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Dear Sir,

Mr Richard Allen

## London Borough of Havering (20025659) – Comments on Report on Proposed Scheme Changes 5-7 (REP6-022)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on document 10.12 Report on Proposed Scheme Changes 5-7. These comments follow on from further discussions that have been held with the Applicant following Targeted Consultation.

## Change 5 – Reduction to the realignment of the Weald Brook (Work No. 23C) Landscape

During Targeted Consultation Havering questioned why the consultation document referred to no change in the environmental effects. Following discussions with the Applicant, LB Havering accepts that the scale of environmental effect is not altered by this small reduction and considers that the Change 5-7 Report has clarified this query.

## Change 6 – Realignment of UK Power Network (UKPN) diversion (Work No. 30) Landscape

Following comments at the Targeted Consultation stage, LB Havering is now satisfied that the root protection measures for veteran tree T095 are suitable and that there will be no change in the amount of woodland planting proposed for the scheme and that the effects presented in the landscape and visual assessment chapter of the Environment Statement will not differ.

LB Havering is satisfied with the proposed locations for replacement woodland planting to enhance areas of woodland and that they are chosen with connectivity of habitats in mind.

## Change 7 – Refinement of Maylands golf course accommodation works (Work No. 32)

LB Havering is satisfied that the design comprising Change 7 proposes appropriate compensation for the removal of additional trees and a small area of woodland and the effects presented in the landscape and visual assessment chapter of the Environment Statement will not differ.

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We note that the alternative solution for the re-design of the relevant parts of the golf course increases the impact on Ingrebourne Valley Site of Metropolitan Importance (SMI) for Nature Conservation as it requires a slightly larger area of land within this designated site.

We are satisfied that the design comprising Change 7 proposes appropriate compensation for the removal of additional trees and a small area of woodland by including planting trees within the Scheme boundary. LB Havering is also now satisfied that additional protected species checks on the trees to be lost to the development have been undertaken.

The Applicant's confirmation that the draft great crested newt license will be updated to reflect the change to impacts and mitigation for terrestrial habitat which results from Change 7 is welcome.

Yours faithfully,

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