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Dear Sir/Madam

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended)

Application by Transport for London (TfL) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the proposed Silvertown Tunnel

Examining Authority's notification of hearings and accompanied site inspection

Further to the procedural decision and timetable enclosed with the Examining Authority's (the Panel) letter of 18 October 2016 we are writing to notify you of the dates, times and locations for the hearings and accompanied site inspection.

1. Notification of the dates, times and locations of hearings

Interested parties who did not notify the Planning Inspectorate by the deadline of 15 November 2016 of their wish to speak at one or more of the forthcoming hearings, but now wish to do so, should notify Emré Williams (Case Manager) using the contact details at the head of this letter by **12 noon, Wednesday 4 January 2017**.

It would greatly assist in the organisation of the hearings if you inform us whether you plan to attend all the hearings or only particular hearings, even if you do not wish to speak. **Please ensure that as part of your confirmation to the Planning Inspectorate, you provide the name of each interested party wishing to attend and whether you/they will wish to speak.** This will assist us in the co-ordination of the hearing room for the day. It would also assist us if you could notify us of any special needs you may have (e.g. disabled access, hearing loop etc).

If an interested party wishes to speak at an issue-specific hearing they should indicate which topics from their relevant or written representation they wish to address at the hearing. Similarly, any affected person wishing to make an oral representation at a compulsory acquisition hearing should clearly identify the affected plots of land which they wish to speak about. You must ensure that your interested party reference

number is included in your correspondence.

Arrangements for the hearings, including dates, times and locations are set out below.

Date	Event	Start time	Venue	Access and parking
Tuesday 17 January 2017	Issue Specific Hearing on Traffic/Transport Modelling, Forecasting and User Charging and Economic Issues	10.00 am	ExCeL London, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock, London E16 1XL	By Underground Via Jubilee Line & DLR to Custom House or Prince Regent. Paid parking available at venue ¹ . Venue fully disabled accessible.
Wednesday 18 January 2017	Issue Specific Hearing on Air Quality, Noise and Other Environmental Issues	10.00 am	ExCeL London, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock, London E16 1XL	
Thursday 19 January 2017	Issue Specific Hearing on the Development Consent Order	10.00 am	ExCeL London, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock, London E16 1XL	
Friday 20 January 2017	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing	10.00 am	ExCeL London, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock, London E16 1XL	

The hearing venue will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of each hearing to enable a prompt start.

The Panel will decide on the topics to be considered at the issue-specific hearings. Agendas for these hearings will be published on our website no later than **Tuesday 10 January 2017** and will set out detailed arrangements for each day and the topic/s to be heard on that day. Subject to the Panel's powers of control over the hearings, every interested party is entitled to make oral representations at the issue-specific hearings, and every affected person is entitled to make oral representations at the CA hearing.

¹ ExCeL parking information available here: <http://excel.london/visitor/getting-here/driving-andparking>

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 provides that at hearings it is the Panel that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations. Questioning at the hearings therefore will be led by the Panel.

The time allocated for each of the hearings will be estimated, based on the matters identified for consideration. Should a hearing take less time than anticipated, the Panel may conclude the hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to. Equally, if there are additional matters to be dealt with, or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day, or adjourn to a later date. Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the days that they are scheduled for

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing – affected persons

This hearing is an important opportunity for you, as an affected person, to let the Panel have your views specifically about the proposal to compulsorily acquire your land, or rights you may have in land, as proposed in the application for development consent for the Silvertown Tunnel application. It is important to note that this is the final hearing specifically to hear the views of persons with interests in land proposed to be compulsorily acquired and the Panel therefore encourage you to attend if you have outstanding unresolved issues.

2. Comments on matters arising from hearings

All Parties are reminded that if they wish to make written comments on matters raised orally at hearings this should be done by the next submission deadline (i.e. Deadline 3) as set out in the examination timetable.

3. Notification of Compulsory Acquisition Accompanied Site Inspection

The Panel will be undertaking a site inspection, accompanied by the Applicant and such of the affected persons who wish to attend. The site inspection will be limited to sites over which the Applicant is seeking compulsory acquisition powers and in respect of which affected persons who have made objections have requested a site inspection and those sites have not already been visited or the objections withdrawn.

The arrangements for this accompanied site inspection (ASI), including date, time and location are set out below.

Date	Event	Start time	Venue	Access and parking
Friday 20 January 2017	Compulsory Acquisition – Accompanied Site Inspection	12:30pm or after the conclusion of the CA Hearing, if later.	Meet in the Foyer of the ExCeL London, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock,	By Underground Via Jubilee Line and DLR to Custom House or Prince Regent.

			London E16 1XL	Paid parking available at venue. Venue fully disabled accessible.
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The ASI will only visit sites that affected persons have asked to be visited no later than the compulsory acquisition hearing and such requests have neither already been acted upon nor withdrawn. If you anticipate that such a visit may be required and did not notify the Planning Inspectorate by the deadline of 15 November 2016, you should make this known to Emré Williams before **12 noon, Wednesday 4 January 2017** using the contact details at the head of this letter.

Please ensure that as part of your confirmation to the Planning Inspectorate, you provide the name of each interested party wishing to attend, including contact details and the nominated plots you would like the Panel to consider as part of the ASI. This will assist us in the co-ordination of the ASI on the day.

Transport (if necessary) will be provided, however the site inspection may include some walking on uneven ground and therefore we request that all attendees wear appropriate clothing for the weather, and sturdy footwear. We would remind you that the site inspection is **not** an opportunity to make any oral representations on the application and simply an opportunity to identify physical features that are relevant to the examination.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case team.

Yours faithfully

Peter Robottom

**Peter Robottom
Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the National Infrastructure Planning website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

