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To Interested Parties, Statutory Parties  
and Other Persons invited to the  
Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR030003

Date: 26 February 2018

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Dear Sir/ Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8**

### **Application by Port of Tilbury London Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for a Proposed Port Terminal at the Former Tilbury Power Station ('Tilbury2')**

#### **Examination Timetable, procedure and notification of hearings**

This letter provides you with the Examination timetable, our Procedural Decisions following the Preliminary Meeting (held on 20 February 2018); details of the publication of the Examining Authority's (the Panel's) Written Questions and other important information about the Examination.

#### **Availability of Documents and Examination Information**

The application, all documents submitted to the Examination and information about the Examination process are available on the Tilbury2 page of the Planning Inspectorate's national infrastructure planning website (the Examination website), which can be accessed on a personal computer, tablet or smartphone via the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/tilbury2>

Documents are catalogued in the Examination Library, available from the documents tab on the Examination website.

If you do not have access to a personal computer, tablet or smartphone, **Annex A** also provides details of locations in the vicinity of the Proposed Development at which the Examination documents can be viewed electronically.

## Procedural Decisions and the Examination Timetable

We have made Procedural Decisions about the way the application will be examined and these are attached at **Annex B**. Consequently we have issued an approved Examination timetable, attached at **Annex C**.

The approved Examination timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in the Rule 6 letter<sup>1</sup> dated 22 January 2018. We have considered requests and suggestions made at the Preliminary Meeting and in representations submitted in advance of that meeting, and following this consideration there have been changes to the draft Examination Timetable.

If we consider it necessary to vary the Examination timetable during the Examination, notification will be sent to Interested Parties invited to the Preliminary Meeting and to Other Persons, and the changes will be published on the Examination website.

We have considered and sought to accommodate requests for Procedural Decisions that were made in correspondence before and at the Preliminary Meeting. Our Procedural Decisions made after the Preliminary Meeting are explained in full at **Annex B**.

## Deadlines for receipt of submissions

The Examination Timetable contains deadlines for the receipt of information by the Planning Inspectorate. Please read the timetable and make a note in your diary of all deadlines that apply to you. All deadlines are at 23:59 on the date specified. Submissions in advance of the deadlines are encouraged. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, we may disregard them.

Wherever practicable, we request that Interested Parties send electronic copies of their submissions as email attachments, to [tilbury2@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:tilbury2@pins.gsi.gov.uk). Attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 12MB in total for each email. Providing links to websites where your submissions, (including parts of or annexes to your submissions) are hosted is not acceptable. All electronic documents submitted to the Examination must be in the form of complete files that can be hosted by the Planning Inspectorate and made available to be viewed in full on and downloaded directly from the Examination website.

If Interested Parties wish to make submissions in hard copy by post, please ensure they are posted in sufficient time to arrive by the deadline. Hard copies will be digitised and made available on the Examination website.

We have explained some of the submissions that we have requested below. However please refer to the Examination Table in **Annex C** for a complete list of all submissions and their deadlines for this Examination.

## Written Representations

We will, at various points in the Examination, request written submissions. Any Written Representations, and any further written submissions that we request that

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<sup>1</sup> [Your invitation to the Preliminary Meeting](#)

exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary, which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.

The deadline for Written Representations is deadline 1 (**Tuesday 20 March 2018**), as stated in the Examination Timetable in **Annex C**.

There is no prescribed form for Written Representations. Written Representations can deal with any relevant matter. They are not restricted to the matters set out in our Initial Assessment of Principal Issues which was included in the Rule 6 letter and discussed at the Preliminary Meeting, nor are they restricted to the content of our Written Questions. If a matter is addressed in a response to a Written Question, it does not have to be reiterated in a Written Representation, but for completeness, the Written Representation should cross refer to any relevant responses to questions.

Any person, other than the Applicant, who submits a Written Representation must identify in their Written Representation those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, and must state the reasons for such disagreement<sup>2</sup>.

Furthermore, in accordance with the Government's 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent (March 2015)<sup>3</sup>, Interested Parties should provide with their written statements "*the data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions*".

