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For the attention of Liz Hardy

7 November 2013

Dear Sirs

Thames Water Utilities Limited

Application for Certificates in Respect of Compulsory Acquisition of Open Space and Rights over Open Space pursuant to Section 131(4A) and Section 132 (3) and (4A) – Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013)

This letter and supporting documentation represent an application by Thames Water Utilities Limited for certificates by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 131 (4A) (for land) and Section 132 (3) and/or (4A) (for rights) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) in respect of open space, which is the subject matter of compulsory purchase powers sought under the *Draft Thames Water Utilities Limited (Thames Tideway Tunnel) Development Consent Order 2013*.

The application is for certificates to be issued in lieu of the requirement to undergo Special Parliamentary Procedure.

The relevant application for development consent (Planning Inspectorate reference WW010001) was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 28 February 2013 and the examination commenced on 13 September 2013.

The application is contained within the accompanying folder. We have carefully followed the technical advice that you have provided in presenting the information. Further to your telephone conversation with my colleague, Charlotte Cook, on 4 November 2013, please accept my apologies for the slight delay in the submission of the application. As explained, the project team has been working hard to deliver the first written question responses to the Examining Authority simultaneously with the s.131/s.132 application preparation.

As suggested, and to assist in the identification of the open space within the wider context, we have provided A1 plans to show the order land at a scale of 1:1250. These are based on the Special Land Plans provided with our application for development consent. We have also produced smaller scale plans at varying scales as appropriate in each case (at A3) that show the specific sites in closer detail. This allows the order land plot numbers to be identified clearly. With regard to greater clarity of plot boundaries, we have experimented with using a different colour, though this made the order limits difficult to identify (as the two lines often coincide). However, the individual plot areas are most clearly presented in our Land Plans (provided with the DCO and located within Section 2, 'Book of

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Plans', in the DVDs of the application already provided). Here they are coloured (in grey scale) and the numbers are provided for each plot.

The relevant sheet numbers for each site in the Land Plans series is set out below:

- Barn Elms – sheets 7 and 8
- Putney Embankment Foreshore – sheets 10 and 13
- St George's Park – Sheet 16
- Falconbrook Pumping Station – Sheet 18
- Chelsea Embankment Foreshore – Sheet 25
- Albert Embankment Foreshore – sheets 19 and 31
- Deptford Church Street – Sheet 46
- King Edward Memorial Park Foreshore – Sheet 49.

As requested, we have distributed this material as follows:

- a. This submission to yourself in the Leeds office (1 copy)
- b. Two copies to Rachael Pipkin, NPCU, Department for Communities and Local Government, 5 St Philips Place, Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2PW
- c. One copy to Louise Reekie, NPCU, Department for Communities and Local Government, 2 Rivergate, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EH.

We would hope that advertisement of the application could be completed by the end of the year and look forward to your instructions in this regard. We would find it helpful if you could share with us details of the process going forward. In the event of an Inquiry being called, what rules will apply to the process?

We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of the application and provide an indication of the programme for determination as soon as is reasonably feasible

If there are any queries arising from the above, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleagues, Charlotte Cook, on 020 8792 5531 (email Charlotte.Cook@tidewaytunnels.co.uk) or Ian Fletcher (email ian.fletcher@thameswater.co.uk).

Yours faithfully



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