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Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010021

Date: 13 September 2016

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 88 and the Infrastructure  
Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 6 and 13**

**Application by Transport for London for an Order Granting Development  
Consent for the proposed Silvertown Tunnel**

**Notice of Preliminary Meeting, availability of relevant representations,  
appointment of the Examining Authority and notification of hearings**

The Secretary of State has appointed me to act as the lead member of a panel which will be the Examining Authority (ExA) to carry out the Examination of the above application by Transport for London<sup>1</sup>.

This letter is an invitation to the Preliminary Meeting to discuss the Examination procedure and contains a number of supporting annexes. We would like to thank those of you who submitted Relevant Representations. These representations have assisted us when preparing our proposals regarding how to examine this application.

**Date of meeting: Tuesday 11 October 2016**

**Seating available from: 9.30 am**

**Meeting begins: 10.00 am**

**Venue: ExCeL London, One Western Gateway,  
Royal Victoria Dock, London E16 1XL**

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of our appointment has been published to the Planning Inspectorate's website, here: <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010021-000393>

**Access and parking:** By Underground and DLR, via Jubilee Line to Customs House or Prince Regent. Paid parking available at venue<sup>2</sup>. Venue fully disabled accessible.

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting is to enable views to be put to us about the way in which the application is to be examined. It is important to appreciate that this meeting deals only with procedure, and not the merits of the application. The merits of the application will only be considered once the Examination starts after the Preliminary Meeting has closed.

The Planning Inspectorate will send you a copy of our procedural decision as to how the application is to be examined as soon as practicable after the meeting.

We wish to run a fair, efficient and effective meeting so that all relevant views can be heard. As such, we strongly encourage groups of individuals who have similar views on the procedure to choose one representative to speak for the group.

The agenda for the meeting is in **Annex A**. This has been set following our initial assessment of the principal issues arising on the application. That assessment is set out in **Annex B**. As a result of this assessment we wish to hear at the meeting from the Applicant, Interested Parties, statutory parties and local authorities where they consider changes may be needed to the draft timetable set out in **Annex C**.

Up to date information about the project and the Examination can be obtained from:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/London/Silvertown-Tunnel/>

This is the address from which we will make copies of all future communications and Examination documents available to the public.

Further information is given in Advice Note 8.4, which is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website (<http://bitly.com/1DWa7q7>).

### **Attending the Preliminary Meeting**

If you wish to attend the Preliminary Meeting or make oral representations at either of the Open Floor Hearings that we have scheduled for Thursday 13 October 2016 or the Issue Specific Hearing on the wording of the draft Development Consent Order (draft DCO) that we have scheduled for Wednesday 12 October 2016 please write, email or telephone the Planning Inspectorate, using the address and contact details set out at the top of this letter marking correspondence for the attention of Katherine King, Case Manager **by Tuesday 4 October 2016**.

It will help the management of the Preliminary Meeting and benefit everyone if you also:

- tell us whether you wish to speak at the meeting and on which agenda items, listing points you wish to make; and
- notify us of any special requirements you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc).

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<sup>2</sup> Access and parking information available here: <http://excel.london/visitor/getting-here>

The Preliminary Meeting provides a useful introduction to the Examination process. We will use it to make procedural decisions that will affect everyone participating in the Examination. The meeting provides you with an opportunity to have your say about procedural issues before these decisions are finalised. If you intend to play an active part in the Examination or you have questions about procedure it is useful to attend the meeting. However, please note that you are not required to attend the Preliminary Meeting in order to participate in the Examination. If you are an Interested Party you will still be able to make Written Representations and participate in any hearings that are arranged. Should you no longer wish to be an Interested Party and do not wish to be involved in the Examination process, you can notify the Case Manager of this in writing.

### **After the Preliminary Meeting**

Shortly after the Preliminary Meeting you will be sent a letter setting out the timetable for the Examination. An audio recording and a note of the meeting will also be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website.

