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Dear Sirs

Application by National Highways (Applicant) for development consent for the proposed Lower Thames Crossing Scheme (Proposed Development) – Consultation letter issued by the Secretary of State for Transport, 19 April 2024

Protective Provisions

10. *The Secretary of State notes that the Applicant has yet to agree protective provisions with several parties, including: Network Rail, Port of Tilbury London Limited, Port of London Authority and HS1 Ltd.*
11. *The Secretary of State requests an update on the status of all these protective provisions from the Applicant and, in respect of their protective provisions, from Network Rail, Port of Tilbury London Ltd., Port of London Authority and HS1 Ltd. by 9 May 2024.*

This response is given on behalf of the Port of London Authority (**PLA**) in respect of the Secretary of State's request for information dated 19 April 2024 as to the status of discussions with the Applicant in respect of outstanding protective provisions.

Since our last letter to you on this subject – dated 10 April 2024, in response to an earlier request for information by the Secretary of State dated 28 March 2024 – the PLA confirms that there has been no further engagement between the parties in order to resolve any outstanding issues on protective provisions. The PLA and the Applicant had a general catch-up meeting on Wednesday 8 May, in which the Applicant reiterated its position on protective provisions as set out in its letter to the Secretary of State dated 11 April 2024, namely that the Applicant considers that the outstanding matters are matters for adjudication by the Secretary of State.

The PLA's position therefore remains as set out in our previous letter to you on this matter dated 10 April 2024.

Yours faithfully,

Winckworth Sherwood LLP