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Your reference: TR010021  
Our reference:  
DCO/2014/00018

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**TR010021**

**Application by transport for London for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Silvertown Tunnel Project – Deadline 6 representations**

**Issue Specific Hearings on any Other Outstanding Issues including Environmental matters – Marine Management Organisations (MMO) summary of verbal representations in response to specific agenda points**

**Agenda Point 10**

## **10. Marine Ecology**

10.3. The MMO held a teleconference on 23 March 2017 to discuss requirements for suspended sediment modelling, and the potential requirement for a scour and accretion modelling and mitigation strategy. The applicant, their environmental consultants, and the MMO's technical advisor (Centre for Environmental, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas)), all joined the MMO on the call.

The outcome of the teleconference was that the applicant will produce a note that will provide further detail on;

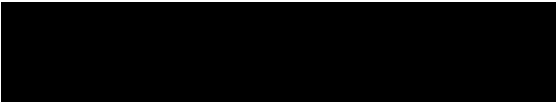
1. The applicants choice of dredger and why it represents a worst case;
2. The type and location of material within the proposed dredge pocket, including depths;
3. The consideration of potential levels of scour, with reference to types of material in the proposed dredge pocket;
4. The consideration of the impacts of suspension of contaminants within the superficial sediments in the dredge pocket during works.

It is the intention that this note will provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that suspended sediments monitoring and/or a scour and accretion monitoring and mitigation strategy will not be required.

Should the note not provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that further suspended sediment monitoring and/or a scour and accretion monitoring and mitigation strategy is not required, then the MMO is content that a safeguard is in place under draft deemed marine licence condition 5. It requires the sign off of a method by the MMO prior to the commencement of any licensable activity and therefore provides a mechanism for the MMO, as deemed regulator, to request further assessment or the agreement of a monitoring and/ or mitigation strategy post consent, and prior to the commencement of any works.

The MMO intend to provide a further update as part of our final deadline response on 10 April 2017.

Yours faithfully,



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