Interested Parties have the right to request an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) and those persons affected by any request for compulsory acquisition or temporary possession of their land or rights may request a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH). In addition to the OFHs that we provide notification for in **Annex D** to this letter and which will take place in the week of the Preliminary Meeting, the draft timetable at **Annex C** indicates provisional dates for subsequent OFHs and CAHs should these be requested. Any Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) are at the discretion of the ExA and will be arranged if we feel that consideration of oral representations would ensure an issue is adequately considered. Our initial suggestions for ISHs are set out in the draft timetable with the particular topics indicated. Our Examination will comprise of Written Representations about the application, any oral representations made at the hearings and site inspections. These are used to build upon the consideration of the application documents, policy and legal positions, and any other matters we consider to be relevant and important.

All relevant and important matters will be taken into account when we make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will take the final decision in this case.

### **Procedural decisions made by the ExA**

We have made some preliminary procedural decisions. These include the setting of deadlines for the agreement and submission of Statements of Common Ground; the notification by Interested Parties of the wish to be heard at a subsequent OFH or CAH; the notification by statutory parties, or a local authority without direct responsibility in the proposed development area, of the wish to be considered an Interested Party; requests for the provision of further information and the acceptance of other information from the Applicant. These procedural decisions are all set out in full in the annexes to this letter.

### **Notification of hearings**

The ExA has made the procedural decision to hold an Issue Specific Hearing and two Open Floor Hearings following the Preliminary Meeting. Important information about these hearings is provided at **Annex D**

## **Your status in the Examination**

This letter has been sent to you because you (or the body you represent) fall within one of the categories in s88(3) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008).

If you are not an Interested Party or a prescribed consultee (i.e. body specified in the relevant regulations supporting PA2008), you have received this letter because we wish to invite you to the Preliminary Meeting as an 'Other person' because it appeared to us that the Examination could be informed by your participation.

If you have made a Relevant Representation, have a legal interest in the land affected by the application (reference numbers beginning with 'SILV-AFP' or 'SILV-S57') or are a relevant local authority, you have a formal status as an Interested Party in the Examination process.

Interested Parties will receive notifications from the Planning Inspectorate about the Examination throughout the process and may make written and oral submissions regarding the application.

If you are a prescribed consultee (i.e. body specified in the relevant regulations supporting the PA2008) but have not made a Relevant Representation (reference number beginning with 'SILV-SP') you will not automatically be an Interested Party. However, following the Preliminary Meeting, you will have a further opportunity to notify the Planning Inspectorate that you wish to be treated as an Interested Party.

If you are not sure whether you are an Interested Party, please contact the Case Manager using the details at the top of this letter. Information regarding the formal status of Interested Parties and how you can get involved in the process is set out in the Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 8 Series on the Planning Inspectorate's website (<http://bit.ly/1zdsVW5>).

## **Award of costs**

We also draw your attention to the possibility of the award of costs against Interested Parties and any other person who at the discretion of the ExA takes part in an examination, who behave unreasonably. You should be aware of the relevant cost guidance that applies to National Infrastructure Projects. The "Awards of costs; Examinations of applications for development consent orders" is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website (<http://bit.ly/1ODUUFi>).

Should you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact the Case Team via the contact details at the top of this letter. We look forward to working with all parties in the Examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

*Peter Robottom*

**Peter Robottom**  
**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

## **Annexes**

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Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the National Infrastructure Planning website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

**Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting****Date:** Tuesday 11 October 2016**Seating available from:** 9.30 am**Meeting Start Time:** 10.00 am**Venue:** ExCeL London, One Western Gateway,  
Royal Victoria Dock, London E16 1XL

<b>1</b>	Welcome and Introductions
<b>2</b>	Examining Authority's (ExA's) remarks about the examination process, including acceptance or otherwise of any new or amended documentation lodged by the Applicant following the close of the period for submitting Relevant Representations
<b>3</b>	The initial assessment of principal issues – see <b>Annex B</b>
<b>4</b>	Draft timetable for the examination – see <b>Annex C</b>
<b>5</b>	Deadlines for submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written Representations</li> <li>• Local Impact Reports</li> <li>• Responses to ExA's First Written Questions</li> <li>• Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>• Notifications relating to hearings</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of Accompanied Site Inspection to application site and surrounding area</li> <li>• Dates of Issue Specific Hearings on draft Development Consent Order including future reservations</li> <li>• Dates for Open Floor Hearing(s) including future reservations</li> <li>• Dates reserved for Issue Specific Hearings on specific issues</li> <li>• Dates reserved for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s)</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	Close of the Preliminary Meeting

**Please note:** Please be available from the start and throughout the meeting. The ExA will conclude the meeting as soon as all relevant contributions have been made. If there are any additional matters to be dealt with or submissions take a considerable amount of time the ExA may change the order of the agenda items.

