

1. Transport for London engagement with the London Borough of Southwark

- 1.1.1 At the Issue Specific Hearing on the 7 December 2016 the Examining Authority (ExA) requested that the Transport for London (TfL) (“the Applicant”) confirm the dates for engagement with the London Borough of Southwark (LB Southwark) prior to the submission of the application. The ExA also sought clarification whether the omission of LB Southwark from the list of boroughs included in paragraph TT.1.16 of the Applicant’s response to the traffic and transport FWQs (REP1-174) is an error. This request was also made in the actions arising from the hearing, published by the Planning Inspectorate on the 8 December 2016.
- 1.1.2 In relation to the latter point, the Applicant can confirm that the omission of LB Southwark from the list of boroughs engaged in TT.1.16 is an error. The RXHAM simulation area (detailed modelled area) includes the LB Southwark.
- 1.1.3 Table 1 below provides an account of TfL’s engagement with the LB Southwark on the Silvertown Tunnel scheme prior to submission of the DCO application. For completeness, it also provides the record of the continued engagement during the pre-examination period and during the examination up to the agreement of a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG).
- 1.1.4 It is important to note that the process of TfL engaging the LB Southwark (amongst others) in the development of proposals for the Silvertown Tunnel began in late 2009 when the TfL consulted on the draft Mayor’s Transport Strategy. The draft Strategy contained proposals for ‘A new fixed link at Silvertown to provide congestion relief to the Blackwall Tunnel and provide local links for vehicle traffic’.
- 1.1.5 The proposals for a fixed link at Silvertown were subject to further consultation with LB Southwark and many other stakeholders through the development of the Mayor’s London Plan, which was subject to consultation from late 2009.
- 1.1.6 Subsequent to the adoption of the London Plan, TfL held three consultations on the proposals for new river crossings from February – March 2012, October – February 2013 and October – December 2014. LB Southwark was engaged by TfL as a key stakeholder and responded to all three of these consultations. Further information about these

consultations is provided in Chapter 3 of the Consultation Report (APP-018).

- 1.1.7 The LB Southwark was consulted under s42 of the Planning Act 2008 in autumn 2015, where TfL provided a hard copy of the full set of consultation documents to assist the engagement process at LB Southwark's request. Details of TfL's statutory consultation process are provided in Chapters 5-7 of the Consultation Report (APP-018).
- 1.1.8 However, engagement with the LB Southwark has not been confined to these consultations. Table 1 below, which provides further detail to the record of correspondence table in the Statement of Common Ground with LB Southwark submitted at Deadline 1 (REP1-137), summarises correspondence sent to or received from the Borough from late 2014, in addition to meetings or workshops to which the Borough was invited from this point. It should be noted that the Applicant has not included in Table 1 the engagement activities with the Borough prior to late 2014 as these are less relevant to the application proposals.¹ The Applicant has also not sought to provide a record of every telephone call or email but rather has attempted to confine the records to key engagement. A complete list is available if requested.
- 1.1.9 The Applicant remains very happy to discuss the concerns the LB Southwark (and other stakeholders) may have in relation to the Scheme and will update the ExA through a further SoCG where possible.

¹ TfL has not included engagement activities with LB Southwark prior to this point in part for brevity - but also as this is arguably when conversations with LB Southwark began with regard to the Silvertown Tunnel Scheme as a detailed proposal comparable to that in the DCO Application documents, and on how it should be modelled and assessed.

Table 1: Key engagements on Silvertown Tunnel Scheme between TfL and LB Southwark from late 2014:

Date	Form of engagement ²	Engagement from	Key outcomes and points of discussion
10/11/2014	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	<p>TfL email to officers from boroughs within the RXHAM detailed model study area, including LB Southwark, providing a list of highway schemes proposed to be included in the Reference Case model.</p> <p>Boroughs requested to provide any comments on the list and identify any other committed and funded schemes that should be included within the model.</p>
25/11/2014	Email	LB Southwark to TfL	<p>LB Southwark provided list including several schemes they considered should be included in the Reference Case model, although the borough noted that this wasn't necessarily comprehensive.</p>
04/12/2014	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	<p>Reminder to LB Southwark requesting detail of any other highway schemes they wish to be included in the Reference Case model.</p>
19/12/2014	Letter	LB Southwark to TfL	<p>2014 consultation response from LB Southwark. Key issues raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts on Rotherhithe

² Reworded from 'Form of correspondence' in SoCG to better reflect the inclusion of meetings in the table

			<p>Tunnel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian and cycling provision
16/01/2015	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	TfL email to officers from LB Southwark offering a meeting to discuss the Silvertown Tunnel scheme in light of LB Southwark consultation response.
11/02/2015	Meeting	Joint meeting	Agreed agenda: effect of Silvertown Tunnel scheme on Rotherhithe Tunnel.
20/02/2015	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Follow up to TfL email of 10/11/2014 and 04/12/2016 providing a list of highway schemes TfL proposed to be included in the Reference Case model and asking for comment.
22/06/2015	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Provision of report providing TfL's response to issues raised in the 2014 consultation, and offering a meeting to discuss these.
22/07/2015	Meeting	Joint meeting	Agreed agenda: user charging, traffic impacts, bus proposition.
21/08/2015	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Email from TfL to all neighbouring boroughs (including LB Southwark), outlining the model audit process and the role of each borough as outlined earlier. Response from LB Southwark pertained to the programme timeframe only.
02/10/2015	Letter	TfL to LB	Consultation letter (s42) inviting participation in

		Southwark	consultation.
23/10/2015	Correspondence	TfL to LB Southwark	Provision of full suite of hard copy consultation documents upon LB Southwark's request.
16/11/2015	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Consultation reminder and offer of meeting to explain TfL's proposals and inform LB Southwark response.
29/11/2015	Letter	LB Southwark to TfL	Statutory consultation response from LB Southwark (pending formal sign-off). Key points raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic modelling (growth assumptions) • Displacement to Rotherhithe Tunnel & Tower Bridge • Air quality impacts/mitigation
08/01/2016	Letter	LB Southwark to TfL	Ratified consultation response from LB Southwark. Key points raised as per response of 29/11/2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic modelling (growth assumptions in the Reference Case model) • Displacement to Rotherhithe Tunnel & Tower Bridge • Air quality impacts/mitigation
17/02/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Update and provision of TfL board paper /decision to proceed to DCO and briefing note re responses received during statutory consultation.

