

UPPER DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING

1 APRIL 2025

LONDON ROWING CLUB,
PUTNEY EMBANKMENT



AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. PLA news
3. River news
4. Natural Thames
5. Destination Thames
6. Trading Thames
7. Q&A

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: THE PLA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Robin Mortimer
Chief Executive



Siân Foster
Director of Corporate
Affairs



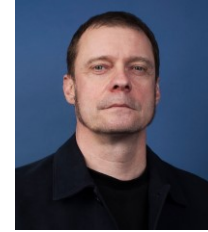
Grace Rawnsley
Director of
Sustainability



Steve Lockwood
Chief Financial
Officer



Karen Fuller
Director of Human
Resources



Jim Trimmer
Director of Planning
and Development



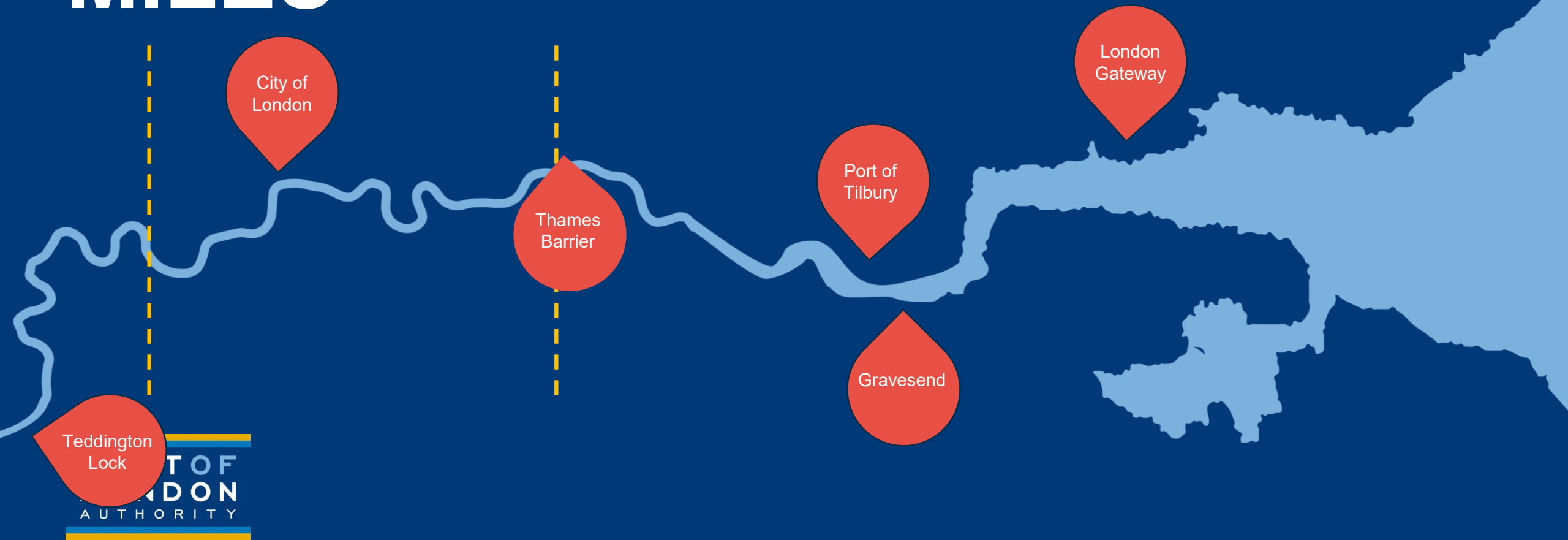
James Stride
Chief Harbour
Master



James Palmer
Director of Marine
Operations

95 MILES

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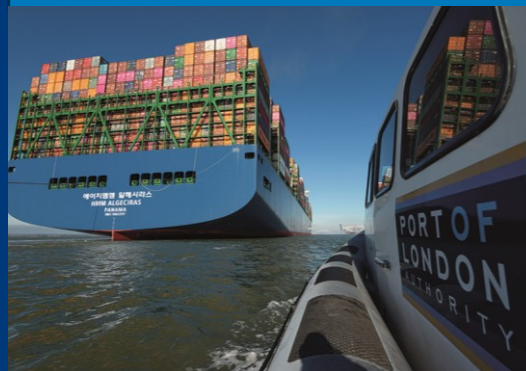
KEY UPDATES THAMES VISION 2050



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Trading Thames



The No. 1 Net Zero UK trading hub

The country's largest and most competitive port, closest to the UK's biggest market, producing Net Zero emissions.



Destination Thames



A place to live, visit, play and enjoy

Accessible to all, a national and international for the city and the country.



