



Examination into the proposed North London Heat and Power Project – Deadline 5

Written representation by Royal Mail Group Limited

Royal Mail has notified the Examining Authority under section 89(2A) b of the Planning Act 2008 that Royal Mail wishes to become an Interested Party because it is concerned that its future ability to provide an efficient mail sorting and delivery service to the public in accordance with its statutory obligations may be adversely affected by this proposed scheme.

Royal Mail is responsible for providing efficient mail sorting and delivery nationally. As a Universal Service Provider under the Postal Services Act 2011, Royal Mail has a statutory duty to deliver mail to every residential and business address in the country as well as collecting mail from all Post Offices and post boxes six days a week.

Royal Mail's postal sorting and delivery operations rely heavily on road communications. Royal Mail's ability to provide efficient mail collection, sorting and delivery to the public is sensitive to changes in the capacity of the highway network.

Royal Mail is a major road user nationally. Disruption to the highway network and traffic delays can have direct consequences on Royal Mail's operations, to meet the Universal Service Obligation and comply with the regulatory regime for postal services thereby presenting a significant risk to Royal Mail's business.

In exercising its statutory duties, Royal Mail uses all of the main roads in the vicinity of the proposed North London Heat and Power Project on a daily basis.

Royal Mail has no issue with the proposed North London Heat and Power Project going ahead. However, Royal Mail has operational facilities that either run or receive mail services and use the main roads in the vicinity of the proposed development. Any additional traffic congestion or delays on these roads during the estimated 8 / 9 year construction period may cause significant disruption to Royal Mail operations.

Congestion caused by the construction of the proposed North London Heat and Power Project and any resultant disruption to Royal Mail operations could be made worse by any traffic from other major developments in the area. Therefore, Royal Mail considers that careful attention must be given to the potential for cumulative traffic impact during the construction period.

The Royal Mail operational properties that may be most susceptible to disruption through traffic delay during the construction and possibly operation phase of the proposed North London Heat and Power Project include:

- Upper Edmonton Delivery Office N18 2BU
- Chingford Delivery Office E4 6AA
- Walthamstow Delivery Office E17 3AA
- Enfield Delivery Office EN1 1AA

Royal Mail has not been able to satisfy its concerns based on the highways impact information that is contained within the Transport chapter of the Environmental Statement. The level of risk to Royal Mail and the effectiveness of any proposed mitigating measures within the Code of Construction Practice and Travel Plans cannot be accurately assessed.



As a minimum, Royal Mail requests that North London Waste Authority is required by the Examining Authority to:

- fully consult with Royal Mail,
- include major road hauliers such as Royal Mail in its proposed public communications strategy,
- keep Royal Mail fully informed in advance of all temporary road closures and/or delivery of Abnormal Indivisible Loads, and
- consider the cumulative traffic effects during the construction programme.

Royal Mail may simply rely on this brief written statement but reserves the right to alter its position or make further representations in due course once further information is provided by North London Waste Authority and advice is provided by its consultants on whether it satisfactorily addresses Royal Mail's concerns.