### **Initial assessment of principal issues**

This is the initial assessment of the principal issues arising from consideration by the Examining Authority (ExA) of the application documents and Relevant Representations received. It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of all relevant matters; regard will be had to all important and relevant matters in reaching a recommendation after the Examination is concluded. The identified principal issues are listed in alphabetical order and should not be taken to imply an order of importance.

The policy and consenting requirements and documents associated with the Planning Act 2008 are an integral part of the Examination and are therefore not set out as separate principal issues. In addition, it should be noted that a number of these principal issues set out below have an interrelationship and overlap and these will be reflected in the Examination.

#### **1. Air quality, noise and other constructional or operational environmental impacts**

- Whether the proposed works would worsen air quality to a material degree and or result in breaches of statutory requirements concerning Air Quality Management Areas or under European Directives;
- whether there would be adverse noise impacts to sensitive receptors in conflict with DEFRA guidance; and
- whether there would be any other significant effects on human health.

#### **2. Biodiversity, ecology and natural environment**

- The adequacy of baseline assessments and proposed monitoring; and
- whether there would be any likely significant adverse effects on protected sites or species.

#### **3. Compulsory acquisition**

- Whether there is a compelling case in the public interest for all plots of land proposed to be subject to compulsory acquisition; and
- whether the proposed temporary possession of land is justified for the periods sought.

#### **4. Contaminated land, dredging and waste disposal**

- Whether there would be any issues arising from the excavation and dredging that cannot be adequately mitigated through a Construction Environmental Management Plan, marine licensing or waste permitting regimes.

#### **5. Cultural heritage and archaeology**

- Whether risks to the World Heritage Site at Greenwich would arise from traffic congestion; and

- whether the archaeological mitigation proposed in the draft Development Consent Order (draft DCO) is sufficient to ensure that any finds are identified and recorded.

## **6. Flood risk and surface water**

- The adequacy of the Flood Risk Assessment and the Water Framework Directive Assessment; and
- impacts that would arise from the scheme in relation to flood risk, potential release of contaminants and climate change issues.

## **7. Policy and objectives**

- Whether the scheme as set out in the draft DCO would meet the objectives set in terms of relieving congestion, improving resilience of the road network and effectiveness of cross-river public transport and benefitting the local economy; and
- whether the scheme as set out in the draft DCO is consistent with the policy set in the London Plan and local plan documents, the National Planning Policy Framework, the National Networks National Policy Statement and other policy documents to the extent that they are relevant.

## **8. Redevelopment, urban renewal and other socio-economic issues**

- The effect of the proposed works on redevelopment proposed both south and north of the River Thames;
- the extent to which the proposed development would impact existing commercial and industrial businesses during construction and operation;
- whether any benefits to the local communities would arise; and
- the visual impact of the scheme.

## **9. Transportation and traffic**

- Whether the baseline data and modelling is sound and the forecasting techniques to factor in the proposed user charging are appropriate so that there can be confidence that the objectives sought would be achieved;
- whether there are likely to be consequential issues that cannot be mitigated through traffic management measures at critical junctions or links in the network that would be affected by the scheme;
- the effects on public transport, including effects on individual services as well as on bus and rail networks and systems;
- whether there has been an adequate assessment of alternatives including those that might be characterised as more sustainable; and
- the means and effects of transporting construction materials and personnel to the site including whether sufficient use is proposed to be made of river transport and the effect of such transport on other river users and the local road network.

## **10. User charging**

- Whether the proposed user charging of the new Silvertown tunnels and the existing Blackwall tunnels will result in the vehicle flows sought;
- whether there should be any concessionary charges or other benefits for local residents and whether any such concessions could be compatible with transport and environmental objectives and be lawful; and
- the economic impact on different classes of users; whether different structures for charges could mitigate any economic dis-benefits or enhance planned benefits while avoiding adverse transport and environmental effects.

