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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.

Examining Authority's First Round Written Questions – Question CA1

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.

TfL and SGN are at an advanced stage in negotiations, and Heads of Terms are being discussed between the parties. SGN's expectation is that a formal agreement will be entered into in order to protect its interests in due course. As such, SGN does not propose to attend the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

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scheduled for 8 December 2016 and has no specific comments on the plots of land included within the Book of Reference for compulsory acquisition by TfL at this stage.

Discussions between SGN and TfL 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 scheduled for 20 January, if it becomes necessary.

Examining Authority's First Round Written Questions – Question CA2

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.

SGN has been in discussion with TfL regarding the impact of the Application on its assets, and is keen 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 continue to 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.

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 in the event that protective provisions cannot be agreed.

Yours faithfully,

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