Natural Thames



Clean air, water and land supporting diverse wildlife

A clean river, free of sewage, waste and other pollution.

PLA NEWS

FROM TEDDINGTON TO PUTNEY

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PLA NEWS: TIDEWAY CODE

- Latest edition of Tideway Code published in 2024
- In collaboration with Thames Regional Rowing Council and Paddle UK
- Updated guidelines for safe river usage
- Promoting good practice for all river users



PLA NEWS: RICHMOND LOCK & WEIR

- Commitment to 24/7 operations and maintaining water levels
- Maintenance plan and permanent Superintendent in place for long-term resilience
- New signage to improve river user safety to be installed



Lock Foreman can be contacted on *0208 940 0634*



PLA NEWS: REVETMENT WORKS

- A 6-mile stretch of PLA-owned riverbanks and revetments run along the towpaths from Putney to Kew
- These sloping structures protect against flooding
- Regular revetment maintenance and management ensuring effectiveness and longevity



PLA NEWS: TREE MANAGEMENT WORKS

- Tree management works to keep the public and river users safe
- PLA and LBRuT developed the Wooded Towpath Plan 2022
- Tree-related incidents have since fallen from twice a month to 0
- In 2024, PLA spent **£160,000** on management and improvement works



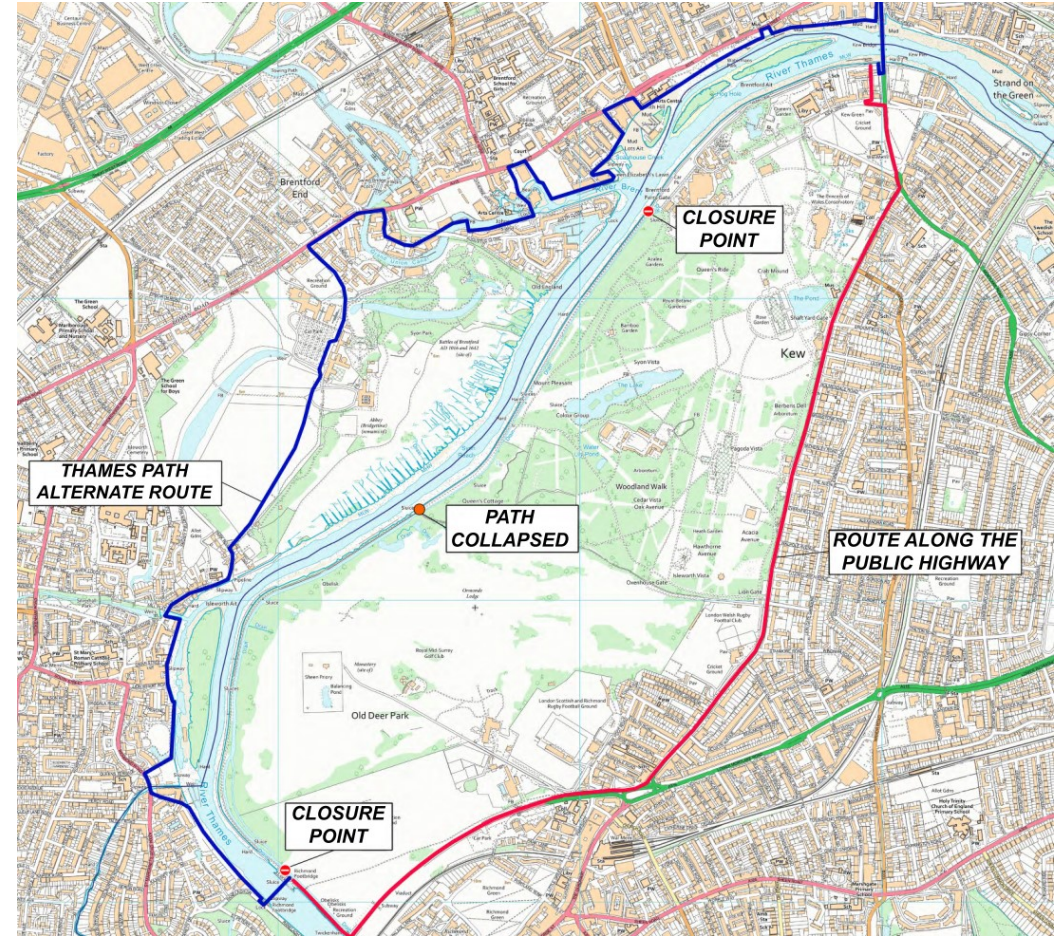
RIVER NEWS

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PUTNEY



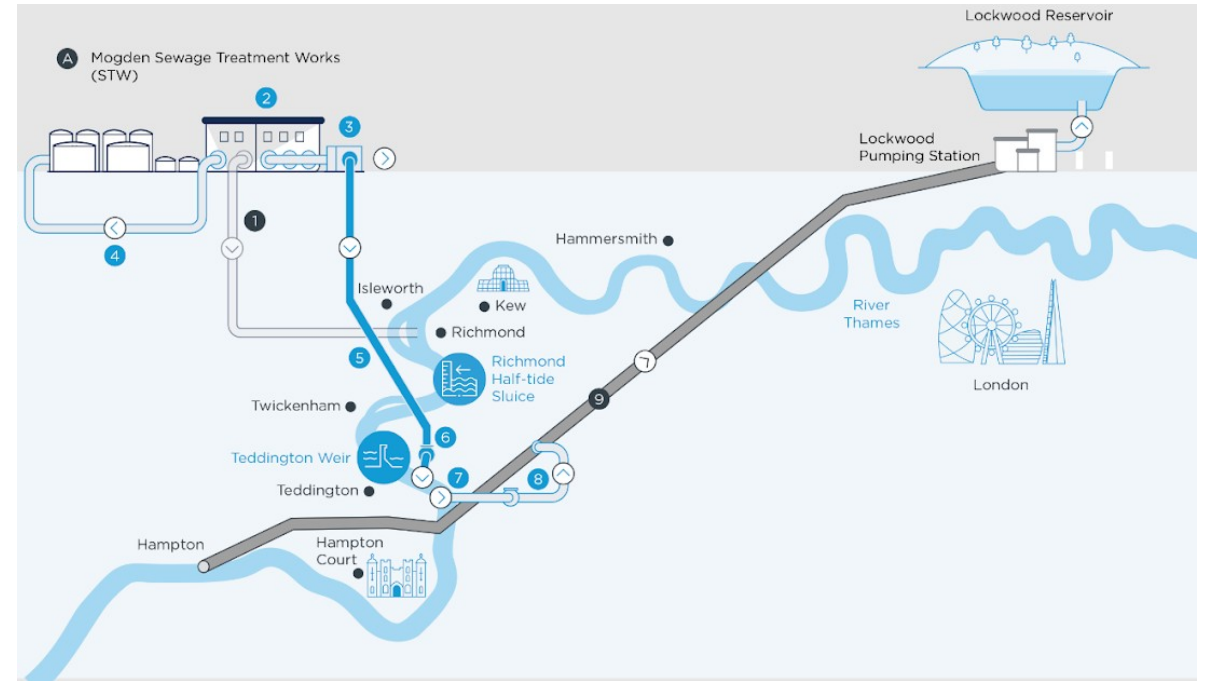
RIVER NEWS: RICHMOND TO KEW THAMES TOWPATH

- Towpath between Richmond Lock and Kew Gardens is closed
- Diversion route available and signage in place
- Emergency temporary measures carried out
- Permanent repair works start mid-April
- PLA collaborated with Richmond Council to facilitate river-based logistics