## **11. Wording of the draft DCO**

- Whether the wording of the draft DCO would achieve the objectives sought including providing the mitigation through requirements, protective provisions and user charging that is referred to in application documentation; and
- whether all of the works proposed are adequately covered within the draft DCO and the limits of deviation adequately justified.

## Draft timetable for Examination of the application

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1	Preliminary Meeting	<b>Tuesday 11 October 2016</b>
2	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) on the draft Development Consent Order (draft DCO)	<b>Wednesday 12 October 2016</b>
3	Open Floor Hearing (OFH) (daytime) OFH (evening)	<b>Thursday 13 October 2016</b>
4	<b>Rule 8</b> Publication by ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination timetable</li> <li>• First Written Questions (FWQ)</li> </ul>	As soon as practicable following the Preliminary Meeting
5	Notification of hearings and ASI	<b>Tuesday 1 November 2016</b>
6	<b>Deadline 1</b> Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on Relevant Representations</li> <li>• Written representations (WRs) by all Interested Parties</li> <li>• Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from any Local Authorities</li> <li>• Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA</li> <li>• Responses to ExA's FWQ</li> <li>• Comments on any revised application documents</li> <li>• Notification of wish to make oral representations at ISHs</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 15 November 2016</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of wish to make oral representations at subsequent OFHs</li> <li>• Notification of wish to make oral representations at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)</li> <li>• Notification of wish to attend an ASI, suggested locations and justifications</li> <li>• Notification by statutory parties of wish to be considered an Interested Party</li> <li>• Revised draft DCO if required</li> <li>• Any other information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	
7	<b>Issue agendas for hearings and ASI itinerary</b>	<b>Friday 25 November 2016</b>
8	<b>ASI</b>	<b>Tuesday 6 December 2016</b>
9	<b>ISH on traffic modelling</b>	<b>Wednesday 7 December 2016</b>
10	<b>Date reserved for OFH and CAH (if required)</b>	<b>Thursday 8 December 2016</b>
11	<p><b>Deadline 2</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on WRs</li> <li>• Comments on LIRs</li> <li>• Comments on responses to ExA's FWQ</li> <li>• Comments on responses to any revised application documents</li> <li>• Revised draft DCO if required</li> <li>• Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case</li> <li>• Any other information requested by the ExA</li> <li>• Comments on any further information previously requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 8 December 2016</b>
12	<b>Notification of hearings</b>	<b>Tuesday 13 December 2016</b>

13	<b>Publication of agendas for hearings between 10 and 13 January 2017</b>	<b>Tuesday 3 January 2017</b>
14	<b>ISH on traffic modelling, forecasting and user charging</b>	<b>Tuesday 10 January 2017</b>
15	<b>ISH on air quality, noise and other environmental issues</b>	<b>Wednesday 11 January 2017</b>
16	<b>ISH on economic issues</b>	<b>Thursday 12 January 2017 (morning)</b>
17	<b>CAH (if required)</b>	<b>Thursday 12 January 2017 (afternoon)</b>
18	<b>ISH on draft DCO</b>	<b>Friday 13 January 2017</b>
19	<p><b>Deadline 3</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case</li> <li>• Comments on revised application documents</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA</li> <li>• Comments on any further information previously requested by the ExA</li> <li>• Revised draft DCO if required</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 25 January 2017</b>
20	<b>Publication of ExA's Second Written Questions (SWQ)</b>	<b>Friday 10 February 2017</b>
21	<b>Notification of March 2017 hearings</b>	<b>Tuesday 28 February 2017</b>

22	<p><b>Deadline 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to SWQ</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA</li> <li>• Comments on any further information previously requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday 6 March 2017</b></p>
23	<p><b>Deadline 5</b></p> <p><b>Publication of</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the implications for European sites (RIES) (if required)</li> <li>• ExA's draft DCO</li> <li>• Hearing agendas</li> </ul> <p><b>Deadline for receipt of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on responses to SWQ</li> <li>• Comments on any further information previously requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday 20 March 2017</b></p>
24	<p><b>CAH/ISH on draft DCO and any other outstanding issues</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 28 March 2017</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 29 March 2017</b></p>
25	<p><b>Deadline 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on the RIES</li> <li>• Comments on ExA's draft DCO</li> <li>• Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case</li> <li>• Submission of Applicant's final draft DCO</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday 5 April 2017</b></p>
26	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 11 April 2017</b></p>

### **Publication Dates**

All information received will be published on the project website as soon as practicable after the deadline for submissions. Please note on the project webpage, you can sign up using your email address to receive updates.

