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FAO: Rebecca Harrison

Dear Rebecca

Thank you for consulting the Port of London Authority (PLA) on the re-consultation of the above-mentioned planned application, for the proposed Cable Tunnel between Tilbury and Gravesend. I have now had the opportunity to review the updated documents and have the following comments to make, in addition to those raised in the PLA's original response dated 15 February 2024.

As part of the amended documents an Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (OCTMP) has been provided which on page 36 commits to the removal of tunnelled spoil by barge via the River Thames from the Tilbury side (totalling approximately 85,000m3 of material). Whilst this is in principle welcomed it is noted that for the Gravesend side, the removal of spoil has not been investigated and is considered unlikely to be feasible due to the difficulty of accessing a jetty in this location. Whilst this is noted, including that the proposals comprise most of the work being conducted from the Tilbury side of the river, with the spoil from one shaft and the tunnel being removed via the north portal, it is still considered that the potential use of the river through the supply chain on the Gravesend side must still form a consideration as part of the detailed CTMP, including further consideration of potential landing points in the borough. It is therefore considered that this forms a requirement of a detailed CTMP, via an appropriately worded planning condition as part of any forthcoming planning permission.

As noted previously the proposed development will also require a River Works Licence with the PLA. This must be added as an informative as part of any forthcoming planning permission. For information the applicant is in continuing discussions with the PLA with regard to this requirement.

I hope these comments are of assistance.

Regards

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