### **The Panel's First Written Questions (FWQs)**

We have compiled a set of Written Questions taking into account the application documents and the representations received so far from Interested Parties and Affected Persons. These questions will shortly be published on the Examination website which can be accessed through the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/tilbury2>

The deadline for responses to the Panel's FWQs is **Tuesday 20 March 2018**, as stated in the Examination Timetable in **Annex C**. The Examination Timetable provides that we may issue a second round of written questions (SWQ) if we consider this to be necessary. However, as discussed at the Preliminary Meeting, we may decide not to issue these questions if the information that we need has been or can be provided by the other written procedures and by oral hearings provided for in the Examination Timetable.

If you require a hard copy of our questions, please contact Robert Ranger (Case Manager) using the contact details at the top of this letter.

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<sup>2</sup> Rule 10(4) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-act-2008-examination-of-applications-for-development-consent>

## Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) and Local Impact Reports

Our Rule 6 letter provided details of the Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) that we have requested the Applicant to prepare in conjunction with various Interested Parties. Following our Preliminary Meeting, we have made a further Procedural Decision to request that the Applicant provides further SoCGs with Interested Parties, as listed in Annex B of this letter. Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs), are requested by the deadlines specified in the Examination Timetable at **Annex C**.

Local Authorities defined in s56A of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) are invited to submit their Local Impact Reports (LIR) by the deadline specified in the Examination Timetable at **Annex C**.

## Notification of Hearings

The Examination Timetable at **Annex C** includes periods of time reserved for hearings to be held.

The Examination will be principally undertaken through written procedures. Whilst we are required to hold Open Floor and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings in certain circumstances, the decision to hold and the subject matters for Issue Specific Hearings are for us to decide. Our decisions about hearings are not connected to how relevant or important we consider an issue or topic to be. We take these decisions balancing a wide range of factors, including the stage that the Examination has reached, progress in clarifying matters through written procedures and the degree to which further written procedures might be avoided or reduced or matters better clarified by holding a hearing.

We will notify all Interested Parties and Other Persons of any hearings scheduled as part of the Examination at least 21 days in advance of them taking place. That notification will include a date by which Interested Parties must inform the Planning Inspectorate if they wish to attend the notified hearing(s).

## Notification of wish to attend a hearing in April

We are immediately notifying all Interested Parties of hearings timetabled for April 2018. This notification can be found at **Annex D**. Later hearings will be notified closer to the hearing date.

We now request notification of wishes to attend hearings to be held in April from:

- a) any Affected Person who wishes to make oral representations at the **Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)**; and
- b) any Interested Party who wishes to make oral representations at an upcoming **Issue Specific Hearing (ISH)**

Interested Parties who wish to speak at the forthcoming April CAH or ISHs, should notify Robert Ranger (Case Manager) using the contact details at the top of this letter by **Deadline 1 (Tuesday 20 March 2018)**.

We consider that at least one CAH is necessary to enable us to examine the Applicant's case for compulsory acquisition (CA) and temporary possession (TP),

It would greatly assist in the organisation of the hearings if you inform Robert Ranger (Case Manager) if you plan to attend any particular hearing, even if you do not wish to speak. It would also assist us if you could notify us of any special needs you may have (for example disabled access or provision of a hearing loop).

Once hearing Agendas are available, if an Interested Party wishes to make an oral representation at an ISH they should inform the Case Team which topics they wish to address at the hearing. Similarly, any Affected Person wishing to make an oral representation at a CAH should identify the plot(s) of land about which they wish to speak using the plot reference(s) from the Book of Reference and the Land Plans.

### **Procedure at hearings**

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in Rule 14 of the Examination Procedure Rules (EPR)<sup>4</sup>. Any oral representations must be based on either the Relevant or Written Representations made by the person by whom or on whose behalf the oral representations are made. We will be responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence but your attention is drawn to Rule 14(5) of the EPR and the circumstances that apply to cross-questioning between parties. Whilst we may permit cross-questioning, we would only do so where it is necessary to the adequate testing of evidence and to ensure that persons have a fair chance to put their case.

