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London Borough of Havering (20035775) – Procedural Deadline C Response

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a written submission on matters related to Procedural Deadline C.

Written submissions of oral comments made at the Programming Meeting

LB Havering noted the comments made by the Examining Authority (ExA) that there was no need to reiterate matters that had been raised at either the Programming Meeting on 16th May or as part of any Procedural Deadline B response.

LB Havering thanked the ExA for confirming Havering's comments made at Procedural Deadline B (PDB-010) on Initial Assessment of Principal Issues, would be considered. LB Havering confirmed that these points remained Havering's position on those matters and did not have anything further to add to them.

LB Havering confirmed that the Council is happy for the Examination to commence on 20th June.

LB Havering welcomed the clarification provided by the ExA on Issue Specific Hearings 1 and 2 and in particular the "unpacking" process that would take place for both Hearings. LB Havering confirmed that this clarification adequately addressed the concerns raised at Procedural B (PDB-010) on those two Hearings and how they interlinked with the requirements of Deadline One.

LB Havering raised an issue around the scheduled Open Floor Hearing dates. The dates given in Annex D of the Rule 6 letter are 28th and 29th June for Open Floor Hearing 2 and 5th and 6th July for Open Floor Hearing 3, if required, and the deadline for Local Impact Report is 18th July. LB Havering noted that one of the main reasons for the Local Impact Report is for a host local authority to set out the positive, neutral and negative impacts of the project on that local authority. LB Havering again reiterated to the ExA that it has a

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delegated approval process in place for items such as the Local Impact Report, however should matters at any of the Open Floor Hearings arise from Interested Parties, and Havering wanted to reflect these in the subsequent Local Impact Report, the proposed dates would make that challenging.

LB Havering invited the panel to consider whether the three Open Floor Hearings needed to be held closer together around the first Open Floor Hearing date of 20th June to ensure enough time for any representations to be reflected in borough Local Impact Reports.

Following clarification for the ExA that Interested Parties would have the opportunity to offer submissions to the ExA on matters that arise at Open Floor Hearings as part of future deadlines submissions, this clarification was welcomed by Havering.

Comments by Interested Parties (IP's) on the Applicant's proposed ASI itinerary

LB Havering has reviewed the Applicant's proposed Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) in document PD-001. LB Havering welcomes a number of sites within Havering being included in the Accompanied Site Inspection including Ockendon Road, North Ockendon, North Ockendon Conservation Area and Thames Chase Forest, and the discussion points set out for each of these sites.

LB Havering notes the comments made by the ExA at the Preliminary Meeting concerning the differences between Accompanied and Unaccompanied Site Inspections, and in particular sites that may be appropriate for an Accompanied Site Inspection. Havering also notes that the ExA has undertaken several Unaccompanied Site Inspections since December 2022 (S1-001,SI-002,SI-003,SI-004) and a number of key sites including proposed construction routes have been looked at as part of those site visits, which is very welcome.

Havering would however invite the ExA to consider including Upminster Cemetery and South Essex Crematorium (SEC) as part of the itinerary for the Accompanied Site Visit. This site is located on Ockendon Road in close proximity to where a full road closure is proposed during a period of scheme construction. The SEC is the 8th busiest Crematorium in the Country and the Council raised concerns about the impact the road closure would have on this site in its Relevant Representation (RR-0605).

Whilst it is recognised that elements of the Accompanied Site Inspection will include Public Rights of Way (PROW), there is no specific reference to footpath 252 where there is a proposal to introduce a new Non-Motorised User bridge to connect this footpath either side of the new Lower Thames Crossing road and the M25 Motorway. LB Havering would encourage the ExA to consider examining this as part of the Accompanied Site Inspection.

Yours faithfully,



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