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**PLANNING ACT 2008 PROPOSED THAMES WATER UTILITIES  
LIMITED (THAMES TIDEWAY TUNNEL)  
ORDER ("the Order")  
APPLICATION FOR A CONSENT UNDER SECTION 138(4)(b):  
EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHTS/REMOVAL OF APPARATUS - BRITISH  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLC**

The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport ("the Secretary of State") has considered the Panel's report<sup>1</sup> dated 12 June 2014 ("the report"), in relation to the application from Thames Water Utilities Limited ("the Applicant") for consent pursuant to section 138(4)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 ("the 2008 Act").

The Panel recommended at paragraph 18, subject to their comments at paragraph 20-21 of the report, that the Secretary of State should give consent under section 138(4)(b) of the 2008 Act for the inclusion in the proposed Order of provisions for the extinguishment of rights and the removal of apparatus of British Telecommunications plc (BT).

The Secretary of State is satisfied that the protective provisions, and progress of the issues identified in paragraph 21 of the report, adequately protect BT's interests.

On the basis that BT's representation has not been withdrawn, the Secretary of State gives consent by this letter under Section 138(4)(b)

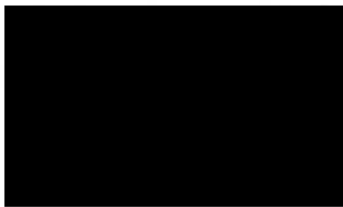
<sup>1</sup> The report to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport forms Appendix E6 to the Panel's report to the Secretaries of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and for Communities and Local Government.



of the Planning Act 2008 for the inclusion in the Order of provisions for the extinguishment of rights and/removal of apparatus in relation to BT.

I note that the Secretaries of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and for Communities and Local Government must also be satisfied, under section 138(4)(a) of the 2008 Act, that the extinguishment of rights or removal of apparatus is necessary for the purpose of carrying out the development so as to allow provisions authorising such extinguishment or removal to be included in the Order.

Your sincerely,



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