All hearings are audio recorded and the recording will be published on the Examination website.

### **Site Inspections**

We have already undertaken an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI); our notes of this Inspection have been published on the Examination website. We will consider, as set out in the Examination Timetable, any requests to inspect further particular sites or locations.

Nominations for any site inspections in or near the Proposed Development should include a reason why an inspection is required. They should make clear whether a site can be inspected on an unaccompanied basis (because it is accessible from the public domain or can be viewed from a public domain location), or whether accompaniment is required because (for example) the site is private, there are particular features that you need to point out or there are matters such as health and safety considerations that require special arrangements to be made or equipment to be used. If you ask for an inspection on private land, please provide your consent for the inspection to access the land, or provide contact details for the person who can provide that consent.

The Panel is proposing to hold two days of Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) on Monday 16 April and Tuesday 17 April 2018, to locations in and near to the Proposed Development in Thurrock on Monday 16 April 2018 and to sites and locations which may be impacted by the Proposed Development in Gravesham on Tuesday 17 April 2018. Interested Parties may attend an ASI. Please notify Robert Ranger (Case Manager) by **Deadline 1 (Tuesday 20 March)** if you intend to attend, or wish to suggest a site or location that you would like the Panel to inspect, as arrangements

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2010/103/contents/made>

may be required to enable the transport of attendees between sites. You should be aware that because they are not recorded, **ASIs are not an opportunity to make any oral representations to the Panel about the Proposed Development**. However, during the ASI, Interested Parties may point out particular aspects of the location or view that they wish the Panel to inspect. All oral representations on planning merits must be made at a hearing.

## Future notifications

If you are an Interested Party or Other Person you will continue to receive notifications from the Planning Inspectorate about the Examination throughout the process, unless you have informed us that you do not wish to receive further information from us.

If you have received this letter because you were invited to attend the Preliminary Meeting but you are not an Interested Party you **will not** receive any further communication from us relating to this application. You can however visit our website to stay informed of the progress of the examination of the application.

As we explained at the Preliminary Meeting, if you are a Statutory Party which has not made a Relevant Representation but wishes to become an Interested Party, you should inform Robert Ranger (Case Manager) by **Deadline 1 (Tuesday 20 March 2018)**. Statutory Parties who have not made a Relevant Representation and do not notify us of their wish to become an Interested Party **will not** receive any further correspondence in relation to the examination of this application.

## Award of costs

You should be aware of the possibility of the award of costs against Examination participants who behave unreasonably.

To assist understanding of what 'unreasonable behaviour' means in the context of an Examination under the PA2008, you may find it helpful to read the Government guidance: 'Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders (July 2013)'<sup>5</sup>.

## Management of Information

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to transparency. All information submitted for this Examination (if accepted by the Panel) and any record of advice which has been provided, will be published on the Examination Website<sup>6</sup> together with the name of the person or organisation who submitted it or asked for the advice.

It is in everyone's interest that information is brought forward as early as possible in the Examination process, so you are encouraged to do so.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awards-of-costs-examinations-of-applications-for-development-consent-orders>

<sup>6</sup> <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/tilbury2>

The privacy of any other personal information has been and will be protected in accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's Information Charter<sup>7</sup>.

We look forward to working with all parties in the Examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

*Lillian Harrison*

Dr Lillian Harrison

**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

**Annexes**

- A** Availability of Relevant Representations and Examination Documents
- B** Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority
- C** Examination Timetable
- D** Notification of Hearings

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/planning-inspectorate/about/personal-information-charter>

## Availability of Relevant Representations and Examination documents

All application and Examination documents including Relevant Representations can be seen on the Tilbury2 page of the Planning Inspectorate's national infrastructure planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/tilbury2>

Documents can be found on the documents tab of this website and an index to the Examination Library that is published there will be updated following each deadline in the Examination Timetable by the Planning Inspectorate.

Documents can be viewed electronically via the website at the following locations. Please note that you may need to bring a form of ID to use a computer at these locations.

