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To named interested parties

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Application by Transport for London (TfL) (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Silvertown Tunnel.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT

Following my letter of 31 July 2017, in considering the Report and Recommendations submitted by the Examining Authority on 11 July 2017 in respect of its findings and conclusions of the above application to the Secretary of State for Transport, I am writing in relation to a further matter on which we would appreciate updated information before determining the application.

Air Quality

The Secretary of State notes that since the close of the examination of Silvertown Tunnel the Government published on 26 July 2017 an updated UK Plan for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/air-quality-plan-for-nitrogen-dioxide-no2-in-uk-2017>) including a Zone Plan for the Greater London Urban area (<https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/library/no2ten/2017-zone-plan-documents>).

Please could the applicant set out what impact the proposed Silvertown Tunnel development would have on meeting the proposals in the Zone Plan for the Greater London Urban area. This should include a further update to the air quality assessment based on the data included in the latest UK Plan for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations published on 26 July 2017 and details of any further mitigation measures considered necessary to address any significant impacts on air quality.

The deadline for any response is 23 August 2017.

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to silvertowntunnel@pins.gsi.gov.uk. Please send any hard copy response to the Silvertown Tunnel Case Team, The Planning Inspectorate, Eagle Wing 3/18, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, please inform the Project Team.

Your response will be published on the project page for the Silvertown Project Planning Portal website as soon as possible after 23 August 2017 at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/London/Silvertown-Tunnel/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the Silvertown Project, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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