Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for consulting the Port of London Authority (PLA) on the London Borough of Havering’s Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule consultation. I have now had the opportunity to review the associated documents and the PLA has no in principle objections.

For information, the PLA is the Statutory Harbour Authority for the Tidal Thames between Teddington and the Thames Estuary. Its statutory functions include responsibility for conservancy, dredging, maintaining the public navigation and controlling vessel movement’s and its consent is required for the carrying out of all works and dredging in the river and the provision of moorings. The PLAs functions also include for promotion of the use of the river as an important strategic transport corridor to London. This is reflected in the PLAs Vision for the Tidal Thames document (July 2016). It is noted as part of this consultation that of the main areas of the PLA’s interest, including transport infrastructure and air quality, that these are not covered under the Regulation 123 list, and will be funded through planning obligations.

As part of the consultation documents it is noted that the Infrastructure Delivery Plan states under the transport section that a bus-link bridge is proposed across Rainham Creek between Ferry Lane and Creek Way, there is also support for a cycling/walking bridge over Rainham Creek, to
potentially be built between 2016 - 2021. Please note Rainham Creek falls within the PLA’s jurisdiction along Creek Way up to the A1306 roundabout with Bridge Road, as such the PLA should be consulted on these potential crossings as further details become available, particularly as part of the PLA’s River Works Licensing Process.

It is also noted that there is Green Infrastructure project highlighted in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan called ‘Rainham to the River, linking Rainham communities to Thames and Marshes’. Could further information be provided on this project, particularly with regard to promoting access to the Thames? The PLA would broadly be in support of any project which seeks to enhance access to the River Thames and again should be consulted on any proposals.

I hope this information is of assistance. If you have any questions at all please let me know

Regards

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