### Electronic Deposit Locations:

Library/ Address		Opening Hours
<b>Tilbury Library</b> Tilbury Hub Civic Square Tilbury RM18 8AD		Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm  Saturday: 10.00am to 1.00pm  Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday – Closed
Printing Costs	Black and White	Colour
A4	30p	30p

Library/ Address		Opening Hours
<b>Gravesend Civic Centre</b> Windmill Street Gravesend Kent DA12 1AU		08.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday
Printing Costs	Black and White	Colour
A4	10p	N/A

## Procedural Decisions Made by the Examining Authority

We have made the following Procedural Decisions following the Preliminary Meeting<sup>1</sup>:

### 1. Examination Timetable

We have considered requests from the Applicant in respect of suggested changes to the draft Examination timetable, proposed in its response to the Examining Authorities Rule 6 letter, published on 14 February 2018, and discussed in the Preliminary Meeting held on 20 February 2018. We have also reviewed the draft Examination Timetable generally and have made the following Procedural Decisions while preparing the Examination Timetable (Annex C to this letter):

- Deadline 1 remains at Tuesday 20 March 2018;
- The notification by the Panel of April 2018 hearings is not required, as this letter provides the relevant notices for the April hearings;
- The Accompanied Site Inspection will take place over two days, Monday 16 April 2018 (for the application site and nearby locations and viewpoints in Thurrock) and Tuesday 17 April (for sites and locations near the southern bank of the River Thames in Gravesham that may be impacted by the Proposed Development);
- The notification by the Panel of the June Issue Specific Hearings (ISHs), Open Floor Hearing (OFH) and Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)(if required) will take place on Thursday 24 May 2018;
- We will publish the agendas for the June hearings on Tuesday 19 June 2018;
- The date reserved for an ISH on outstanding environmental, planning policy and socio-economic issues is now Tuesday 26 June 2018;
- The date reserved for the CAH (if required) is now Wednesday 27 June 2018. It will take place in the morning, commencing at 10:00am.
- The date reserved for the final OFH (if required) is also now Wednesday 27 June 2018. It will take place in the afternoon, commencing at 4:00pm;
- The date reserved for the ISH on the draft Development Consent Order is now Thursday 28 June 2018;
- Deadline 5 is Friday 6 July 2018;
- Deadline 6 is Friday 3 August 2018;
- Deadline 7 is Thursday 16 August 2018; and
- There is no deadline 8 now required.

In addition, the Panel has made the following Procedural Decisions in respect of other suggested changes to the Examination timetable: -

- It is not possible to provide the suggested 21 day consultation period between the receipt of Local Impact Reports and Deadline 2, due to the need to accommodate three rounds of hearings and two rounds of Written Questions in the Examination timetable, as well as meeting all statutory timetable requirements. However, if Interested Parties have

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<sup>1</sup> Section 89(1) of the Planning Act 2008

difficulties meeting Deadline 2 for their comments on Local Impact Reports, the Panel would be prepared to accept them at Deadline 3 instead.

- The ASI plans can be distributed by the Applicant at the start of each of the two days of the ASI.
- While recognising that the deadline for responses to comments to the Panel's draft DCO (or schedule of proposed changes) lies on the same day as the need for the Applicant to submit its final dDCO, we are unable to add in a further deadline at the end of the Examination period to enable the Applicant to review any responses to comments to the Panel's draft DCO (or schedule of proposed changes) prior to finalising its dDCO. However, in making its recommendation to the Secretary of State, the Panel has to attach its own recommended draft DCO, whatever the recommendation within its report, so the Panel can review and take note of any relevant responses to comments prior to finalising its recommended dDCO.

## 2. Examining Authority's First Written Questions (FWQs)

We request for each Interested Party to check our FWQs carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them.

