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Via email only to Tilbury2@pins.gsi.gov.uk

Dear Mr Ranger,

Application by Port of Tilbury London Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Port of Tilbury Expansion ('Tilbury2') - Adequacy of consultation request

Thank you for your letter dated 1 November 2011 requesting views on the adequacy of the pre-application consultation in respect to the Application by Port of Tilbury London Limited (PoTLL) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Port of Tilbury Expansion ('Tilbury2').

PINs invited the Council to advise whether the Council considers that the developer has complied, in relation to the application, with the following duties:

- **Duty to consult - PA2008 – section 42**
 - Section 42 requires consultation with certain persons specified in the Act and prescribed in regulations.
- **Duty to consult the local community - PA2008 – section 47**
 - Section 47 requires applicants to prepare a "Statement of Community Consultation" (SoCC) in consultation with relevant Local Authorities which sets out how the developer intends to consult the local community on its proposals. The developer must then publish the SoCC and undertake statutory consultation in accordance with it.
- **Duty to publicise - PA2008 – section 48**
 - Section 48 requires that details of the statutory consultation be publicised via a series of notices in the local and national press.

As explained in the PoTLL's Consultation Report, it was initially assumed that the proposals for Tilbury2 would take the form of a planning application to Thurrock Council under the conventional Town and Country Planning Regime. This assumption changed in March 2017 and at this point, Gravesham Borough Council were asked to consider an informal scoping request by PoTLL. Gravesham Borough Council provided comment and subsequently received a response from PoTLL highlighting how our comments had been taken into account. This proactive engagement has continued to submission.

It appears from the Consultation Statement submitted with the DCO that the Port has engaged with other stakeholders in a similar manner and we consider that they have fulfilled their duties to consult under Section 42 of the Planning Act appropriately.

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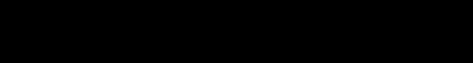
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We also consider that the company has fulfilled its responsibilities regarding consultation with local communities. As well as the statutory consultation required by the act, non-statutory consultation for the project also took place from 6 March to 21 April 2017 with the local community and key consultees. The Statement of Community Consultation outlined a wide range of methods of engaging with local communities, including public exhibitions in Thurrock and Gravesham, a dedicated website (<http://www.tilbury2.co.uk/>) and publicity in local newspapers, targeted social media advertisements and leaflet drops and direct mailshots to addresses together with direct engagement of community groups. We believe that the measures were followed as set out in the SoCC. As such, we consider that the PoTLL have fulfilled their duties as set out in Sections 47 and 48 of the Act.

In conclusion, having read the consultation report and appendices on behalf of Gravesham Borough Council, I can confirm that I am content that the developer has complied with all of the above.

If you require any further information, please feel to contact me.

Regards



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Gravesham Borough Council