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Dear Sirs

ABLE MARINE ENERGY PARK – FINAL DRAFT OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

ROYAL MAIL GROUP LTD (UNIQUE REFERENCE NUMBER: ABLE-0027)

I refer to our letter dated 25 October 2012 on behalf of Royal Mail setting out requested amendments to the draft Development Consent Order (DCO). The amendments were sought to ensure that Royal Mail's operations in the area, and in particular its operations out of the Immingham Delivery Office (DO), are not negatively impacted by the proposed Able Marine Energy Park (AMEP) development.

In particular, it was requested that a Protective Provision for Royal Mail be included within Schedule 9 of the draft DCO which would require a scheme for improving the existing junction of the A1173 with Pelham Road in Immingham to be submitted to and approved by the local highways authority, following consultation with Royal Mail, and subsequently implemented in accordance with these details prior to occupation of the proposed development.

It was also requested that a number of the Requirements in Schedule 11 of the draft DCO be amended to ensure that Royal Mail is consulted on a number of documents relating to highways, access and transportation issues. In particular, it was requested that Royal Mail be consulted on the following information required to be submitted to the local planning authority under Schedule 11:

- Written details of the siting, design and layout of new permanent or temporary means of access to a public highway;
- Written details of any alterations to a trunk road;
- Written details of the preferred route of construction traffic; and
- Travel Plans.

The final version of the draft DCO submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 26 October 2012 contained a number of the amendments requested in our 25 October 2012 letter (albeit with different wording). These amendments are listed below:



- A Protective Provision for Royal Mail has been included at Part 13 of Schedule 9. This Protective Provision requires that no part of the authorised development is occupied until improvements to the A1173 / Pelham Road junction have been implemented in accordance with details approved by the local planning authority in consultation with Royal Mail. It also requires that such improvement should mitigate the effects of the proposed development on the operation of this junction and should be designed in accordance with normal standards. Article 3 of Part 13 also requires that the undertaker must have due regard to any consultation response received from Royal Mail in finalising a scheme for submission to the local planning authority;
- Article 8 of Schedule 11 requires that Royal Mail is consulted on the written details of the siting, design and layout of any new permanent or temporary means of access to a public highway or any alteration to an existing means of access to a public highway, and also requires that any consultation response is had regard to;
- Article 19 of Schedule 11 requires that Royal Mail is consulted on the written details of the design of any alterations to trunk roads, and also requires that any consultation response is had regard to;
- Article 21 of Schedule 11 requires that Royal Mail is consulted on a construction transport statement, which should include details of preferred routes for construction traffic, temporary speed limits, and other matters, and also requires that any consultation response is had regard to; and
- Article 25 of Schedule 11 requires that Royal Mail is consulted on the Travel Plans for the construction and operational phases of the development, and also requires that any consultation response is had regard to.

Royal Mail welcomes the above amendments to the draft DCO and considers that the requirements of these amendments will ensure that its operations in the area, and in particular its operations out of the Immingham DO, are protected.

In light of the above, Royal Mail has no objections to the final drafting of the 26 October 2012 version of the draft DCO and requests that in making a recommendation to the Secretary of State, the Examining Panel recommend that the Protective Provision for Royal Mail and the above mentioned Requirements are included as currently drafted in the final version of the DCO.

In addition, provided that the undertaker, Royal Mail and the local planning authority can come to agreement on a suitable improvement scheme for the A1173 / Pelham Road roundabout, and Royal Mail's consultation responses are taken into consideration in the drafting and approval of those transport and access documents to be submitted to the local planning authority following the grant of a DCO, Royal Mail does not have any objections to the proposed AMEP development.

One question that does arise however is whether there is a need for improvements to the A1173 / Pelham Road roundabout to be listed as authorised development on Schedule 1 of the DCO or as a street which will be subject to works on Schedule 2. Schedule 1 currently lists a number of roads for which improvement works will be authorised in the DCO, these include Rosper Road, Eastfield Road, the A160 and the A180. Schedule 2 also lists Rosper Road and Chase Hill Road as roads which will be subject to works. Following consultation responses from Royal Mail, Able has acknowledged that improvement works to the A1173 / Pelham Road roundabout will be necessary to ensure that the junction continues to operate satisfactory as a result of additional traffic from the AMEP development. This is why the Protective Provision for Royal Mail has been included within the DCO. However, Royal Mail questions whether the improvements to this junction also need to be included with Schedule 1 or 2 of the DCO to enable these improvement works to take place.



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If it is necessary for these improvement works to be listed in the DCO at either Schedule 1 or 2 to enable these improvement works to be authorised, Royal Mail requests that that Examining Panel recommends to the Secretary of State that the DCO is amended accordingly.

We trust the above is clear and satisfactory; however, if you have any questions or would like to discuss the above, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Forshaw at the above office.

Yours faithfully

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