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Dear Sir/Madam,

In accordance with the examination timetable I attach the City of London Corporation's written representations. It is understood the City's draft SoCG will be submitted by TfL as part of their submission documents.

It is not intended to attend the accompanied site inspection on 6th December 2016.

The City may wish to make oral representations at the issue specific hearing covering outstanding matters on 28th March should there be any outstanding concerns which would benefit from discussion at that stage of the examination process.

Yours faithfully,

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Silvertown Tunnel

Written Representations of the City of London Corporation

Introduction

1. The City of London Corporation (COL) is the local authority for the Square Mile of the City of London. It is the highway and traffic authority for roads in the City other than GLA roads, with a network management duty to perform. As trustee of Bridge House Estates the COL is responsible for the support and maintenance of Tower Bridge, London Bridge, Southwark Bridge, Blackfriars Bridge and the Millennium Bridge.
2. Tower Bridge (listed Grade 1) was opened for use in 1894 and, not having been designed to carry the weight of modern traffic, is subject to a weight limit of 18 tonnes to protect its historic structure.
3. Vehicles carrying dangerous goods use the bridges maintained by the COL, there being a lack of unrestricted river crossings east of Tower Bridge.
4. In principle the COL supports the proposal to construct the Silvertown Tunnel as set out its response to pre-application consultation and Relevant Representations and welcomes its inclusion as member of the Silvertown Tunnel Implementation Group (STIG).
5. However, as set out in the draft Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) with TfL there remain some outstanding matters which are still under discussion with the applicant or which are not yet agreed, notably the COL's desire to secure monitoring of effects of the scheme on adjacent COL river crossings through the Monitoring Strategy and DCO requirement, and the intended ADR tunnel category.

Submission

In addition to the current position and information set out in the draft SoCG the COL wishes to add the following:-

1. ADR tunnel category and dangerous goods vehicles

Following discussions with TfL in relation to ADR tunnel category and numbers of dangerous goods vehicles using river crossings, TfL commissioned a survey of vehicles displaying hazardous goods plates covering Rotherhithe Tunnel, Blackfriars, Southwark and London Bridges over two days in the week commencing 7th November. The COL is currently awaiting this survey information with the intention of updating its position on this issue via a future revised SoCG.

2. Monitoring and air quality

As a local authority the COL has a statutory duty to review air quality in its area and therefore, as per its Relevant Representations, seeks a commitment in the Monitoring Strategy secured by way of DCO requirement to monitor the impacts of the proposal on air quality in the City of London to inform any mitigation measures necessary to ensure air quality thresholds are not breached.

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