

DPWLG is of the view that the adverse effects of the proposed development at Orsett Cock Junction can reasonably be mitigated subject to a form of wording of Requirement 18 which clarifies the necessary outcomes and objectives having regard to the objectives to be achieved:

- the efficient operation of the Orsett Cock Roundabout and wider highway network;
- the protection of the amenities of Orsett village; and
- the maintenance of traffic flows to and from the ports via the A13 (including the Manorway junction) having regard to the reasonable operational requirements of the ports and their need to maintain operating efficiency in the public interest.

However, DPWLG are of the view that the draft wording submitted to the examination by the Applicant at Deadline 7 is insufficient to achieve this and leaves unacceptable uncertainty regarding future accessibility. Unless the Examination process can achieve a form of words which addresses such uncertainty, the proposed development gives rise to unacceptable risk and should not be consented. However, DPWLG remain engaged with the Applicant with a view to reaching an agreed form of words before Deadline 9.