



Application by Transport for London for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Silvertown Tunnel Project

Agenda for the Open Floor Hearing

- Date:** Tuesday 28 March 2017
Time: no earlier than 17:00pm
Venue: Intercontinental London, The O2, 1 Waterview Drive, London, SE10 0TW.
Access and Parking: By Underground to North Greenwich Station. Paid parking available at venue and fully disabled accessible. A map to the venue can be viewed [here](#).

The Examining Authority (the Panel) notified Interested Parties in their letter dated 10 February 2017 of the decision to hold an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) on Tuesday 28 March **following the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) on outstanding issues, including Environmental matters**, which will close when all representations have been made.

The Open Floor Hearing will commence no earlier than 5pm. If the ISH is still in session at that time, the Panel will assess the timing for the conclusion of that hearing and the commencement of the OFH.

Participation, conduct and management of hearings

At an OFH, each Interested Party (IP) is entitled (subject to the Panel's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing) to make oral representations about the application.

If on the day there are other individuals present who wish to make submissions that have not already been made it will be open to the Panel to use its discretion to hear any relevant submissions from those present should time permit.

It will assist the Panel if copies of any written summaries of the cases put orally are submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by Deadline 6 (D6) (**5 April 2017**) of the Examination.

It should be noted that OFHs are best suited to enabling IPs to make statements of the reasons that they support or oppose the provisions of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO). If there is a wish to probe the detailed issues with regard to traffic, environmental or other consequences or to question the detailed wording of the draft Order, this is the intended purposes of the Issue Specific Hearings set for earlier in the day and for 29 March. Affected Persons will have opportunity to address the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing on 29 March. Agendas for these hearings have also been published.

The Panel will not expect any IPs who have been present at the ISH to repeat submissions made at that earlier hearing or any other hearings and any further submissions by such IPs should be to raise new points on matters that fall outside the agenda of the earlier ISH.

Please note that the following agenda is indicative and may be amended by the Panel at the start of the hearing session.

Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for this Open Floor Hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the hearing**
- 3. Confirmation of those who have notified the ExA of a wish to be heard at the OFH and ascertainment whether there are others who wish to be heard.**
- 4. Oral submissions from Interested Parties**

Each IP who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited forward in turn to speak at a table set up in front of the Panel, and will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes for their oral submission: a group or organisation will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes if they have several speakers.

These time limits may be subject to some discretion if the Panel believe that in the circumstances of the particular hearing session there would be benefit to the examination of the application to allow an IP to speak again, respond to additional matters or continue to provide evidence beyond the maximum time period identified. However, this discretion should not be relied on by any party. Conversely, if there are a more speakers who wish to be heard in a particular session than would be enabled by the foregoing time limits and parties would be inconvenienced by a need to return to an adjourned or subsequent OFH, it may be necessary to reduce the time limits in the interests of fairness. Wherever possible, speakers will be grouped in accordance with the topic to be raised.

Following each submission or group of submissions the Panel may wish to ask the speaker(s) questions.

Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing by the particular participant. However, representations made at the hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission, but rather provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the Panel.

The Applicant may wish to briefly respond to any matters raised by IPs at the close of the session or, exceptionally, immediately following a speaker if they consider that there has been a miss-representation of the nature of the DCO.

The Planning Inspectorate has been notified in the past that the following Interested Parties may wish to speak:

- **Knight Dragon**
 - **Colin Espiner**
 - **Greenwich Society**
 - **Ansco**
 - **London Borough of Newham**
 - **Brenntag UK Limited**
5. **Opportunity for the Applicant to respond in brief to any oral submissions made, if response has not already been heard.**
 6. **Action points**
 7. **Close of the Open Floor Hearing**