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Dear Sir

**Planning Act 2008**  
**Proposed Silvertown Tunnel Order**  
**PINS reference: TR010021**

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the proposed Silvertown Tunnel Order, and the publication of second written questions as issued on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

As the government's adviser on all matters relating to the historic environment, our objective is to ensure that the conservation of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages of the Silvertown Tunnel's development.

We have reviewed the questions relevant to Historic England and can provide the following advice.

**DC2.9 Archaeology**

*Are all Boroughs, Historic England and the MMO content that the Written Scheme of Investigation is addressed under the CoCP rather than requiring a separate requirement (and dDML condition). See also question HT2.1*

We understand that the MMO (Marine Management Organisation) will advise a requirement for the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) to be a condition on the draft Deemed Marine Licence (DML) as well as within the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP),

so that it can be enforced by the MMO. We understand that the MMO have been in discussion with the Applicant on the wording to be included in the DML. Our understanding is the additional wording proposed is;  
*“the Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation” means the Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation approved under paragraph 5(3)(b) of Schedule 2 (requirements) to the Order*

*The licence holder must implement and act in accordance with the Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation.”*

In addition the MMO have requested that further wording is included in paragraph 6.1.2 of the CoCP;

*“The approved WSI must be submitted to the MMO alongside any construction method statement required by condition of the deemed marine licence held within schedule 4 of this order”.*

The basis of the proposed amendments is to ensure MMO comments on the WSI are incorporated prior to works going ahead.

**Historic England has no objections to these proposed amendments to the DML or CoCP.**

***HT – Heritage HT 2.1***

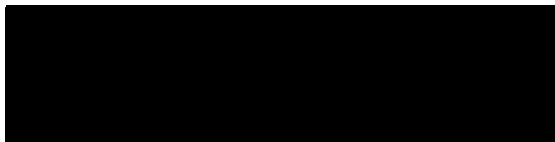
*Please can the Applicant, the MMO and HE provide an update at D4 regarding the proposed condition within the DML for the archaeological written scheme of investigation (WSI)? See also question DC2.9.*

**Reflecting our comment to DC.29 Archaeology, Historic England has no further comments to make.**

Finally, we should like to stress that this opinion is based on the information provided by TfL in its submission. To avoid any doubt, this does not affect our obligation to provide further advice and, potentially, object to specific proposals, which may subsequently arise where we consider that these would have an adverse effect upon the historic environment.

If you have any questions with regards to the comments made the please do get back to me. In the meantime we look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues.

Yours faithfully



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