

## Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

### TR020021– Application by Transport for London for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Silvertown Tunnel

#### Open Floor Hearings Agenda

The Examining Authority (ExA) notified Interested Parties in their letter dated 13 September 2016 of the decision to hold Open Floor Hearings on the Thursday 13 October 2016 both during the day and in the evening.

The first hearing will commence at 10am and will close when all representations have been made or at around 4pm, whichever is sooner, with a break for lunch taken between approximately 1 pm and 2 pm.

A second hearing will commence at 7pm and close at around 9pm.

Both hearings are being held in the CentEd room in the ExCel, London. A map of the ExCel can be found via this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010021/TR010021-000458-Direction%20to%20Preliminary%20Meeting.pdf>

#### *Participation, conduct and management of hearings*

At an Open Floor Hearing, each Interested Party is entitled (subject to the ExA's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing) to make oral representations about the application.

If on the day there are other individuals present who wish to make submissions that have not already been made it will be open to the ExA to use its discretion to hear any relevant submissions from those present should time permit.

It would also assist the ExA if copies of any written summaries of the cases put orally are submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by Deadline 1 of the Examination Timetable.

It should be noted that Open Floor Hearings are best suited to enabling Interested Parties make statements of the reasons that they support or oppose the provisions of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO). If there is a wish to probe the detailed assessments, projections and forecasts of the traffic/transport or environmental consequences which have been submitted in support of the application or to question the detailed wording of the draft Order, this is the intended purposes of the Issue Specific Hearings that have been provisionally included in the draft timetable for the Examination. Affected Persons will have opportunity to address Compulsory Acquisition Hearings.

Please note that the following agenda is indicative and may be amended by the ExA at the start of the hearing session.

## **OPEN FLOOR HEARING – AGENDA FOR EACH SESSION**

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the hearing**
- 3. Confirmation of those who have notified the ExA of a wish to be heard at the open floor hearing session and ascertainment of whether there are others who wish to be heard.**
- 4. Oral submissions from Interested Parties**

Each Interested Party who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited forward in turn to speak at a table set up in front of the ExA, and will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes for their oral submission: a group or organisation will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes.

These time limits may be subject to some discretion if the ExA believe that in the circumstances of the particular hearing session there would be benefit to the examination of the application to allow an Interested Party to speak again, respond to additional matters or continue to provide evidence beyond the maximum time period identified. However, this discretion should not be relied on by any party. Conversely, if there are a more speakers who wish to be heard in a particular session than would be enabled by the foregoing time limits and parties would be inconvenienced by a need to return to an adjourned or subsequent Open Floor Hearing, it may be necessary to reduce the time limits in the interests of fairness.

Following each submission the ExA may wish to ask the speaker questions.

Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing by the particular participant. However, representations made at the hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission, but rather provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the ExA.

The Applicant may wish to briefly respond to any matters raised by Interested Parties in summary at the close of each session or the completion of a group of submissions raising a particular issue. For this reason invitations to speak will wherever possible be grouped in accordance with the topic to be raised.

The Planning Inspectorate has been notified that the following Interested Parties wish to speak:

**Caroline Russell AM**  
**Lidoka Estates Ltd**  
**London First**  
**Southwark Council**  
**London Borough of Hackney**  
**Quintain Limited**  
**No to Silvertown**  
**Motorcycle Action Group**

- 5. Opportunity for the Applicant to respond in brief to any submissions made, if response has not already been heard.**
- 6. Close of the open floor hearing**