

**London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham**

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Your Ref: 100-CO-GEO-owner-00039

Dear Sirs

**Proposed Thames Tunnel  
Permission for Soil Investigation Work at Private Gardens and Grass Land**

I refer to your letter of 9 December 2008 requesting permission to access a number of sites within the borough in order to carry out site investigation boreholes in connection to the proposals for the Thames Tideway Tunnel and its potential location in the borough.

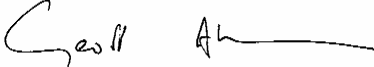
I should initially point out that, of the five proposed sites identified in your letter, only three relate to off highway sites belonging to this authority. The location of borehole SA1118 shown on your plan number 100-DDA-GEO-00000-600079 is on public highway and the location of Borehole SA1122 shown on your plan number 100-DDA-GEO-00000-600027 is on land for which Transport for London is responsible.

As you may be aware, the issue of the location of the Thames Tideway Tunnel in West London is the subject of debate at the current time. Hammersmith & Fulham and Hounslow Councils held a joint public meeting in November at Hammersmith Town Hall and received presentations from a variety of speakers including Thames Water, the Environment Agency and the Consumer Council for Water. The two councils and the majority of those in attendance were not convinced that the impact of the scheme had been properly thought through both in relation to the prolonged disruption that would be imposed on residents during the eight year plus construction period and in relation to the alleged environmental, social and public health benefits in comparison to the high overall estimated cost of the scheme.

Therefore, until these matters are resolved, Hammersmith & Fulham Council do not feel it is appropriate for any exploratory or other work to commence in the sites proposed and I have been instructed to request that your team do not carry out the proposed works until or unless

such time as an agreement can be reached by both parties on the future proposals. In the circumstances the Council does not give its consent.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Alltimes', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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