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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Written Representation submitted by Bazalgette Tunnel Limited (Tideway) as an Interested Party

Bazalgette Tunnel Limited (Tideway) is the 'Infrastructure Provider' for the Thames Tideway Tunnel. The Secretaries of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and the Department for Communities and Local Government; granted the Development Consent Order for the Thames Tideway Tunnel on 12th September 2014, which came into force on 24th September 2014 (The Thames Water Utilities Limited (Thames Tideway Tunnel) Order (SI:2014/2384) as amended by The Thames Water Utilities Limited (Thames Tideway Tunnel)(Correction) Order (SI:2015/723) and the Notice of Variation No 1 to the Deemed Marine Licence)).

The Order provides consent for the construction and operation of a wastewater storage and transfer project of national significance. This consent is a material consideration of substantial weight in the determination of planning applications in the vicinity of the project, and the consented project should be afforded considerable weight in the consideration of other nearby projects, plans and proposals.

Tideway supports improved infrastructure within London and has no objections to the proposal in principle, however wishes to make the following observation.

Project Interfaces

The Tideway project commenced construction in 2016 and construction works will take place up to 2022. Whilst not in the immediate vicinity of the Tideway project, construction of the Silvertown Tunnel has the potential to impact on Tideway's logistics, and therefore the safe and timely delivery of the Thames Tideway Tunnel.

The delivery of the Tideway project is reliant on river transport and is using the river past the Silvertown Tunnel scheme. The River Transport Strategy, (document, APP 207.02) for the Thames Tideway Tunnel scheme summarises the key commitments by the Undertaker to the transport of materials by river. In addition to these commitments the project is intending to transport more construction materials by river to

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further reduce the impacts from construction vehicles in central London. The Tideway river use programme overlaps with the indicative programmes for the Silvertown project including the jetty construction and potential dredging. This is the subject of the Planning Inspectorate First Written Question DN 2.

As a key river user, Tideway wish to ensure that: the river works and transport requirements for the Silvertown Tunnel scheme do not to interfere with the existing river navigations, short term restrictions are minimised, and appropriate controls on works approval by the Port of London Authority are maintained. It is vital that Transport for London takes the existing and planned river transport into account when looking at cumulative effects on navigation, particularly any impacts that could cause the loss of the use of the river for transporting materials for the Tideway project.

Tideway reserves the right to make further comments on this submission at later hearing stages.

Yours faithfully



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Head of Consents Authority