



## Department for Communities and Local Government

To: the Chief Executives of the Local  
Planning Authorities as listed at Annex A of  
the Directions

21 December 2012

CC: Heads of Planning

*By post and e-mail*

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **CONSULTATION AND SAFEGUARDING DIRECTIONS FOR ALL TUNNEL ALIGNMENTS THAT FORM PART OF THE THAMES TIDEWAY TUNNEL (TTT) PROJECT – FROM ACTON STORM TANKS IN WEST LONDON TO ABBEY MILLS PUMPING STATION IN EAST LONDON**

On behalf of the Secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) I hereby serve you with the attached Directions which affect land in the areas of the local authorities listed at Annex A of the Directions. I include the drawings that affect land in the area of your authority. The Directions and key plan drawing will be published on the website

<https://www.gov.uk/planning-applications-called-in-decisions-and-recovered-appeals>

Individual drawings including those that affect land in the areas of other local authorities can be made available electronically or in hard copy on request, specifying the last three digits of the drawing number to [pcc@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pcc@communities.gsi.gov.uk)

In brief, the effect of these Directions is that:

- 1) you are required to consult Thames Water Utilities Limited (TWUL) on specific applications within the identified route of the tunnel.
- 2) where agreement with TWUL is not reached your authority cannot grant planning permission on such an application in respect of any land to which these Directions relate, until the expiry of a period of 21 days, which begins with the date which the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government tells you in writing is the date he received the material specified in the Directions.
- 3) if, before the expiry of the 21 day period the Secretary of State has notified you that he does not intend to issue a direction under section 77 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in respect of that application, you may proceed to determine the application.

As you are aware, Government supports the Thames Tideway Tunnel (TTT) project, taken forward by TWUL. In September 2010, via a written Ministerial Statement, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs indicated the current Government's continuing support for a proposed tunnel solution and this was reinforced via a second written Ministerial statement on 3 November 2011. In March 2012 Parliament approved the Waste Water National Policy Statement which established the need for the proposed Thames Tideway Tunnel, which is now a designated Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008.

TWUL's S.48 consultation for publicity of their proposed application closed on 5 October 2012. The area of land referenced in the Directions relate to all tunnel alignments that form part of the proposed TTT project. TWUL intends to submit the formal development consent application to the Planning Inspectorate in early 2013.

I would be grateful if you would pass this letter and attachments to your planning department. I will send a copy to TWUL and the Greater London Authority for information. Finally, if you need any further information or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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