

## **NOTES FOR SUBMISSION TO WCC on flooding and planning conditions in VTG**

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These are issues that could be brought up with them. Please chose subjects that interest you and use your own words:

### **Surface flooding**

Surface flooding issues were not considered by the Planning Inquiry, but we feel that WCC will agree that they need full consideration now following recent serious floods in Westminster and across Central London. Therefore:-

Please can WCC request details of the design measures which DLUHC propose to add to their outline designs to cope with the following:

- a) Inflow of water into the HMLC courtyard
- b) Inflow of water down the narrow staircases into the Learning Centre
- c) Inflow of water into the exit ramps from the Learning Centre

### **River wall and breach flooding**

Please can WCC explain, or ask DLUHC to explain, why it is justifiable for the river wall condition at VTG not be repaired so that it is 'good' for the entire VTG stretch before the HMLC is constructed?

Please can WCC explain how they will deal with the risk of breach flooding at high tide. We acknowledge that the actual risk of such an occurrence is extremely low, but the result could be catastrophic. In the Learning Centre there would be no safe refuge for staff and visitors inside because the whole building is below ground level.

Please can WCC explain, or ask DLUHC to explain, what trigger level will be used for closing HMLC in accordance with the DLUHC construction period flood evacuation plan?

## **WCC approval process for Project commencement and Planning conditions**

In view of the critical nature of many of the issues raised by WCC's Planning Conditions, we would like to request WCC Planning Department to look favourably on our request - and that of WCC councillors – that the discharging of critical planning conditions is considered by a meeting of the Planning Committee itself.

This should, naturally, take place before any preparatory or other site work that you consider irreversible can start.