THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATIONS PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

CORY DECARBONISATION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

PINS REFERENCE EN010128

WRITTEN SUBMISSION OF ORAL
REPRESENTATIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF
THE PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY AT CAH1



INTRODUCTION

This is a written submission made on behalf of the Port of London Authority (PLA) in respect of oral submissions made at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 held on 7 November 2024

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a) The ExA will ask the Applicant to update it as to the latest position in respect of Operational Land of Statutory Undertakers, as to whether it has obtained agreement for the land to be acquired and whether there are, and if so what, any outstanding matters to be resolved.)	As a preliminary point, it was noted on behalf of the PLA that within the Book of Reference the PLA is identified as having a land interest in the Thames path. One referenced plot being plot 1-103. This is incorrect. The PLA would not own anything above mean high water. There are a number of other plots in the Book of Reference as well, where the PLA is listed as having a land interest which are also incorrect. A review does need to happen in terms of the plots that have been included in the Book of Reference, and for which the PLA are listed as having an interest. It was agreed that the review of the relevant plots would be taken offline. In terms of the acquisition of statutory undertakers land, as indicated in the PLA's Relevant Representation the PLA objects to the compulsory acquisition of its freehold interest and supports the inclusion of paragraph 61 of the PLA Protective Provisions. In terms of the PLA's discussions, discussions have commenced with the Applicant in relation to the lease arrangements for the permanent works and the PLA would expect agreement to be reached by the close of the examination. Discussions have not yet started on arrangements for the temporary possession required by the Applicant and the PLA are unclear as to what works are envisaged to be undertaken within the area required for temporary possession within plot 2-006. This plot is situated within the river and extends into the middle of the river. Schedule 10 of the dDCO merely references temporary use of this plot to undertake Work no. 4 including temporary moorings. The PLA's particular concern is what works will be undertaken in the authorised channel towards the middle of the river.	

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		Whilst it is correct to say that negotiations have commenced, from the PLA's perspective there needs to be further engagement, particularly in respect of the temporary working measures. There is no impediment to those discussions there just needs to be the engagement.