

Monthly Report of the Independent Compensation Panel Chair

June 2016

The Independent Compensation Panel (the ‘Panel’) met on four occasions in June 2016.

13 June (pm)

Purpose

The Panel considered an application for compensation under the Project’s Exceptional Hardship Procedure.

Panel Members

I was joined by two Exceptional Hardship Specialists.

Decisions of the Panel

The claim for compensation was rejected on the grounds that three of the five eligibility criteria were not satisfied.

21 June (pm)

Purpose

To consider a medical case re: **2350-TDWAY-CHAWF-990-ZZ-PF-100000**. The Panel was of the view that it had insufficient information to make a determination. The following information is requested by 18 July 2016, ready for the Panel to reconvene on 25 July 2016

Panel Members

I was joined by a Medical Specialist and a Noise & Vibration Specialist.

Decisions of the Panel

The Panel was of the view that it had insufficient information to make a determination. Further information was required, ready for the Panel to reconvene on 25 July 2016.

23 June (am)

Purpose

To consider a Houseboat Trigger Action Plan matter ref. **2350-KRTST-ZZ-OM-100005**.

Panel Members

I was joined by a Chartered Surveyor, a Building Surveyor and a Noise Specialist.

Decisions of the Panel

The Panel received a presentation by FLO.

The Panel determined that:

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A sustained non-trigger break resulting in the potential temporary cessation of mitigation/compensation (during which time beneficiaries would be able to reside on their houseboats) is acceptable in principle.

The Panel also determined the following questions:

1. *The minimum notice period for any envisaged cessation compensation of mitigation/compensation?*

The minimum notice period should be 1 month or the period required to tie in with the next available break in the tenancy agreement of the alternative accommodation, whichever is the longer.

2. *What would be the minimum acceptable duration of such a cessation?*

6 months (to tie in with the rehousing trigger criteria contained in section 3 of the Non-Statutory Off-site mitigation and compensation policy).

3. *What would be the minimum period of rehousing compensation following an interim compensation break upon forecast re-exceeding of trigger values?*

This will be dependent upon the period over which the rehousing trigger levels would be forecast to be exceeded. Each case is to be considered on its merits.

23 June (pm)

Purpose

To consider two Trigger Action Plans, one of which was returned to the Panel for reconsideration.

Panel Members

I was joined by a Building Surveyor and a Noise Specialist.

Decisions of the Panel

1. One of the Trigger Action Plans was approved
2. The Trigger Action Plan returned for consideration was not approved as the document remain unchanged, despite comments made in October 2015 when the Trigger Action Plan previously came before the Panel.

Other Work

I finalised the first draft of my Annual Report and circulated it to all specialists who had at on a Panel for comment. Having taken on board any comments, I circulated it to members of the Tideway Forum Reporting Group for comments.

Other Matters

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1. The Panel received a late technical report from the Project for one of its meetings, arriving on the morning prior to the day of the meeting.
2. The Project will be asked to provide the Panel with documents demonstrating that the required amendments to all Trigger Action Plans have been implemented.