

Proposed Thames Water Utilities Ltd (Thames Tideway Tunnel) Development Consent Order

Application Reference WW010001

10th January 2014

**Planning Central Casework,
Department for Communities and Local Government,
Zone 1/ H1 Eland House, Bressenden Place,
London
SW1E 5DU**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Proposed Thames Water Utilities Ltd (Thames Tideway Tunnel)
Development Consent Order
Land at : Albert Embankment Foreshore.**

I write in connection with the above application by Thames Water and your letter dated 19th December relating to Part 1 second written questions.

Please find our response to questions 27.7, 27.8, 27.9, 27.10 and 34.20 below:-

The intersection structure would appear in the foreground of the bridge on its eastern side. It would be a circular structure attached to the east embankment with graded terraces grading down into the river water.

The river is broad here. The bridge consists of five broad, low spans. The structure is metal - utilitarian but with a decorate colour scheme in red, white, blue and yellow. Ornamentation is provided by colossal statues on the bridge piers. It is a large, imposing piece of industrial design which is at the same time elegant and finely detailed.

The bridge is best appreciated in views from the Embankment and Millbank to the north and the riverside walk between MI6 Head Quarters and the Peninsula Heights tower.

The proposed structure would not attach to the bridge but the terraces to tier down beneath the first span on the east side of the river.

The proposal takes a very different form to the bridge and will appear as a completely different structure in the immediate foreground when they are viewed together. The proposal would not compete with the bridge because of its

relatively modest scale and its attachment to the embankment. There would be no harm to the significance of the bridge.

The Local Authority would prefer option A as the work site adjacent to Vauxhall Cross would have access and egress during low tide only and this method of construction and access would allow un-interrupted access for Duck Tours and other necessary access to the Thames via Lack's Dock. This approach is considered to eliminate concerns about the impact of construction activities on local neighbour amenity located at Peninsula Heights in terms noise and disturbance. Further this option would not involve any removal and subsequent re-instatement of the river wall or loss of any trees located between Tintagel House and Camelford House.

The Local Authority would also like to make the Examining Authority aware that presently there are un-authorized residential occupiers located in Tintagel House which is subject to Enforcement action. Tintagel House is subject to an MDO (Major Development Opportunity) under the adopted Local Development Framework proposals map which states the following:-

Redevelopment encouraged. Widening and improvement of riverside walk. Active frontage uses on both flanks as far as viable. Should form a transition in scale of development between Albert Embankment and Vauxhall Cross. Preference for both sites to be developed together to open up riverside.

Yours faithfully

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