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Thames Water Utilities Ltd  
C/o The Planning Inspectorate  
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Dear Sir

- **Section 55, The Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011)**
  - **Thames Tideway Tunnel, London**
  - **Development Consent Order of the Thames Tideway Tunnel**
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I have considered the request by the Planning Inspectorate in regards to the application by Thames Water for the Thames Tideway Tunnel.

The request specifically relates to whether or not the applicant has complied with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

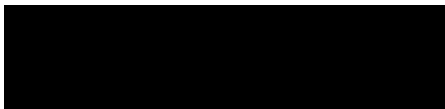
The London Borough of Bexley can confirm the following:

1. Bexley Strategic Planning was consulted at all stages as a 'neighbouring authority,' (Section 43(2)(a) and (b)) as none of the proposed development is in the borough, but we adjoin a local authority where development is proposed (Royal Greenwich). In this regard the applicant met the requirements of Section 42(b)
2. The requirement to consult a local authority includes the need to consult us with their statement of community involvement prior to consulting the local community, which Thames Water did, thus meeting the requirement of Section 47(2)
3. The draft statement of community consultation and draft community consultation strategy were reviewed and we responded to the consultation with an agreement to on-going dialogue, but with no further comments at this stage. We were given 28 days to respond (Section 47(3)).
4. We were then consulted on the revised community consultation documents, as the applicant took on board the results of the previous consultation as per Section 47(5).
5. Similar to the first consultation, we had no further comments at this stage, and sent this response accordingly.

6. We were consulted at Section 48 Publicity, and therefore the applicant met, as far as we are concerned, the requirements of Section 48. As a neighbouring authority, and with the closest proposed development occurring in the west of Royal Greenwich along the Lewisham border, it was felt that there were no significant impacts from the proposed development on Bexley.
7. In addition, the proposed development is considered to be strategic infrastructure, and as such was supported by the Council's planning approval for the Crossness Sewage Treatment Works development proposals linked to the upgrade of the Victorian sewer system.

I would therefore like to advise you that the London Borough of Bexley raises no objection at this stage of the process.

Yours sincerely



Susan Clark  
Head of Development Control