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| <b>Meeting with</b>       | Transport for London and Pinsent Masons  |
| <b>Venue</b>              | Temple Quay House, Bristol   |
| <b>Attendees</b>          | The Developer:<br>TfL – Neil Chester and Alina Tuerk<br>Pinsent Masons - George Wilson   |
| <b>Meeting objectives</b> | The Planning Inspectorate: Susannah Guest (Infrastructure Planning Lead), Jenny Colfer (EIA Advisor) and Rachel Gaffney (Assistant Case Officer)<br>Pre-application project update meeting |
| <b>Circulation</b>        | All Attendees  |

### Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

The applicant was reminded of the Planning Inspectorate's openness policy that any advice given will be recorded and published on the planning portal website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) (PA 2008) and that any advice given does not constitute legal advice upon which the applicants (or others) can rely.

Introductions were made by everyone present, and individual roles were explained.

Transport for London (TfL) provided an overview of the ongoing public consultation; consultation took place from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and was due to end on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015. To date TfL had received approximately 3,000 responses and they indicated that the majority of these were in support of the need for the scheme. TfL briefly summarised some of the concerns noted in the consultation responses received to date including user charging, air quality and traffic impacts.

In response to The Inspectorate's query relating to the wider River Crossing Programme, TfL noted that for the other proposed crossings in the vicinity of the Silvertown scheme, consultation activity would commence in December 2015 following the conclusion of the Silvertown Tunnel consultation.

TfL provided an update on the working relationships with the relevant London Boroughs and noted that regular meetings and working groups had been established and were working constructively. TfL indicated that they are currently discussing with the relevant London Boroughs the opportunities for a Community Fund. Further assessment is required to establish whether such a fund is required to mitigate particular impacts or whether it is purely providing communities with a chance to invest or enhance their environments. The Inspectorate noted the appropriate relationship between matters included within a s106 agreement and elements which should be included within the Development Consent Order (DCO). The Inspectorate advised that to avoid any confusion, material should be clear about whether elements of the proposal would ultimately be part of a DCO application.

The matter of air quality monitoring was then discussed for different areas of the scheme. It was noted that based on the preliminary environmental information there are likely to be a limited number of receptors at both the northern and southern portals of the proposed Silvertown Tunnel that would have a worsening in air quality with the scheme. However, TfL indicated that the modelling showed that the vast majority of receptors across the scheme would show improvements. In response to the Inspectorate's question about the recent issues related to measuring air quality, TfL noted that they intended to re-run the air quality model before submission of the DCO application.

The discussion noted elements of the scheme that might be subject to change or evolution as a result of the consultation and further modelling/survey work. The Inspectorate advised of the risks associated with an applicant seeking to make changes during an examination and strongly encouraged that such matters should be drawn out in the Pre-Application stage. The Inspectorate noted the relevant parts of CLG Guidance on the pre-application process in respect of the need and potential proportionality of further consultation following any changes to a proposal.

TfL discussed user charging for the Silvertown Tunnel scheme in detail and updated the Inspectorate on the information that had been made available as part of the consultation exercise. In particular the existence of the Preliminary Charging Report and the Preliminary monitoring and mitigation strategy as part of the consultation material was noted. The Inspectorate was keen to understand how this would be articulated through a draft DCO (i.e. the powers contained in specific articles and the status and detail of any supplementary policy or strategy documents). TfL indicated that they were undertaking further work on this element and would be discussing the matter further with the relevant London Boroughs.

In terms of land ownership and Compulsory Acquisition (CA), TfL considered there could be approximately 20-30 main affected parties. TfL reiterated that they hoped to negotiate with land owners and agree on the land ownership/CA situation before submission.

Discussion moved to matters of a temporary jetty, marine works and elements involving the Marine Management Organisation. TfL confirmed that the scheme requires temporary jetty works and outlined that they were considering whether to pursue a tripartite agreement with the relevant bodies.

The discussion explored any potential implications of the Mayoral elections in May 2016 in terms of TfL priorities and funding. TfL confirmed a likely submission date of Spring 2016.

**Specific decisions / follow up required?**

- The Inspectorate to update the project page website with a likely submission date of 'spring 2016'.
- Consideration to be given to a further meeting to discuss draft documents.