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Dear Mr Stride,

**PLANNING ACT 2008
APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED
(THAMES TIDEWAY TUNNEL) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER
APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES UNDER SECTION 127 AND CONSENT UNDER
SECTION 138**

Consideration is being given to the report of the Panel which examined the applications for the above certificates and consent. The report was submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport on 12 June 2014. The decision on the application for the above Order, to which the certificates and consent relate, has to be made by 12 September 2014.

We understand from the Panel's report that at the end of the examination an Overarching Framework Agreement ("OFA") between Thames Water Utilities Limited ("TWUL") and Transport for London ("TfL") including Property Heads of Terms remained to be settled. At that time, TWUL and TfL informed the Panel that the target date for finalising the OFA was 30 April 2014. We have, to date, received no indication from TWUL or TfL that the OFA has been finalised.

Please could you let us know by no later than 16 July 2014 whether the OFA has been finalised and if not when you expect it to be settled.

I am writing in similar terms to Stephen Collings at Eversheds on behalf of TfL. A copy of this letter and your responses will be published on the Thames Tideway Tunnel project page of the Planning Inspectorate website.

This letter is sent without prejudice to our Secretary of State's decision on the above applications for certificates and consent and the decision of the Secretaries of State for Communities and Local Government and Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in relation to the application for development consent. Please note also that nothing in this letter should be taken to indicate what those decisions might be.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Woods