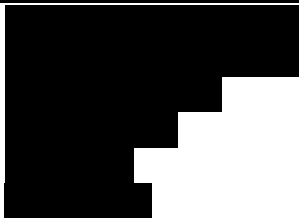




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Dear Mr Holbeche,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Application for Development Consent by Thames Water Utilities Ltd for the Thames Tideway Tunnel

Thank you for your letter of 8 November regarding the timing of the publication of the applicant's submissions of 4 November in relation to the first hearings in the examination timetable. Your letter has been made available to the Examining authority.

I acknowledge that there has been a short lead-in following the publication of the submissions of the 4 November. The Panel do not expect parties to have gained a detailed knowledge of the information submitted by interested parties on the 4 November (and published on the 7 November) at this week's hearings. In that context, I would encourage you to concentrate on your particular geographic interest and although you may not have had time to consider all the detail, that you familiarise yourself with the principles of the responses provided.

All interested parties, including the applicant, are in the same position with regard to viewing each other's written representations. They were all published at the same time on Thursday 7 November 2013. The Local Impact Reports submitted by the relevant Councils were published as they were submitted.

The Panel hopes that all Parties will come to the hearing days with the aim of setting out the evidence supporting their particular concerns and entering into the discussion on the issues to inform the examination.

This is predominantly a written process. There is a full opportunity to respond in writing after the hearing to the written submissions of the 4 November. As such, no one is prejudiced by the timing of these hearings.

Once the Panel has undertaken the issue specific hearing sessions on the rationale for the selection of work sites and drive strategy matters, and fully considered the written

submissions and written responses, they will consider if there is a need for a further issue specific hearing on this issue. In making this decision the Panel will need to consider whether holding a further hearing will be of benefit to the proper examination of the application and evidence.

Any follow-on issue specific hearing(s) will be held in the period reserved for further issues specific or other hearings, in the New Year. Please refer to the examination timetable for further information.

The advice in this letter, along with your original correspondence, will be published on our website in accordance with s.51 of the Planning Act 2008.

Yours sincerely

Mark Wilson

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