**Hearing Agendas**

Please note we will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda for each hearing on the project website approximately 5 working days in advance of the hearing date; but the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

## Notification of hearings

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue	Access and parking
Wednesday 12 October 2016	Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	10:00am [Scheduled end 5:00 pm]	ExCeL London, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock, London E16 1XL	By Underground and DLR: Via Jubilee Line to Customs House or Prince Regent. Paid parking available at venue <sup>1</sup> . Venue fully disabled accessible.
Thursday 13 October 2016	Open Floor Hearing  Open Floor Hearing	10:00am [Scheduled end 4:00pm]  7:00pm [Scheduled end 9:00pm]		

The hearing venue will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of each hearing to enable a prompt start. Hearings will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and all matters have been covered.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the days that they are scheduled for. This may mean that the hearings continue after the scheduled ends. The ExA reserves the right to rearrange the agendas for these hearings at short notice, if necessary or, if they take longer than anticipated, certain issues may have to be adjourned to a later date.

Agendas for these initial hearings will be published on our website no later than **Wednesday 5 October 2016** and, depending on the numbers wishing to speak, it may be necessary to limit the time allocated to each speaker.

<sup>1</sup> ExCeL parking information available here: <http://excel.london/visitor/getting-here/driving-and-parking>

## Annex E

### Availability of relevant representations and Examination documents

All application documents including relevant representations are available on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/London/Silvertown-Tunnel/>

Documents can be viewed electronically at the following locations. Please note that you will need to sign up for a library card for free internet access.

#### **The Greenwich Centre Library**

12 Lambarde Square  
Greenwich  
London  
SE10 9HB

Opening hours:	Monday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
	Tuesday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
	Wednesday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
	Thursday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
	Friday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
	Saturday	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
	Sunday	12 noon to 4:00 pm

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#### **Canning Town Library**

103 Barking Road  
Canning Town  
London  
E16 4HQ

Opening hours:	Monday	10:30 am to 8:00 pm
	Tuesday	10:30 am to 8:00 pm
	Wednesday	10:30 am to 8:00 pm
	Thursday	10:30 am to 8:00 pm
	Friday	10:30 am to 8:00 pm
	Saturday	10:30 am to 8:00 pm
	Sunday	Closed

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**Green Street Library**

337-341 Green Street  
Upton Park  
London  
E13 9AR

Opening hours:	Monday	10:30 am to 8:00 pm
	Tuesday	10:30 am to 8:00 pm
	Wednesday	10:30 am to 8:00 pm
	Thursday	10:30 am to 8:00 pm
	Friday	10:30 am to 8:00 pm
	Saturday	10:30 am to 8:00 pm
	Sunday	Closed

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## Annex F

### Abbreviations and acronyms which may be used in the Examination

Abbreviation or usage	Reference
AIES	Assessment of Implications for European Sites
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
AP	Affected Person
APFP	Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009
AQAP	Air Quality Action Plan
AQD	Air Quality Directive
AQMA	Air Quality Management Area
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan
AS	Additional Submission
ASI	Accompanied Site Inspection
BEIS	Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
BoR	Book of Reference
CA	Compulsory Acquisition
CAH	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
DAS	Design and Access Statement
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government
DCO	Development Consent Order
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DfT	Department for Transport
DML	Deemed Marine Licence

