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London Borough of Havering (20035775) – Written submission in advance of the Programming Meeting.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a written submission on matters related to the Programming Meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday 16th May. London Borough (LB) of Havering offers comments below concerning each of the matters set out in the Agenda for the Programming Meeting, as set out in Annex C of the Rule 6 letter (PD-013)

Local Authority Participation in the Lower Thames Crossing Examination

Key Involvements

LB Havering will participate in the Examination of the Lower Thames Crossing project and has formally registered as an Interested Party. The lead contact at LB Havering throughout the Examination period will be myself, contact details can be found at the top of this letter.

I will be supported by a wider technical team reflecting the Examining Authority's (ExA) Initial Assessment of the Principal Issues, as set out in Annex B of the Rule 6 letter (PD-013).

Resource Considerations

LB Havering's participation during the Examination will be supported by a technical team who will provide input on the Principal Issues that the ExA has identified be explored during the Examination.

Timing

The Council notes the draft timetable set out in Annex D of the Rule 6 letter and notes that matters relating to how the Examination will take place will be discussed at the Preliminary Meeting Part 1 on 6th June, rather than the Programming Meeting.

The Havering you want to be part of

The Council has established an agreed process for formal "sign off" of written submissions to the ExA in order to meet the deadlines set out in the draft Examination Timetable.

Local Impact Report (LIR) Preparation

Key Involvements

The technical team at Havering involved in the Lower Thames Crossing project are responsible for preparing different aspects of the Local Impact Report.

Resource Considerations

LB Havering has available resources in order to prepare the Local Impact Report.

Timing

LB Havering is at the early stages of preparing a Local Impact Report (LIR). LB Havering notes the deadline for submitting Local Impact Reports to the ExA at Deadline 1, 18th July, and will continue to work towards submitting the LIR at Deadline 1.

Any other matters relevant to this agenda

It is noted within Annex D of the Rule 6 Letter (PD-013) that the current intention is to hold Issue Specific Hearings concerning Project Definition (ISH1) and the Draft Development Consent Order (ISH2) before Deadline 1. This may limit the opportunity Havering has to reflect any outcome of those respective Hearings within its Local Impact Report due to internal approval processes. It is noted that the ExA may wish for this matter to be discussed at the Preliminary Meeting rather than the Programming Meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Daniel Douglas

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