# Monthly Report of the Independent Compensation Panel Chair

## April 2019

The Independent Compensation Panel (the 'Panel') met on two occasions in April 2019.

## 1. 9 April (ICP 116)

## Purpose

To determine compensation and special medical case claims.

## **Panel Members**

In addition to the chair, the panel was comprised of:

- Compensation Specialists
- Medical Specialist
- Noise & Vibration Specialist.

## The Panel:

- Considered 8 matters in total, comprising:
  - 2 compensation claims
  - 6 special medical case claims.
- These matters were associated with Tideway works at:
  - Victoria Embankment
  - Putney
  - Chambers Wharf
  - Carnwath Road

The Panel also received an update from Allen Summerskill about arrangements being made for the base plug pour at Chambers Wharf. This covered the maximum number of vehicles, duration, vehicle route and steps taken to notify residents.

Minutes were issued within 48 hours of the end of the meeting.

## 2. 23 April 2019 (ICP 117)

## Purpose

To determine special case claims.

#### **Panel Members**

In addition to the chair, the panel was comprised of:

- Medical Specialist
- Noise & Vibration Specialist.

#### The Panel:

- Considered 32 matters in total, comprising 4 special medical case claims, 12 base plug pour at Chambers Wharf, 14 Chambers Wharf claims previously awarded until completion of the acoustic enclosure and 2 requests for clarification of awards.
- These matters were associated with Tideway works at:
  - Chambers Wharf
  - Kirtling Street

# Summary

# **Chambers Wharf – acoustic shed**

The Panel has previously made a number of awards which were time-limited until the acoustic enclosure had been completed. A number of these had been further extended until the Panel had an opportunity to review sufficient noise and air quality data to satisfy itself whether the acoustic enclosure was having a noticeable positive effect on the noise impact of the Tideway on the claimants. To give sufficient time for data to be collected and reviewed the Panel had previously extended a number of awards until the shaft had reached design depth. That date was chosen as a known and widely reported date of sufficient time after the completion of the acoustic shed to allow noise data to be collected and reviewed.

To ensure, so far as is possible, that all cases are considered fairly and on their individual merits, the Panel considered all such cases at this Panel meeting.

The Panel noted the following key dates:-02/08/2018 – daytime 'open air' excavation of shaft started. 15/09/2018 – daytime 'open air' excavation of shaft stopped. 20/09/2018 – steelwork assembly for noise enclosure started. 30/11/2018 – noise enclosure substantially complete (i.e. cladding finished on western, southern & eastern facades but mega door on northern façade still being installed.) 11/02/2018 – 24 hr working for shaft excavation within noise enclosure began following completion of installation of mega door.

The Panel reviewed noise and air quality data from the Chambers Wharf site for a period (in excess of six months) covering the period before and after the construction of the acoustic enclosure.

In relation to air quality, the measured particulate levels around the site remain significantly below (less than half) the Air Quality Objective levels.

In relation to noise, the measured levels from various noise monitors around the Chambers Wharf site identify noise levels which would not ordinarily cause disturbance or impact upon the normal use of properties either internally or externally. However, the Panel considered that certain properties which have a direct line of sight of current construction works for the slurry treatment plant may experience occasional noise disturbance. Accordingly the Panel extended these awards (only) until completion of the construction of the slurry treatment plant.

# **Chambers Wharf – Base Plug Pour**

To ensure, so far as is possible, that all cases are considered fairly and on their individual merits, the Panel considered all applications for respite during the proposed base plug pour at Chambers Wharf received prior to this Panel meeting. The Panel took into account the proposed routing of vehicles during the base plug pour. The Panel agreed that, on a precautionary basis, although the pour is scheduled to take less than 36 hours, that where awards are made they should be for two night's temporary accommodation to minimise disruption to those awarded respite.

The Panel reviewed:-

1. A map which illustrates the vehicle route to and from site and the approximately 420 properties which had received hand delivered mitigation leaflets. The area of distribution was discussed and agreed at the March CLWG.

2. The March CLWG slide pack which illustrated mitigation to be employed on site to minimise impacts during continuous concrete pour.

https://www.tideway.london/media/2810/chawf-works-update-march-19.pdf

- this includes a plan of the site that shows all vehicle movements on site will take place to the west of the acoustic shed (none between the acoustic shed and Fountain Green Square).
- 3. Current Approved Section 61 (ref: 5700-CVBJV-CHAWF-151-TZ- PF-005107) & S61 variation (5700-CVBJV-CHAWF-151-TZ- PF-005830) which covers the current night time works and upcoming continuous concrete pour.
- 4. The Panel considered all cases where an application had been submitted prior to the date of the meeting and also other cases where the Panel was also considering at this meeting other matters on behalf of the resident in relation to current awards which were made until the shaft reached design depth.
- 5. A precautionary principle was applied

Minutes were issued within 72 hours of the end of the meeting.