Riverside Energy Park Applicant's Response to Ralph Todd's Deadline 4 Submission

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# 1 Response to Ralph Todd's Deadline 4 Submission

### 1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This document provides a response to the document submitted by Ralph Todd independently at Deadline 4. The document is titled "Response to Written Representations" (REP4-033).
- 1.1.2 The Respondent refers to the paragraph 5.3.87 of the Applicant's response to the Written Representation submitted by Evershed Sutherland (International) LPP on behalf of Thames Water Utilities Limited which states:
  - "The EB process seeks local sites first and the Applicant would welcome suggestions for sites and locations from TWUL and LBB to inform the site search process. Further information on the biodiversity net gain process is set out in the Biodiversity Accounting Report (8.02.09, REP2-060) and the Biodiversity Offset Delivery Framework (8.02.25)."
- 1.1.3 The Respondent then goes on to suggest a site and location for Cory and London Borough of Bexley (LBB) to consider in the Environment Bank offsetting process. This site relates to the Thamesmead Golf Centre.
- 1.1.4 The Respondent includes reference to the Respondent's 'Thamesmead Wetlands and Nature Park A vision for Communities, wildlife and the environment for consideration and potential implementation through the Environment Bank process.

### 1.2 Response

- 1.2.1 The Applicant welcomes the Respondent's suggestion of the Thamesmead Golf Centre site as an option for a potential biodiversity offsetting opportunity. The Applicant notes that the property referred to is owned by Peabody who has been contacted in relation to the Environment Bank site selection process. The Applicant and Environment Bank met with Peabody on 02 August 2019 and are in further discussions exploring the potential availability and suitability of the Thamesmead Golf Centre site, together with other Peabody land holdings within LBB. The Applicant has provided an update on the site selection process currently being undertaken in the **Update on Environment Bank Site Selection Progress** (8.02.53) submitted at Deadline 5.
- 1.2.2 The Applicant welcomes the submission of the Respondent's 'Thamesmead Wetlands and Nature Park A vision for Communities, wildlife and the environment' and will consider this document as part of the site selection process. A complete response to the Respondents' vision document will be provided in the Environment Bank Site Selection for Biodiversity Offsetting Report to be submitted at Deadline 7.