



## Meeting Note

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<b>Meeting with</b>	<b>Thames Water</b>
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>10 October 2012</b>
<b>Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)</b>	<b>Pauleen Lane (Group Manager) Mark Wilson (Case Manager) Michael Baker (Assistant Case Officer) Will Spencer (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Frances Russell (EIA and Land Rights Advisor)</b>
<b>Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)</b>	<b>Ian Fletcher Michael Parsons Richard Fornelli Suzanne Burgoyne Stephanie McGibbon James Riley Chris Marlow (part)</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>The Point, Paddington</b>

<b>Meeting purpose</b>	<b>To discuss matters relating to the Environmental Statement and Habitats Regulations.</b>
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<b>Summary of key points discussed and advice given</b>	<p>The Planning Inspectorate advised that as part of their openness policy a note of the meeting would be taken and any s51 advice given would be published on the website.</p> <p><b>Habitats Regulations Assessment</b></p> <p>TWUL set out their findings to date and strategy to complete the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). The Planning Inspectorate advised that consideration should be given to the 'no nothing' scenario. The NPS requires that the assessment should be in accordance with current climate change figures.</p> <p>TWUL explained that a section including in-combination effects is being added and that their findings to date highlight that all impacts are neutral or positive. TWUL confirmed that developments relating to the Olympics are already covered in the Environmental Statement (ES) as part of the base case / cumulative assessment.</p> <p>TWUL explained their joint working to date with Natural England (NE). The HRA is already well advanced and TWUL do not propose an evidence plan. PINS requested sight of feedback from stakeholder workshops in this respect. TWUL advised that they anticipate no significant effects in respect</p>
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of HRA. The Planning Inspectorate advised that all relevant exclusions from the HRA process should be expressed and explained, and that HRA should be accompanied by completed matrices as per the examples already provided to TWUL. These will ultimately form part of the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES).

### **Environmental Statement (ES) structure**

TWUL explained that the purpose of the project was to mitigate against environmental impacts (of waste water), and therefore the ES will reflect this. TWUL explained the structure thus:

- Volume 1 – Project Context including consideration of site alternatives
- Volume 2 – Methodology
- Volume 3 – Project Wide Assessment
- Volume 4-27 – Individual Site Assessments, including in combination effects of adjacent sites
- Non Technical Summary

The Planning Inspectorate advised that the general principles in the ES should be sufficiently flexible recognising the PINS Rochdale envelope advice note.

### **Cumulative Effects**

TWUL set out how cumulative effects would be assessed as part of the ES. The Planning Inspectorate advised that clarity on the other developments included in this assessment must be integral to the assessment, and that cumulative effects of each site should be considered.

### **Engagement**

TWUL set out the strategy of the engagement process through the use of position papers and workshops. The Planning Inspectorate enquired whether letters of comfort could be included with the application and whether a consenting strategy for other required permits could be included with the application. TWUL confirmed that draft statements of common ground would be provided.

### **Alternatives**

TWUL explained that alternatives will be assessed in terms of between site alternatives (Volume 1 Alternatives) and within the sites themselves (Volumes 4-27). The Planning Inspectorate advised that it would be helpful if the application documents identified all alternatives that have been considered.

### **Transboundary Effects**

TWUL explained that they had carried out a transboundary assessment and that no effects on other nations had been identified. TWUL confirmed that the disposal of spoil at sea was not an option under consideration.

	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate advised that the application documents must be clearly laid out in order to aid navigation of the documents. TWUL enquired whether the requirements of Advice Note 6 regarding photographs are applicable to all photographs including context shots. The Planning Inspectorate advised that if the photograph is being used evidentially then the advice in Advice Note 6 should be taken into account.</p>
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<b>Circulation List</b>	All attendees