



Meeting note

Project	Thames Tideway Tunnel
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
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Meeting with	Tideway London
Venue	Video Conference
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Robert Ranger (Case Manager) Siân Evans (Case Officer) David Price (EIA and Land Rights Manager) Tideway London Liz Wood-Griffiths Nerida Haberkern
Meeting objectives	Potential non-material change application
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

Introduction

The Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) case team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate outlined its openness policy and ensured those present understood that any issues discussed and advice given would be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

The proposed change

The Applicant explained that they are seeking to amend the approved site works parameter plan at Falconbrook Pumping Station. The site works parameter plans set out the zones within which works will take place at each site and limit the locations above and below ground within which works can take place. For each worksite, the parameter plans define the areas within which specific permanent works will be located as follows:

- The green parameter (all permanent site structures). This was established to limit the extent of land that could be permanently acquired whilst giving some flexibility for detailed designers to finalise structure locations.
- The blue parameter (shafts). This was established to tie the shaft location to its associated tunnel's limits of deviation. Blue parameters were labelled to ensure the right shaft was provided at the right site, shafts being an element of the nationally significant infrastructure part of the project.
- The purple parameter (above ground structures). This was established to limit where above ground structures could be located and was necessary to ensure that the final designs complied with the design assessed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the project. Purple parameters were labelled because at most sites there are more than one purple parameter zone within which permanent above ground structures will be built.

At Falconbrook Pumping Station the combined sewer overflow (CSO) drop shaft will include an above ground element. Currently the plan only shows a blue parameter where the shaft is to be located.

There is one purple parameter identified on the drawing. The label for this parameter refers to an interception chamber, which is not consistent with the reference to the valve chamber listed in Table 1 on the plan. The note on the plan has been interpreted to mean that the interception chamber must be located within the purple parameter. The interception chamber is a below ground structure, part of which will extend beyond the purple parameter, as shown on the illustrative permanent works layout plan which was submitted at the time of the application. Due to existing infrastructure within the pumping station, it is not possible to locate the interception chamber entirely within the purple parameter and therefore the Applicant is seeking to amend the drawing to:

- Correct / remove the erroneous note; and
- Add a purple parameter around the CSO drop shaft. This will make it clear that this includes an above ground element, for which further details will be approved by the local planning authority under Requirement FALPS 11.

Next steps

The Applicant advised that they will be seeking consent from the relevant Secretary of State under Regulation 7 of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) to consult a reduced list of consultees. They will then wish to submit their application soon after the consultation list is confirmed. The Inspectorate advised that there is no statutory timeframe for the Secretary of State to determine change applications. To help ensure there are no delays to the decision the Applicant was advised to prepare evidence and justification on the nature of the change with regard to the five characteristics of a material change application, as set out in the [Planning Act 2008: Guidance on Changes to Development Consent Orders](#).

The Inspectorate advised that they would investigate which Secretary of State (Defra or MHCLG) will handle the request to reduce the consultation list and the change application. Once that is determined any correspondence sent to the Secretary of State should also be copied to the Inspectorate.