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Dear Emre Williams

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 55  
Application by Transport for London for an Order Granting Development Consent for  
the Silvertown Tunnel**

**Adequacy of Consultation request**

I refer to your letter of 3rd May 2016 and am pleased to respond as requested.

As made clear within the Consultation Report submitted by the developer, since none of the Order Limits are located within Tower Hamlets the borough is strictly speaking not a 'host borough' in respect to Section 43(1) of the Planning Act 2008. However, as recognised in the Consultation Report (para 5.4.2), the proposed development will have a significant impact upon the borough's residents and businesses. Therefore the Council welcomes the approach taken by the developer to treat Tower Hamlets as a 'host borough', and hopes that such an approach will be continued into the future.

The importance of treating Tower Hamlets as a 'host borough' is demonstrated by the large geographic spread of responses across the borough, and the fact that the second highest number of responses was received from consultees located within the borough.

In respect to the objective of consultation process, the council's primary concern was to ensure that the borough's residents and businesses were made aware of the developer's proposals and were given the fullest opportunity to comment. In addition, as a Relevant Authority, the council considered it important to fully engage with the applicant in order to fully understand and be able to respond to the impacts arising from the DCO proposal.

modelling data, impacts upon local roads, public transport and developing specific proposals for monitoring and mitigation of the impacts of user charge e.g. the proposals for the Silvertown Tunnel Implementation Group.

The outcome of these discussions is likely to lead less need for some of the borough's original concerns raised in the section 42 consultation response to be raised at the DCO examination.

The Council's only concern about this process is that some of the information provided and the mitigation proposed was not available to the community as a whole at the time of the formal consultation in October and November 2015 carried out in accordance with sections 42 and 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

Nevertheless, taking into account the above comments, the council considers that the developer has complied with the duty to consult in accordance with Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.

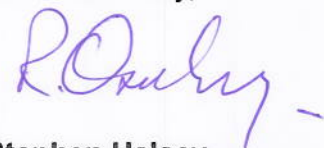
In conclusion the council's formal response to the Adequacy of Consultation request as set out in the letter from PINS dated 3rd May 2016 is that the developer has complied in full with the following duties:

Duty to consult as set out in Section 42 of the PA2008.

Duty to consult the local community as set out in Section 47 of the PA2008.

Duty to publicise as set out in Section 48 of the PA2008.

Yours sincerely,

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