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Responses to third round of
ExA's questions
Please ask for: Patricia Cuervo

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Dear Ms Bessell,

Thank you for your letter sent on the 20 February 2013. Please see enclosed the Council's response to the panel's request for further information.

Please do not hesitate to contact my officer, Ms Patricia Cuervo, if you have any queries regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Examination of the Thames Tideway Tunnel Third round of questions and request for information

Noise and Disturbance

Noise policy

R57.1 Can the local authorities and the Applicant provide comments on the implications of the Environmental Noise (England) Regulations 2006, as amended in January 2014 (EN Regulations) and advise if it changes their cases as so far presented.

Response to R57.1

The Environmental Noise (England) Regulations 2006, transpose the EC Directive into UK law. This is not relevant to temporary construction noise. The Noise Mapping and Noise Action Plans are based on predicted yearly average noise levels from road and rail traffic, aircraft and fixed industrial sites. It does not include temporary noise from construction. In the operational phase of the Thames Tideway Tunnel it is highly unlikely that noise would add anything to the yearly average noise level- Lden.

R57.2 The Government has adopted a number of Noise Action Plans (NAP) in accordance with the EN Regulations including a NAP in respect of 65 Agglomerations (urban areas) identified as a consequence of the Environmental Noise Directive (END). Can the Applicant and all other Parties consider and set out whether this and any other NAP are considered important and relevant to this application and their reasons for their conclusions.

Response to R57.2

For the reasons given above and the temporary nature of the construction phase it is not included within a noise action plan. Noise Action Plans are, of course, important. The Noise Action Plans and noise mapping is done on a five year cycle; noise from temporary construction sites is not included.