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Dear Mr. Green

The Port of London Authority is the Statutory Harbour and Conservancy Authority for the River Thames between Teddington Lock and the North Sea. We are the custodians of the tidal Thames and we work to keep commercial and leisure users safe, protect and enhance the environment and promote the use of the river for trade and travel.

We have developed, over a long period of time, a trusted and longstanding relationship with Cory. We know that Cory is an operator whose business model is focused on promoting and optimising the commercial use of the River Thames and in this regard, Cory's vision and values are firmly aligned with our own.

Since its development, Cory's existing Riverside Resource Recovery Facility has provided an excellent example of how the River Thames can be used to efficiently move commercial intraport freight in a way that offers social, economic and environmental benefits. The development of this scheme ensured that substantial volumes of cargo continued to be transported sustainably on the river.

Cory has an extensive river based network including a fleet of 5 tugs and 52 barges; integrated river-based infrastructure along the river including four riparian waste transfer stations that are subject to Ministerial safeguarding directions and policy support within the London Plan for waterborne cargo-handling uses; Riverside Resource Recovery Facility itself (which is also subject to Ministerial direction); and a bottom ash recycling facility at the Port of Tilbury. Through transferring waste and ash by river, rather than road, Cory removes thousands of lorries from London's roads every year resulting in less road congestion and much reduced carbon emissions.

The proposed Energy Park will build on this example of good practice, enabling Cory to use its existing river-based infrastructure to remove further lorry journeys from London's road network each year. In doing so, it will continue to play a significant part in addressing London's waste management infrastructure shortfall and deliver more renewable, low carbon energy. Additionally, the proposed Energy Park will deliver further investment in vessels (tugs and barges) and employment opportunities on the River Thames for



Apprenticeships and qualified Captains, Mates, Engineers and lightermen in accordance with the Mayors policy for promoting growth on the River Thames.

We consider the proposed Energy Park will ensure the River Thames continues to play a key role in helping London to manage its waste, meets its low-carbon energy generation needs. The Port of London Authority is therefore pleased to offer its support for these plans.

Yours sincerely



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