			This included an offer to discuss the Scheme further with LB Southwark.
29/02/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Invite to a Neighbouring Borough Update meeting on 22/03/2016.
11/04/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	<p>Follow up to Neighbouring Borough Update meeting on 22/03/2016³ covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project update • Borough involvement in DCO process • Traffic modelling • Traffic impacts • Environmental impacts <p>Email included presentation from the meeting, meeting minutes and an offer to discuss any areas of concern or interest further.</p>
19-21/04/2016	Email	<p>LB Southwark to TfL</p> <p>TfL to LB Southwark</p>	<p>Following email above, LB Southwark responded by explaining that they had been unable to access the meeting on 22/03/2016 and asked a question re the DCO examination timetable. TfL provided information as available at that time (i.e. immediately prior to submission)</p>

³ LB Southwark invited to 22/03/2016 Neighbouring Borough workshop by email on 29/02/2016. This invite was accepted but due to a communications failing at the venue on the day LB Southwark's representatives was unable to join the meeting upon arrival.

13/05/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Email to make LB Southwark aware of the submission of DCO application to PINS and provision of links to documents. Included an offer of a meeting to talk through issues of interest to LB Southwark contained in the DCO documentation.
19/05/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Request to meet with LB Southwark to discuss DCO progress and any Borough concerns.
12/07/2016	Letter	TfL to LB Southwark	S56 notice served on LB Southwark, alerting to process and timeframe to register as an Interested Party in the Examination.
13/07/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Email following up on s56 notice highlighting to LB Southwark the commencement of the period to register as an Interested Party and detailing the opportunity to submit a relevant representation. A meeting was offered to discuss the content of the application
25/07/16	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Update email explaining the suggested process of developing a SoCG and offering a meeting to discuss LB Southwark's key issues to start formally progressing a SoCG. Included with the email was a table capturing TfL's understanding of some of LB

			Southwark's key issues in their consultation response and the specific TfL response to these.
26/07/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Provision of Steer Davies Gleave (SDG) independent traffic model audit Base and Reference Case audit reports (to all neighbouring boroughs following the agreement of the boroughs leading this audit) ahead of a meeting with SDG on the model audit and its findings.
29/07/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Invite to SDG independent traffic model audit findings workshop on 08/08/2016. LB Southwark did not respond or attend the workshop.
01/08/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Request/invite for meeting with LB Southwark to discuss the Borough's concerns.
10/08/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Provision of presentation and minutes from SDG independent traffic model audit workshop on 08/08/2016. This included an offer to discuss any areas of the Scheme of interest.
05/09/2016 ⁴	Correspondence (via PINS)	PINS	LB Southwark Relevant Representation published on PINS website (submitted 11/08/2016). This did not

⁴ Date revised from 05/10/2016, as in table in SoCG, to correctly reflect date

			identify LB Southwark's specific concerns. ⁵
08/09/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Request/invite for meeting with LB Southwark to discuss the Borough's concerns. This followed LB Southwark's cancellation/postponement of meetings previously arranged for earlier dates. Email also highlighted TfL's scheduled meeting with British Land, which was of known interest to LB Southwark.
14/09/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Correspondence bringing LB Southwark's attention to the release of the Rule 6 letter, and the timeframes for SoCGs etc. contained within it. A meeting was requested to discuss the "significant concerns" LB Southwark alluded to in their Relevant Representation.
23/09/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Email further highlighting that the ExA has identified LB Southwark as an interested party with which it would be helpful to agree a SoCG in Rule 6 letter and TfL request for a meeting to discuss Borough concerns and commence development of an SoCG.
28-29/09/2016	Call and follow up emails confirming	Joint call and subsequent email	Confirming LB Southwark's key concerns (traffic impacts at nearby crossings, and air

⁵ LB Southwark's Relevant Representation was as follows: 'At present the council has significant concerns on the impact of Silvertown tunnel on Southwark's two free river crossings Tower Bridge and Rotherhithe Tunnel and the impact of increased congestion and air pollution in these areas.'

	discussion	exchange	quality/traffic impacts), the Examination timetable and agreeing next steps in order to develop a SoCG.
06/10/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark LB Southwark to TfL	Provision of Template SoCG containing first draft of Chapters 1-3. Provision of revised table detailing TfL's position on key points raised by Southwark and whether TfL understands them to be agreed/ disagreed at this point. Email included an offer of meeting to discuss the SoCG working table and Scheme developments. Meeting provisionally agreed for 13/10/2016.
12/10/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark LB Southwark to TfL	13/10/2016 meeting postponed by LB Southwark No alternative date was provided when requested by TfL.
20/10/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Provision of Steer Davies Gleave (SDG) independent traffic model audit Assessed Case audit report. (to all neighbouring boroughs) following agreement to release reports by host boroughs leading the audit.
21/10/2016	Email	TfL to LB Southwark	Provision of full draft SoCG (v1.1) for LB Southwark comment.
09/11/2016	Meeting	Joint meeting	Meeting with Bilfinger GVA, LB Southwark and TfL to

			discuss the draft SoCG and updates to the next version.
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