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Dear Sir,

London Borough of Havering (20025659) – LB Havering response to Applicant's response to Action Point 4 from Issue Specific Hearing 3 Outline Community Engagement Plan (REP8-011).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Outline Community Engagement Plan (CEP) submitted by the Applicant. LB Havering would like to offer the following comments:

LB Havering welcomes the submission of the Outline Community Engagement Plan into the Examination.

In paragraph 3.1.4 the Council would request clarity on what the Applicant considers as "Vulnerable road users", does this include road users with mobility impairments for example?

### Table 4.1 Proposed Engagement Channels

LB Havering welcomes the proposed engagement channels set out in Table 4.1. Quarterly briefings with local authorities are welcome, and LB Havering would expect this local authority engagement to include some of the Councils' own stakeholder liaison groups, particularly our Public Transport Operators Liaison group.

With regards to the reference to social media, the Council would be happy to assist the applicant with communicating information about the scheme through its own social media channels, particularly regarding traffic management measures that could impact residents' journeys.

### Stakeholder Engagement

LB Havering welcomes the Applicant's intention to engage with stakeholders through a number of Forums. The Council would be happy to assist the Applicant with engaging with some of the stakeholder groups listed, should that be necessary.

LB Havering would request clarity on how often the meetings identified in para 5.1.6 will be held. For example, the Applicant references to holding "regular meetings" but how often is

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regular for example? It is particularly important the local residents are kept informed but the table does not indicate how often this would be. In such circumstances Havering would expect regular meetings with the various stakeholder groups listed to be monthly.

Engagement with Non-Motorised Users is welcome. LB Havering would expect Havering's Cycling Liaison Group and the Havering and East London Ramblers to be forums that the Applicant engages.

LB Havering would encourage a dedicated helpline to be set up by the contractor for residents and businesses to contact the contractor with any issues directly.

## Evaluation

It is noted in section 6 that the Community Engagement Plan will be reviewed to ensure objectives are being met. However no further detail is provided as to who will be undertaking such a review and the methodology with which the review will be carried out.

LB Havering would request that the Applicant clarifies if the appointed Contractor or the Applicant will be reviewing the CEP as it is being implemented. The Council would expect the Applicant to undertake such a review if the CEP is being implemented by the Principal Contractor as is suggested in section 2 of the outline CEP.

There appears to be no detail as to how the CEP will be enforced by the Applicant.

## Appendix A Community Engagement Plan Stakeholders

Under the category *Communities* LB Havering would like to see the Havering Borough Resilience Forum, Havering Compact, and Havering Association for people with Disabilities (HAD) included.

Under the category *Businesses* LB Havering would like to see the Romford Business Improvement District and London Riverside Business Improvement District included.

Under the category *Health* LB Havering would like to see the Barking Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust included.

Under the category *Non-motorised users* (*NMUs*) LB Havering would like to see the Havering and East London Ramblers included.

It is noted that a final CEP will be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval. As with the other documents set out under Requirement 4 of the DCO, the Council will expect to be consulted on the final documents and for any comments made to be submitted in full to the Secretary of State.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Outline Community Engagement Plan.

Yours faithfully,

Daniel Douglas

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