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## PORT OF TILBURY LONDON LIMITED

### RESPONSE TO EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S FIRST WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**Deadline 3: 10 April 2026**

#### **GEN1.9: Report on interrelationship with other infrastructure projects**

*A report on interrelationship with other infrastructure projects was submitted by the applicant at deadline 1 [REP1-134].*

*The applicants/ developers of the projects listed in table 2.1 of the report (those which are IPs in this examination) are asked to provide comments on the content of the report, cross referencing to any relevant statements of common ground (SoCG) where necessary.*

Port of Tilbury London Limited (PoTLL) has reviewed the Report on Interrelationship with Other Infrastructure Projects [REP1-134] (the Report).

Project ID DCO4 relates to the expansion of the Port of Tilbury, known as Tilbury2, which was authorised by The Port of Tilbury (Expansion) Order 2019 (the Tilbury2 Order). PoTLL is satisfied that the Report accurately reflects the relationship between the Norwich to Tilbury proposals and Tilbury2, including that the changes made to the Norwich to Tilbury proposals following statutory consultation removed any interface with the Port of Tilbury and the freeport.

PoTLL has also considered the Report in relation to further proposed expansion of the Port of Tilbury, known as Tilbury3.

Tilbury3 is not referred to within the Report. Tilbury3 is given Project ID TH38 in Appendix 17.2 Long List and Short List of Other Developments [APP-283]. The planning reference number of 24/01023/SCO is in relation to PoTLL's request for a scoping opinion, being the available planning information at the Applicant's cut-off date of 1 April 2025.

The application for planning permission (hybrid) for Tilbury3 was submitted on 14 May 2025, and Thurrock Council made a resolution to grant planning permission on 25 February 2026. The Tilbury3 application has planning reference 25/00598/FUL.

In reviewing ES Appendix 17.3 – Inter-project Cumulative Effects [APP-284], TH38 has been included, but erroneously refers to application reference 23/01502/FUL. This is the National Grid project for a new cable tunnel between Tilbury and Gravesend. Application reference 24/01023/SCO is not included in the assessment of Inter-project Cumulative Effects, despite being identified within the Long List and Short List as requiring a cumulative assessment.

Within the Report, TH38 is referred to on PDF page 35, along with reference TH35, to refer to the National Grid cable tunnel between Tilbury and Gravesend. This error of referencing has been repeated, but the omission of an assessment of Tilbury3 has not been identified.

As a result, Tilbury3 is not listed in Table 2.1, and the information as to its status and indicative construction and operation programmes is not included. PoTLL requests that Table 2.1 is updated to list Tilbury3 correctly

under ID TH38, and that Tilbury3 is not conflated with ID TH35 which is an unrelated project. We would also request that the Applicant is requested to undertake a back check and verify and confirm that this is a notation error and not reflective of an assessment error.

In respect of the Tilbury3 project, PoTLL considered in the context of the assessment supporting its planning application the potential for cumulative effects with the Norwich to Tilbury proposals. In light of the distance between the projects, including in relation to the location of Norwich to Tilbury construction compounds, no cumulative effects were anticipated. To the extent that the Norwich to Tilbury proposals might seek to utilise the Port of Tilbury for deliveries, these would be within the ordinary traffic movements associated with the day-to-day functioning of the Port.

Accordingly, PoTLL is satisfied that subject to the above error being checked, rectified as appropriate and the basis of assessment confirmed, the Report does not need to make any further or specific reference to Tilbury3.