



# PLA LOCAL KNOWLEDGE ENDORSEMENT AMENDMENT TO TRIPPING REQUIREMENTS

## 1. Introduction

1.1. In July 2012 the PLA's [Thames Byelaw](#) 22 of 2012 was implemented, which requires the Master of any commercial vessel between 40m and 13.7m length overall and those vessels under 13.7m length overall, which are engaged in passenger carriage or towing, to hold a valid PLA Local Knowledge Endorsement (LKE) for the tidal Thames.

## 2. The Consultation Process

### Affected Parties

2.1. This consultation is directed towards any commercial operator required to operate with a PLA Local Knowledge Endorsement.

### Consultation Duration

2.2. This consultation is now open and will last for **30 days**. It will close on **26<sup>th</sup> August 2023**.

### Conclusion

- 2.3. The information you submit may be made available to other parties. If you do not consent to this, you must clearly request that your response be treated as confidential. Any confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system in e-mail responses will not be treated as such a request. If you make such a request, you will not receive a response.
- 2.4. We appreciate all responses to our consultations, and we may contact you to reply to your feedback, however we do not respond to everyone. Replies are provided when required – such as a request for more information.

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Issue Date:  
**26/07/2023**

Port of London Authority  
London River House, Royal Pier Road,  
Gravesend, Kent DA12 2BG

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**CLOSING DATE: 26/08/2023**

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### 3. Responses to this Consultation

3.1. Responses to the consultation should be sent so that they are received no later than the closing date detailed in [2.2](#).

3.2. Responses may be submitted via the following two methods:

A. By post:

Marine Compliance Department  
Port of London Authority  
London River House, Royal Pier Road,  
Gravesend, Kent DA12 2BG

B. By email:

[cn@pla.co.uk](mailto:cn@pla.co.uk)

Please include the Consultation Notice number in the subject line (located on the top right of the first page of this document – eg. CXX-2X) and reference the paragraph number for any specific comments.

### 4. Proposal

4.1. Presently, 60 trips are required for both the PLA LKE Lower Area (Margaretness to London Bridge), Upper Area (London Bridge to Putney) and the full PLA LKE (Margaretness to Putney).

4.2. We propose the tripping requirement for the **PLA LKE Lower Area** only (Margaretness – London Bridge) is **reduced from 60 to 20 trips** and we welcome feedback from interested stakeholders in advance of a decision.