EA	Environment Agency
EC	European Commission
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
EDR	Engineering and Design Report
EEA	European Economic Area
EIA	Environment Impact Assessment
EM	Explanatory Memorandum
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
EPA	Environmental Protection Act
EPR	Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010
EPS	European Protected Species
ES	Environmental Statement
EuS	European Sites (SPA, SAC and Ramsar sites, including provisional and candidate sites)
ExA	Examining Authority
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment
FWQ	First Written Questions
ha	hectare
HE	Highways England
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
HIA	Health Impact Assessment
HRA	Habitats Regulation Assessment
IP	Interested Party
IDB	Internal Drainage Board
ISH	Issue Specific Hearing
km	kilometre
LA	Local Authority
LAQM	Local Air Quality Management

LIR	Local Impact Report
LNR	Local Nature Reserve
LoD	Limits of Deviation
LoNI	Letter of No Impediment
LPA	Local Planning Authority
LRN	Local Road Network
LSE	Likely Significant Effects
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impacts Assessment
MoD	Ministry of Defence
MPS	Marine Policy Statement
NE	Natural England
NERC	Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act
NFU	National Farmers' Union
NMU	Non-Motorised Users
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPPG	National Planning Practice Guidance
NPS	National Policy Statement
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
OFH	Open Floor Hearing
PA 2008	Planning Act 2008
PINS	Planning Inspectorate
PM	Preliminary Meeting
PP	Protective Provision
PRoW	Public Right Of Way
RIES	Report on the Implications for European Sites
RIS 1	Roads Investment Strategy 2015-2020
RR	Relevant Representation

SAC	Special Areas of Conservation
SMS	Soil Management Strategy
SNCB	Statutory Nature Conservation Body
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
SoR	Statement of Reasons
SoS	Secretary of State
SP	Statutory Party
SPA	Special Protection Area
SRN	Strategic Road Network
SSSI	Sites of Special Scientific Interest
SU	Statutory Undertaker
SWMP	Site Waste Management Plan
SWQ	Second Written Questions
TA	Transport Assessment
UK	United Kingdom
USI	Unaccompanied Site Inspection
UU	Unilateral Undertaking
WFD	Water Framework Directive
WR	Written Representation
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation
ZTV	Zone of theoretical visibility

## Annex G

### Procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority

The Examining Authority (ExA) has made the following procedural decisions under Section 89(3) of the Planning Act 2008.

#### 1. The acceptance of material submitted by the Applicant (or other parties) during Pre-examination period

- Updated book of reference (document ref 4.3, revision 1)
- An updated 'Waterbodies and Watercourses Thames River Basin District' plan
- Mayor's Transport Strategy (2010)
- London Plan (March 2016)
- Connecting the Capital: Our plan for new river crossings in London (2015)
- A letter of response to the Section 51 advice issued by PINS on 15 June 2016. This letter also includes information about a report containing updated information which the Applicant intends to submit before the preliminary meeting

#### Information anticipated to be lodged 7 days before the Preliminary Meeting by the Applicant

- Update report
- Mayoral review
- Air quality base case

The documentation above will be published, once received on the project page of our website and will be addressed during the Preliminary Meeting. If subsequently formally accepted by the ExA into the Examination, Interested Parties will be asked to submit any comments they may have on any of the above or other documents that may be referred to at the Preliminary Meeting as part of their representations to **Deadline 1** in the draft timetable which is **Tuesday 15 November 2016**.

#### 2. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

In relation to some of the principal issues identified in **Annex B**, the ExA would be assisted by the preparation of SoCGs between the Applicant and certain Interested Parties. The draft timetable for the Examination therefore provides a deadline for submission of SoCGs.

The aim of a SoCG is to agree factual information and to inform the ExA and all other parties by identifying where there is agreement and where differences lie at an early stage in the Examination process. It should provide a focus and save time by identifying matters which are not in dispute or need not be the subject of further evidence. It can also usefully state where and why there may be disagreement about the interpretation and relevance of the information. The reasons for the differences and interpretation of the implications of a difference can then be expanded in the evidence. Unless otherwise stated or agreed, the SoCG should be agreed between the Applicant and the other relevant Interested Party or parties listed, and submitted by the Applicant.

SoCGs should identify clearly, where relevant, the matters of fact, methodology, assumptions, assessment of impacts and agreed mitigation or compensation measures on which there is agreement between the Applicant and the party or parties concerned. SoCGs involving more than two parties can be helpful but the Panel does not wish to create barriers to agreement.

