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My reference: Thames Tideway Tunnel Adequacy of Consultation Representation

Please ask for: Patricia Cuervo

7th March 2013

Dear Thames Tunnel Case Team,

Section 55, the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) ('the PA 2008'). Application by Thames Water utilities Ltd for the proposed Development Consent Order of the Thames Tideway Tunnel.

Thank you for your letter of 28th February requesting our representation on Thames Water's adequacy of consultation in relation to the Thames Tideway Tunnel.

We have reviewed Thames Water's Consultation Report, in particular, Section 19 (Cremorne Wharf Depot) and Section 20 (Chelsea Embankment Foreshore). It is our view that Thames Water have complied with the duty to consult (section 42 of the Act), the duty to consult the local community (Section 47 of the Act) and the duty to publicise (Section 48 of the Act). We have reached this conclusion due to the following reasons:

• Thames Water prepared a Statement of Community Consultation and a Community Consultation Strategy setting out their proposal for consulting residents who lived in the vicinity of the sites. They sought our views on their statement on two occasions: February and June 2010. We consider that they had regard to the responses that we sent to them. As a result of our responses we thought that our residents would be well involved and consulted during the preapplication stage. Thames Water's Statement was publicised on their website and in newspapers. We consider that they have carried out their consultations in accordance with the proposals set out in the statement.

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- Thames Water set a deadline for the receipt of our response of at least 28 days.
 In several occasions the deadline was considerably longer than the statutory minimum timescales.
- Regarding publicity, we consider that Thames Water publicised the application in the prescribed manner and that they included a deadline for receipt of responses to the publicity.

If you have any further questions please contact my officer, Miss Patricia Cuervo on the number below.

Yours sincerely,

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