## 3. Hearings

Annex D to this letter notifies Interested Parties of the following days/times for hearings in April 2018: -

Issue Specific Hearing on Planning Policy and Environmental Matters (including, but not necessarily limited to planning policy and cumulative/in-combination effects; landscape and visual impacts; historic environment; biodiversity; Habitat Regulations Assessment; dredging and navigation; contaminated land and waste; water quality, flood risk and Water Framework Directive assessments).	Wednesday 18 April 2018, commencing at 10:00am
Issue Specific Hearing on socio-economic issues, technical and other environmental matters (including, but not necessarily limited to socio-economic effects; engineering design and construction; transportation and traffic; noise; air quality impacts; health and safety).	Thursday 19 April 2018, commencing at 10:00am
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)	Friday 20 April 2018, commencing at 10:00am

Affected Persons should notify us in writing of their wish to speak at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) by **Deadline 1 (Tuesday 20 March 2018)**.

Interested Parties who wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing during the June 2018 hearings, which would be held if one is requested, should notify us in the same way, by **Deadline 1 (Tuesday 20 March 2018)**.

Two Open Floor Hearings, and one Issue Specific Hearing dealing with the draft Development Consent Order, have already taken place on 20 and 21 February 2018.

Further important information about hearings is provided in **Annex D**.

#### **4. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)**

The Applicant is taking the lead in the preparation of SoCGs and it will aid the smooth running of the Examination if all Interested Parties who are participating in the preparation of SoCGs liaise and co-operate with the Applicant in respect of their production. The Panel provided a list of Interested Parties and subject details that are to be used as the starting point for preparing SoCGs in our Rule 6 letter of the 22 January 2018. Final, signed versions of those SoCGs are requested to be submitted by **Deadline 1 (Tuesday 20 March 2018)**.

The Panel is aware that, in addition to the SoCGs requested in our Rule 6 letter, the Applicant is also preparing SoCGs with the following Interested Parties. The Panel requests that the Interested Parties listed here liaise with the Applicant to produce SoCG, as we consider that they will help to inform the Examination process: -

Cadent Gas;  
Cole Family and Common Land Conservator;  
Gothard Family;  
Network Rail; and  
London Resort Holdings.

The Panel is aware that often SoCGs need to be changed and updated during the Examination process. Because of this, we have also added items requesting any updated or changed SoCG at deadline 3 (Monday 30 April 2018), 5 (Friday 6 July 2018) and 7 (Thursday 16 August 2018).

#### **5. Local Impact Reports (LIRs)**

Local authorities are invited to submit LIRs by **deadline 1 (Tuesday 20 March 2018)** in the Examination Timetable at **Annex B**.

## Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1	Preliminary Meeting	<p><b>Tuesday 20 February 2018 10.00am</b></p> <p><b>Thurrock Hotel, Ship Lane, RM19 1YN</b></p>
2a.	Open Floor Hearing (OFH) (afternoon)	<p><b>Tuesday 20 February 2018 commencing on the close of the Preliminary Meeting and not before 2.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Thurrock Hotel, Ship Lane, RM19 1YN</b></p>
2b.	OFH (evening)	<p><b>Tuesday 20 February 2018 6.00pm</b></p> <p><b>Thurrock Hotel, Ship Lane, RM19 1YN</b></p>
3.	Issue Specific Hearing on the Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)	<p><b>Wednesday 21 February 2018 10.00am</b></p> <p><b>Thurrock Hotel, Ship Lane, RM19 1YN</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Rule 8</b></p> <p>Issue by the Panel of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination Timetable</li> <li>• The Panel's First Written Questions (FWQs)</li> <li>• Notification of Hearings to be held in April 2018</li> </ul>	<p><b>As soon as practicable following the Preliminary Meeting</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Deadline 1</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday 20 March 2018</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words</li> <li>• Written Representations (WRs)</li> <li>• Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words</li> <li>• Local Impact Reports from any Local Authorities</li> <li>• Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the Panel – see <b>Annex B</b></li> <li>• Responses to the Panel's FWQs</li> <li>• Comments on Applicant's updated and errata application documents</li> <li>• Written summaries of oral representations provided in the February ISH on the dDCO and the OFHs</li> <li>• Post hearing submissions including submissions of oral case from the February 2018 hearings</li> <li>• Revised draft DCO from the Applicant</li> <li>• Notification by Affected Parties of their wish to speak at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing to be held on Friday 20 April 2018</li> <li>• Notification by Interested Parties of their wish to make oral representations at the ISH on planning policy and environmental matters (Wednesday 18 April 2018) and/or the ISH on socio-economic, technical and other environmental matters (Thursday 19 April 2018)</li> <li>• Notification of wish to speak at any future Open Floor Hearing</li> <li>• Notification of wish to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection (or a part of it) which is to be held on</li> </ul>	
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	<p>Monday 16 April 2018 and Tuesday 17 April 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of locations or sites that are suggested by Interested Parties and Affected Persons for inclusion in an Accompanied Site Inspection</li> <li>• Notification by statutory parties of wish to be considered an Interested Party</li> <li>• Applicant's proposed revised draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection</li> </ul>	
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification by the Panel of Site Inspections to be held in the company of interested parties on 17 and 18 April 2018</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 28 March 2018</b>
7.	<p><b>Deadline 2</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the Panel of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on WRs and responses to comments on RRs</li> <li>• Comments on Local Impact Reports</li> <li>• Comments on responses to FWQs</li> <li>• Comments on any revised draft DCO or other documents from the Applicant submitted at deadline 1</li> <li>• Responses to any further information requested by the Panel</li> <li>• Applicant's final itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspections to be held on 16 April and 17 April 2018</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 4 April 2018</b>
9a.	Accompanied Site Inspection to the application site and nearby locations and viewpoints in Thurrock	<b>Monday 16 April 2018</b>
9b.	Accompanied Site Inspection to relevant locations and viewpoints in Gravesham	<b>Tuesday 17 April 2018</b>
10a.	Issue Specific Hearing on Planning Policy and Environmental Matters	<b>Wednesday 18 April 2018 10.00am</b>

		<b>Thurrock Hotel, Ship Lane, RM19 1YN</b>
10b.	Issue Specific Hearing on Socio-economic, Technical and Other Environmental Matters	<b>Thursday 19 April 2018 10.00am</b>  <b>Thurrock Hotel, Ship Lane, RM19 1YN</b>
11.	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing	<b>Friday 20 April 2018 10.00am</b>  <b>Thurrock Hotel, Ship Lane, RM19 1YN</b>
12.	<b>Deadline 3</b>  Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to any information requested by the Panel</li> <li>• Comments to any information submitted by the Applicant or Interested Parties at Deadline 2</li> <li>• Post hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases</li> <li>• Responses to any revised dDCO or other documents submitted by the Applicant at earlier deadlines</li> <li>• Revised draft DCO from Applicant (if required)</li> <li>• Any revised or updated SoCGs</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 30 April 2018</b>
13.	Publication by the Panel of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Panel's Second Written Questions (SWQs)(if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 8 May 2018</b>
14.	<b>Deadline 4</b>  Deadline for the Receipt of: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to the Panel's SWQs (if required)</li> <li>• Comments on any information previously requested by the Panel</li> <li>• Comments on any information</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 22 May 2018</b>

	submitted by the Applicant or Interested Parties/Affected Persons at Deadline 3	
15.	Notification by the Panel of June ISHs, OFH and CAH (if required)	<b>Thursday 24 May 2018</b>
16.	Publication by the Panel of Agendas for June Hearings (if required)	<b>Tuesday 19 June 2018</b>
17.	Date reserved for an Issue Specific Hearing on outstanding Environmental, Planning Policy and Socio-economic issues	<b>Tuesday 26 June 2018</b>
18.	Date reserved for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (morning)	<b>Wednesday 27 June 2018</b>
19.	Date reserved for final Open Floor Hearing (afternoon)	<b>Wednesday 27 June 2018</b>
20.	Date reserved for Issue Specific Hearing on the draft DCO	<b>Thursday 28 June 2018</b>
21.	<p><b>Deadline 5</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on responses to the Panel's SWQs (if required)</li> <li>• Responses to any further information requested by the Panel</li> <li>• Applicant's revised draft DCO</li> <li>• Any revised or updated SoCGs</li> <li>• Post hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases from the June 2018 hearings</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 6 July 2018</b>
22.	<p>Publication by the Panel of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 13 July 2018</b>
23.	<p>Publication by the Panel of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Panel's draft DCO, or the Panel's schedule of proposed changes to the</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 13 July 2018</b>

