

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

LOWER THAMES CROSSING – PROCEDURAL DEADLINE C SUBMISSION

13 JUNE 2023

1. Introduction

1.1 This document forms Transport for London's (TfL's) submission at Procedural Deadline C in the timetable for the Lower Thames Crossing Development Consent Order examination.

2. Written summary of oral comments made at Preliminary Meeting Part I

2.1 At the Preliminary Meeting, TfL confirmed that it did not wish to comment on the draft Examination timetable. TfL will apply appropriate resources to work with the final Examination timetable confirmed by the Examining Authority (ExA).

3. Written submission on Examination procedure

3.1 TfL wishes to comment on one matter regarding the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues set out in the ExA's Rule 6 letter (examination reference PD-013).

3.2 TfL recognises that the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues covers traffic impacts on the local road network north and south of the river (item 4 on traffic and transportation), and the adequacy of security for mitigation in general in the draft DCO (item I4). However, given the size of the transport scheme and the scale of its traffic impacts over an extensive geographical area, TfL suggests that mitigation of traffic impacts should be a specific issue for consideration during the Examination. In particular, TfL suggests that the adequacy of the Wider Network Impacts Management and Monitoring Plan (APP-545) and the absence of an approach to the mitigation of traffic impacts is an area of discussion which TfL understands is important for many of the local highway authorities and other Interested Parties. This issue is also related to whether the modelling undertaken to support the application is sufficiently robust, which is already included in the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (within item 4).

3.3 TfL suggests that given the importance of the approach to mitigating traffic impacts and the likely need for TfL and other Interested Parties to put forward alternative potential approaches to mitigation, this is a matter that should be discussed at an Issue Specific Hearing. TfL welcomes the indication provided by the ExA at the Preliminary Meeting that an Issue Specific Hearing on traffic and transportation will be scheduled. TfL recommends that sufficient time is allowed at such a hearing for the detailed discussion and consideration of approaches to mitigation of traffic impacts that is likely to be necessary, and how the mitigation of traffic impacts is best secured.

4. Request to be heard orally at Examination hearings

4.1 TfL requests to be heard orally at Issue Specific Hearing 1 on Project Definition and Issue Specific Hearing 2 on the draft Development Consent Order, scheduled for 21 and 22 June 2023 respectively. While TfL understands that the primary purpose of these hearings is for the ExA to question the Applicant on its approach, TfL wishes to have the opportunity to comment orally should relevant matters arise.

- 4.2 For the avoidance of doubt, TfL does not wish to make oral representations at Preliminary Meeting Part 2, Issue Specific Hearing 1, or Open Floor Hearings 1, 2 or 3.