

Summary of Representations by Highways England in respect of the proposed Port Terminal at the Former Tilbury Power Station “Tilbury 2”

1. Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

2. At the outset Highways England wishes to record that the Applicant did not consult Highways England on the draft DCO prior to its publication.

3. Highways England’s main areas of concern or disagreement with the Proposed Development and associated Development Consent Order are as follows:

A1. The Applicant has failed to demonstrate that the Proposed Development will not result in severe harm to the safe and efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network.

A2. The draft DCO is not sufficiently clear in respect of the roles and responsibilities that would apply on the Strategic Road Network when the proposed Works were being undertaken on or near it. The powers being sought by the Applicant, in going beyond those that would accrue to a statutory undertaker under the 1991 Act, would prevent Highways England discharging its statutory duties.

A3. The draft DCO is wholly inadequate to protect the reasonable interests of Highways England.

4. Within these main areas there are numerous other areas of concern or disagreement.