The parties with whom the ExA would wish to see SoCGs concluded with the Applicant are set out below. This list is not exclusive or exhaustive, and the Examination may benefit from SoCGs between the Applicant and other parties, and on other issues, as it proceeds.

**The following SoCGs are requested to be prepared.**

- In respect of **Air Quality**, between the Applicant and:
  - London Borough of Newham
  - Royal Borough of Greenwich
  - London Borough of Tower Hamlets
  - London Borough Barking and Dagenham
  - London Borough of Lewisham
  - Southwark Council
  - Public Health England

Including: Baseline monitoring, air quality assessment methodologies, results and conclusions including impacts upon existing Air Quality Management Areas and the impacts on human health from any changes in levels of NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>.

- In respect of **Noise**, between the Applicant and:
  - London Borough of Newham
  - Royal Borough of Greenwich
  - London Borough of Tower Hamlets
  - Public Health England

Including: Baseline monitoring, noise assessment methodologies, results and conclusions including impacts at locations where increased noise levels would result during the construction and/or operational phases.

- In respect of **Biodiversity (terrestrial and marine)**, between the Applicant and:
  - Natural England
  - Marine Management Organisation
  - London Wildlife Trust

Including: The submitted Habitats Regulations Assessment and screening matrices, identification of relevant nearby sites and species assessments for baseline monitoring, biodiversity impacts arising from the development and conclusions.

- In respect of **Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water**, between the Applicant and:
  - Environment Agency

- Marine Management Organisation

Including: The baseline data and conclusions in the submitted flood risk assessment, Water Framework Directive Assessment and river wall structural survey, implications arising from the proposed development on drainage, water quality, flood risk issues and climate change.

- In respect of **Cultural Heritage**, between the Applicant and:
  - Historic England
  - Marine Management Organisation
  - London Borough of Newham
  - Royal Borough of Greenwich
  - London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Including: Baseline review of cultural heritage assets and their significance, potential risks to the World Heritage Site at Greenwich from traffic congestion and the effectiveness and suitability of the proposed Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation.

- In respect of **Dredging and Navigation**, between the Applicant and:
  - Marine Management Organisation
  - London Borough of Newham
  - Royal Borough of Greenwich
  - London Borough of Tower Hamlets
  - Port of London Authority

Including: Impacts upon existing users of the river and nearby safeguarded wharves from the construction and use of a new temporary jetty. Impacts to the marine environment from the potential release of contamination during dredging activities associated with the jetty construction, the need for marine licences and the likelihood of these licenses being granted during the Examination period.

- In respect of **Resources and Waste Management**, between the Applicant and:
  - Environment Agency
  - London Borough of Newham
  - Royal Borough of Greenwich
  - London Borough of Tower Hamlets
  - Port of London Authority

Including: Baseline data regarding existing waste treatment, landfill and recovery project sites that may be available for the wastes that would arise during the construction phase, the likelihood of transport of the resources required during construction and waste arisings by river and the likelihood of the need for (and grant of) a permit for the treatment of contaminated soils within the Order limits.

- In respect of **Traffic Modelling and Forecasting**, between the Applicant and:

- London Borough of Newham
- Royal Borough of Greenwich
- London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- London Borough of Bexley
- London Borough of Lewisham
- London Borough of Southwark
- Essex County Council
- Highways England

Including: Baseline data on existing traffic flows, validation of modelling used to forecast future traffic flows and methodology to factor in the effects of user charging. It may also be helpful to agree data and methodology with interest groups such as the Campaign for Better Transport and the Friends of the Earth.

And in respect of **Traffic Monitoring and Mitigation**, between the Applicant and:

- London Borough of Newham
- Royal Borough of Greenwich
- London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- London Borough of Bexley
- London Borough of Lewisham
- London Borough of Southwark
- London Borough of Hackney
- Corporation of the City of London
- London Borough of Redbridge
- London Borough of Waltham Forest
- London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
- Essex County Council
- Highways England

Including: A schedule of critical junctions and links that would require monitoring and may require application of mitigation measures.