

# Statement of Common Ground with the Royal Mail Group Limited

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This is the Statement of Common Ground between the applicant, Thurrock Power Ltd, and Royal Mail Group Limited.
- 1.1.2 The ExA, in the rule 6 letter requested that this statement include the following:
  - Matters raised in the relevant representation [RR-024].
- 1.1.3 This statement sets out the matters which are agreed. There are no matters which are not agreed.

## 2 MATTERS THAT ARE AGREED

	Topic	Agreement
1.	Level of potential impact on Royal Mail operations due to road closures	<p>Royal Mail's relevant representation (RR-024) notes that the Royal Mail is concerned that the Thurrock proposals present a risk of construction phase impact to Royal Mail's road based operations on the surrounding road network.</p> <p>The proposed development would take its main construction access from the A1089, through Tilbury Port, and no road closures are proposed for that. Oversized abnormal loads will be brought in via the river Thames and will not use public highways.</p> <p>It is agreed that likely impact of the Thurrock project on Royal Mail principally arises from the need to close the public highway at Station Road in order to allow the construction of a gas pipeline to connect to National Grid's 'Feeder 18' pipeline. That work necessitates crossing the public highway at Station Road and as a worst case, will require complete closure of Station Road for a maximum of two weeks (being one week for each of the two crossing locations required). The diversion route for these closures is via Princess Margaret Road and Muckingford Road.</p> <p>This impact is agreed to be acceptable subject to the agreed mitigation (lines 2 and 3 below) being in place.</p>
2.	Mitigation sought – consultation and notification of closures	<p>Royal Mail requested in RR-024 that:</p> <p><i>"1. the DCO includes specific requirements that during the construction phase Royal Mail is consulted by Thurrock Power Ltd or its contractors at least one month in advance on any proposed road closures / diversions / alternative access arrangements, hours of working, and the content of the final CTMP, and</i></p> <p>It has been agreed that Royal Mail will be named as a required consultee on the final version of the CTMP and this has been included within DCO requirement 6 (PDC-009). TPL has also agreed to give Royal Mail no less than one months' notice of any proposed road closures and diversions and alternative access arrangements and has added this commitment to the outline CTMP so that it is secured by certification of that outline (REP2-037 at 8.9.2). It is agreed that these changes meet the Royal Mail request.</p>
3.	Mitigation sought – CTMP and cumulative traffic effects	<p>Royal Mail requested in RR-024 that:</p> <p><i>2. The final CTMP includes a mechanism to inform major road users (including Royal Mail) about works affecting the local highways network (with particular regard to Royal Mail's distribution facilities near the DCO application boundary as identified above). As well as addressing the potential cumulative traffic effects arising from other proposed major developments in the area."</i></p>

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	<p>TPL has agreed to give Royal Mail no less than one months' notice of proposed road closures the diversions and alternative access arrangements and this obligation has been added to the outline CTMP (REP2-037 at 8.9.2).</p> <p>On cumulative traffic effects, the most obvious likely interaction in the area of Station Road is with the proposed LTC works. The DCO application for the LTC was withdrawn and no traffic information is in the public domain. It is therefore agreed that TPL will commit to providing current information on routes and diversions at the time of notifying of any closure under the Thurrock DCO in the CTMP. This has been added to the outline CTMP (REP2-037 at 8.9.2)). TPL has also committed to liaising with the local highways authority and other projects to seek to address the potential cumulative traffic effects arising from other proposed major developments in the area ((REP2-037 at 8.9.4).</p> <p>It is agreed that these changes meet the Royal Mail request.</p>
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