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Dear Dr. Harrison,

Re: Application by Port of Tilbury London Limited (PoTLL) for an Order granting Development Consent for a proposed port terminal at the Former Tilbury Power Station ('Tilbury2') – Written Representation Submission

Following the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 8 letter dated 26 February 2018, Kent County Council (KCC) submits its Written Representation.

KCC has set out its position in relation to the proposed development in a Relevant Representation submission (Registration Identification Number 20010090) and is engaging with PoTLL on the matters raised. A general update on the principal submissions outlined in KCC's Relevant Representation is provided below. This letter should be read in conjunction with the detailed comments for clarification and/or additional information set out in the County Council's response to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions. The letter has been prepared in accordance with Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 8.4.

In summary, the principal issues that KCC has made in relation to the application concern:

- Highways and transportation as the Local Highway Authority for Kent;
- Minerals and waste as the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority for Kent;
- Resilience; and
- Biodiversity.

Highways and Transportation

In response to the rail capacity query raised by KCC within its Relevant Representation, PoTLL has provided KCC with correspondence between the Port

and Network Rail as part of its response to the Relevant Representations. Within this correspondence, confirmation is provided that there is sufficient capacity on the Essex Thameside corridor and into London to accommodate additional rail freight movement from Tilbury2 and cater for other demands along the Essex Thameside corridor. KCC is currently reviewing this correspondence provided.

KCC notes that PoTLL states that the Tilbury2 proposals will include sufficient areas within its boundary to accommodate parking of all vehicles associated with its operation. KCC awaits further discussion with PoTLL on this matter.

KCC does request that the applicant sets out the increase in daily and peak hour numbers of car/HGV trips on the KCC highway network. This request is to enable KCC to fully understand the impact of the proposals on the local highway network and to establish whether any further mitigation measures are required.

KCC would also like to note that it is supportive of any proposal to enhance the existing ferry service and its connectivity between the proposed Port Terminal and the ferry pontoon in Tilbury. This would increase the attractiveness of the service and offer employment opportunities to residents in Gravesend.

Minerals and Waste

KCC considers that there are benefits in providing enhanced aggregate import capacity in Essex to reduce importation of land-won reserves from Kent, reducing the reliance of Essex on these reserves.

KCC recognises that the future is likely to see an increase in the importance of marine aggregates and the Tilbury2 proposals will also help satisfy demands in the eastern region in this regard

Resilience

KCC understands that there will be no land based refueling at Tilbury2, but that there could be incidences of river based refueling from bunkering vessels. KCC is satisfied that the PoTLL has recognised the Port of London Authority licensing and Thames Oil Spill Clearance Association (TOSCA) clean-up response roles. The availability of Spill Kits in the jetty area is also noted and strongly supported by KCC.

KCC is satisfied that a native planting scheme, supported by the provided Landscape Ecological Management Plan, can achieve the desired outcome of optimum resilience from biosecurity risks posed by accidental or deliberate introduction of exotic pests, pathogens and invasive species.

Biodiversity

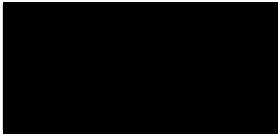
As the development is located within Essex, KCC would expect the relevant consultees in Essex to advise and agree on matters relating to ecological mitigation, onsite and offsite.

KCC seeks assurance from the applicant that the proposed mitigation and avoidance measures for the possible effects on the Thames Estuary & Marshes SPA will be fully outlined within the site plans in order to be satisfied that the measures are deliverable.

KCC looks forward to working with the applicant and Planning Inspectorate as the project progresses through the Examination process. We will welcome the opportunity to comment on matters of detail further as may be required throughout the Examination.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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