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Dear Sirs,

Your Ref: TR010021**Application by Transport for London (TfL) for an order granting development consent for the proposed Silvertown Tunnel (the Application)
Southern Gas Networks plc (SGN)**

We are instructed by SGN, an Interested Party in the examination of the Application whose land is proposed to be compulsorily acquired via the Application. We are also instructed by Birch Sites Limited, who own neighbouring land which is also proposed to be compulsorily purchased.

SGN will be represented at the preliminary meeting but, at present, does not intend to speak at the preliminary meeting, or to attend or make oral representations at either the open floor hearing or the issue specific hearing.

SGN does not object to the principle of the development which would be permitted by the Application. However, SGN does have development aspirations for its land and is keen to ensure that the Application, and any development or compulsory acquisition permitted pursuant to the Application, does not prejudice its development aspirations.

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SGN has been in discussions with TfL regarding the impacts of the Application on its land, with a view to agreeing a solution that enables SGN's development aspirations to be realised. These discussions are ongoing, and SGN would wish to have the opportunity to make written representations as part of the examination into the Application and to attend specific hearings, such as the compulsory acquisition hearing, if necessary.

In addition, we are instructed by SGN in its capacity as a statutory undertaker in relation to a review of the protective provisions which are included within the draft development consent order. We note that the timetable reserves later dates for development consent order specific hearings and SGN may wish to make specific representations to such hearings.

SGN has been in discussion with TfL regarding the impact of the Application on its assets, and is reviewing the protective provisions to ensure that its assets and land interests are adequately protected and comply with relevant safety standards. The protection of these assets is integral to the integrity of the gas network and to ensure the safe supply of gas to the local population.

SGN will liaise with TfL to ensure that protective provisions are agreed and included within draft development consent order and that these appropriately protect SGN's infrastructure.

Yours faithfully,

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Stephen McNaught

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