	Applicant's most recently submitted version of the dDCO (if required)	
24.	<p><b>Deadline 6</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on the Panel's dDCO or the Panel's schedule of proposed changes (if either was required)</li> <li>• Comments on the RIES (if one was prepared)</li> <li>• Comments on responses to information requested by the Panel</li> <li>• Comments on responses on post hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case from the June 2018 hearings</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 3 August 2018</b>
25.	<p>Time reserved for issue by the Panel of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any information requests under Rule 17 (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 3 August 2018</b>
26.	<p><b>Deadline 7</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to comments on the Panel's draft DCO or schedule of proposed changes (if one was required)</li> <li>• Responses to comments on the RIES (if one was prepared)</li> <li>• Responses to information requested by the Panel</li> <li>• Final updated documents from the Applicant in relation to Compulsory Acquisition or any other changed or updated matters</li> <li>• Any revised or updated SoCGs</li> <li>• Final dDCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 16 August 2018</b>

	SI template validation report	
27.	The Panel is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.	<b>Monday 20 August 2018</b>

### **Publication dates**

All information received will be published on the project website as soon as practicable after the deadline for submissions. An Examination Library will be kept up to date throughout the Examination and can be accessed via the project page. Each document will be afforded a unique reference. These references will be used by the Panel during the Examination.

### **Hearing agendas**

We will aim to publish a draft agenda for each hearing on the project website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. The actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the Panel.

### **Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)**

Where the Applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report (NSER) or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the DCO application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination.

The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the Panel's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the Panel and any received will be taken into account as part of the Panel's Recommendation to the Secretary of State.

## Notification of Hearings under sections 91, 92 and 93 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

The following hearings will be held in April 2018:

Subject	Time	Date	Place
Issue Specific Hearing on Planning Policy and Environmental Matters (including, but not necessarily limited to planning policy and cumulative/in-combination effects; landscape and visual impacts; historic environment; biodiversity; Habitat Regulations Assessment; dredging and navigation; contaminated land and waste; water quality, flood risk and Water Framework Directive assessments).	10:00am	Wednesday 18 April 2018	Thurrock Hotel, Ship Lane, RM19 1YN
Issue Specific Hearing on Socio-economic issues, technical and other environmental matters (including, but not necessarily limited to socio-economic effects; engineering design and construction; transportation and traffic; noise; air quality impacts; health and safety).	10:00am	Thursday 19 April 2018	Thurrock Hotel, Ship Lane, RM19 1YN
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)	10:00am	Friday 20 April 2018	Thurrock Hotel, Ship Lane, RM19 1YN

The agendas for these hearing will be published on the Tilbury2 page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days before such hearing takes place.

Those Interested Parties (IPs) who wish to speak at the hearing should notify the Case Manager (Robert Ranger) at the postal or email address in the covering letter by **Deadline 1 (Tuesday 20 March 2018)**.

It would help with the management of the hearing following publication of the Agenda for the relevant hearing, if you can let the Case Manager know:

- what hearing(s) you wish to attend;
- whether you wish to speak at the hearing and the subject matters that you would wish to discuss; and
- of any special needs you may have (e.g. disabled access, hearing loop).

Please ensure that you include your IP reference number in your correspondence.

The hearing venue will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing to enable a prompt start. Hearings will finish as soon as the Panel deems that all those present have had their say and all necessary issues have been covered.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues in the agenda will be discussed on the day.

Depending on the number of parties wishing to speak, it may be necessary to limit the time allocated to each speaker in any future Open Floor Hearing.

The Panel reserves the right to rearrange the agenda for a hearing on the day. If discussion of an issue takes longer than anticipated, it may have to be completed at a later date or completed by the submission of written responses.