested Parties, local authorities and Statutory Parties

A number of Parties have indicated that they will provide additional or further information setting out their case at a later date. We now request that all Parties that have held back this information provide at least basic details setting out whether they support or object to the application or parts of the application and the reasons why.

Any local authority or Statutory Party that now intends to notify the Planning Inspectorate that they intend to become an Interested Party and take part in the examination of the application and has not previously provided a relevant representation should also provide at least basic details setting out whether they support or object to the application or parts of the application and the reasons why.



Annex F

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINING AUTHORITY - RULE 4 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

APPLICATION BY THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED FOR THE THAMES TIDEWAY TUNNEL ("THE APPLICATION")

On 3 June 2013, a panel of five Examining Inspectors was appointed to hold the examination of the application under s61 and s64 of the PA 2008 (as amended).

The Examining Inspectors ("the Examining authority") appointed are:

- Jan Bessell (lead member of the Examining authority)
- Libby Gawith (member of the Examining authority)
- Emrys Parry (member of the Examining authority)
- Andrew Phillipson (member of the Examining authority)
- David Prentis (member of the Examining authority)

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For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government