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Our ref: PoTLL/T2/EX/97

Dear Mr Ranger,

Planning Act 2008

Draft Port of Tilbury (Expansion) Order: "Tilbury2"

Update on Highways England Issues and Statements of Common Ground

Following the issue of the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions on 8 May 2018, PoTLL has noted the concerns of the Examining Authority in relation to issues regarding the Strategic Road Network ('the SRN') that may be affected by the Tilbury2 development.

In particular, we have noted question 2.18.4 (i), which asks PoTLL and Highways England to update the Examining Authority urgently in relation to discussions on the impacts of Tilbury2 on the SRN. This and the other highway questions from the Examining Authority note the following topics of concern to Highways England:

- traffic generation from Tilbury2;
- the need (or not) for works to M25 J30 and any other areas of the SRN;
- the scope of works to the Asda roundabout; and
- the drafting of relevant DCO articles and the protective provisions for the benefit of Highways England.

PoTLL continues to discuss these matters with Highways England with the aim of making progress as quickly as possible within the Examination timetable. Indeed, and to update the Examining Authority, I can confirm that in the past week Highways England's agreement has been secured as to PoTLL's traffic generation methodology and that no works would be required at the A1089/A13 and A1089/Marshfoot Road junctions; and PoTLL is optimistic that agreement can be reached on a position re M25 J30 by Deadline 4. However, it is not considered likely that similar progress will be made by Deadline 4 in respect of the Asda roundabout and DCO drafting.

We will fully update the Examining Authority as to the latest position on these matters at Deadline 4 both in response to the Examining Authority's questions and through the submission of an updated SoCG with Highways England. However, we should mention now that depending on the extent of continuing progress with Highways England, we may need to request the Examining Authority at or very soon after Deadline 4 to hold a special Issue



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Specific Hearing on SRN matters as opposed to just setting some time aside for these issues at the proposed June hearings.

To assist the Panel in preparing for those hearings, we would also envisage submitting a further updated SoCG with Highways England a week before then (along with the draft DCO and EMCP requested by the Examining Authority in its second questions).

We would envisage doing this as part of a full SoCG Update Report, including updated SoCGs with other stakeholders. We suggest that this may be more beneficial to the Examining Authority than were we to submit a full SoCG Update Report at Deadline 4 (which was suggested in our Deadline 3 update, but wasn't required by the Rule 8 letter). I should be grateful if it could be confirmed as soon as possible whether this would be acceptable to the Examining Authority.

If you have any questions on any of these matters, please do not hesitate to contact our legal advisers: matthew.fox@pinsentmasons.com or robbie.owen@pinsentmasons.com.

Yours sincerely



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