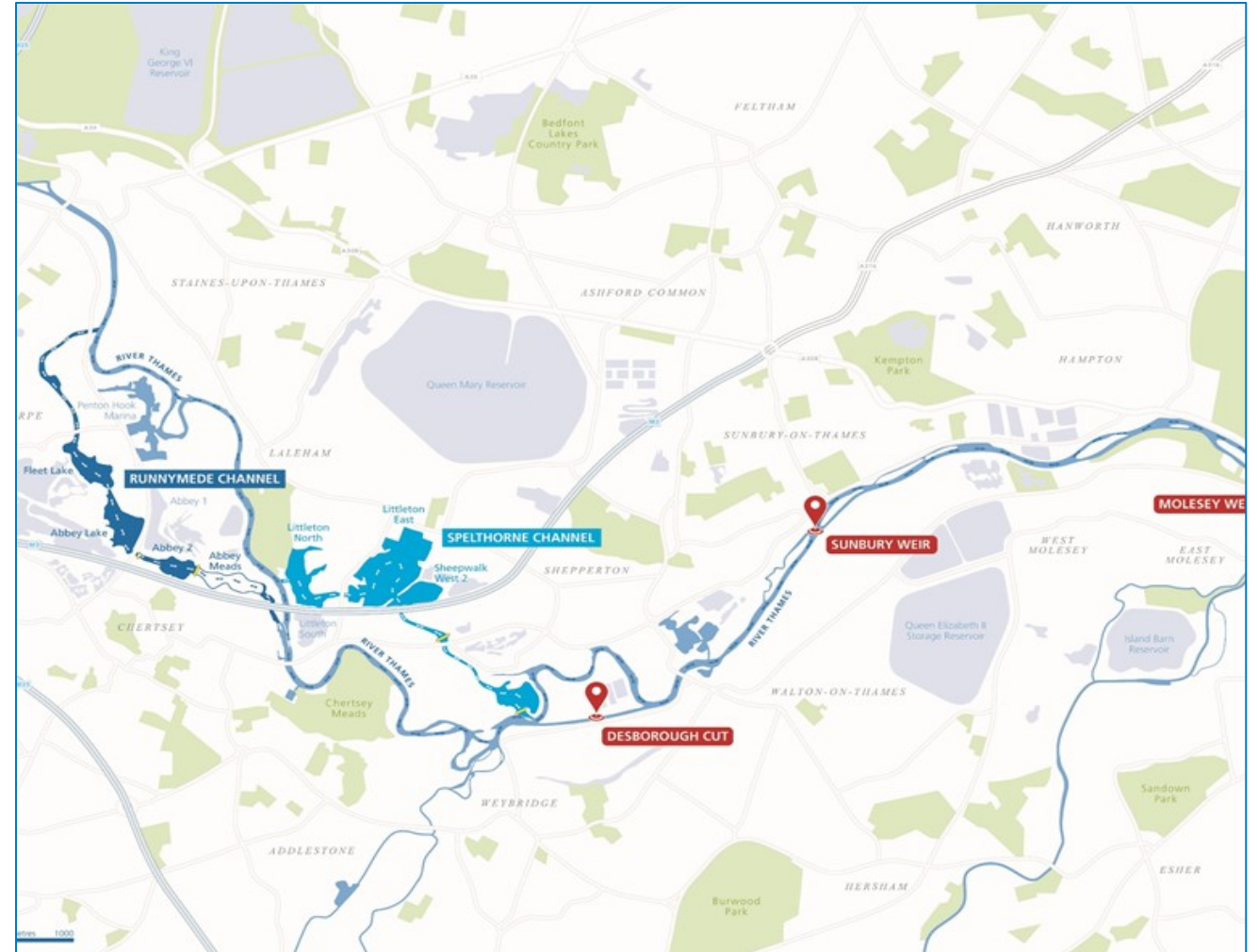
RIVER NEWS: THAMES WATER TEDDINGTON DIRECT RIVER ABSTRACTION SCHEME

- Environment Impact Assessment stage
- PLA raised issues ahead of EIA:
 - Tidal impact on navigation between Richmond and Hammersmith
 - Maintained level upstream of Richmond Lock & Weir
 - River regime, sedimentation, sediment transfer and salinity
 - Environment and aquatic ecology



RIVER NEWS: ENVIRONMENT AGENCY RIVER THAMES SCHEME

- Flood attenuation scheme on non-tidal Thames
- Pre-consultation stage
- PLA raised issues:
 - Impact of scheme on fluvial flow levels over Teddington Lock
 - Combined impact of Teddington DRA and River Thames Scheme
- Flow levels entering the river at Teddington expected to remain neutral



NATURAL THAMES



THAMES LITTER STRATEGY ACHIEVEMENTS

726

TONNES OF
DEBRIS REMOVED
FROM RIVER

400+

RIVER CLEAN UP
EVENTS SUPPORTED

64k

WET WIPES
REMOVED

£129k

FUNDING AWARDED
THROUGH THAMES
ENVIRONMENT FUND



PLA NEWS: THAMES ENVIRONMENT FUND

- **£129,000** of funding awarded
- Projects in the upper district include:
 - Completed - Fulham Reach Boat Club litter picks and education campaign
 - Current - London Wildlife Trust's enhancement works on Isleworth Ait
 - Upcoming - London Metropolitan University plastic pollution research
- PLA fund Thames21 volunteer litter clean-ups and water quality monitoring





PLA NEWS: AIR QUALITY

- Air quality monitored at riverside locations along the Thames
- An example of this is Richmond, where findings show positive results:
 - Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) levels are well under the national limit
 - Very low levels of particulate matter, in compliance with World Health Organisation Air Quality Guidance Levels



DESTINATION THAMES



PLA NEWS: ACTIVE THAMES 2024/25

- Promoting the use of **blue space**
- Focus on accessibility and inclusion
- **£131,545** in grants, including:
 - Brentford Community Boathouse
 - Barn Elms Boathouse
 - Fulham Reach Boat Club
 - Westminster Boating Base
 - Team Keane Sculling School



TRADING THAMES



THE PLA IN NUMBERS

51.9_m

TONNES OF GOODS
HANDLED IN 2024

1

SERIOUS
NAVIGATIONAL
INCIDENT

2.64_m

TONNES INLAND
FREIGHT

9_m

PASSENGERS

719

SPORTING
EVENTS

41.9_k

LIGHT FREIGHT
PACKAGES

99.5%

PILOTAGE
SERVICE LEVEL

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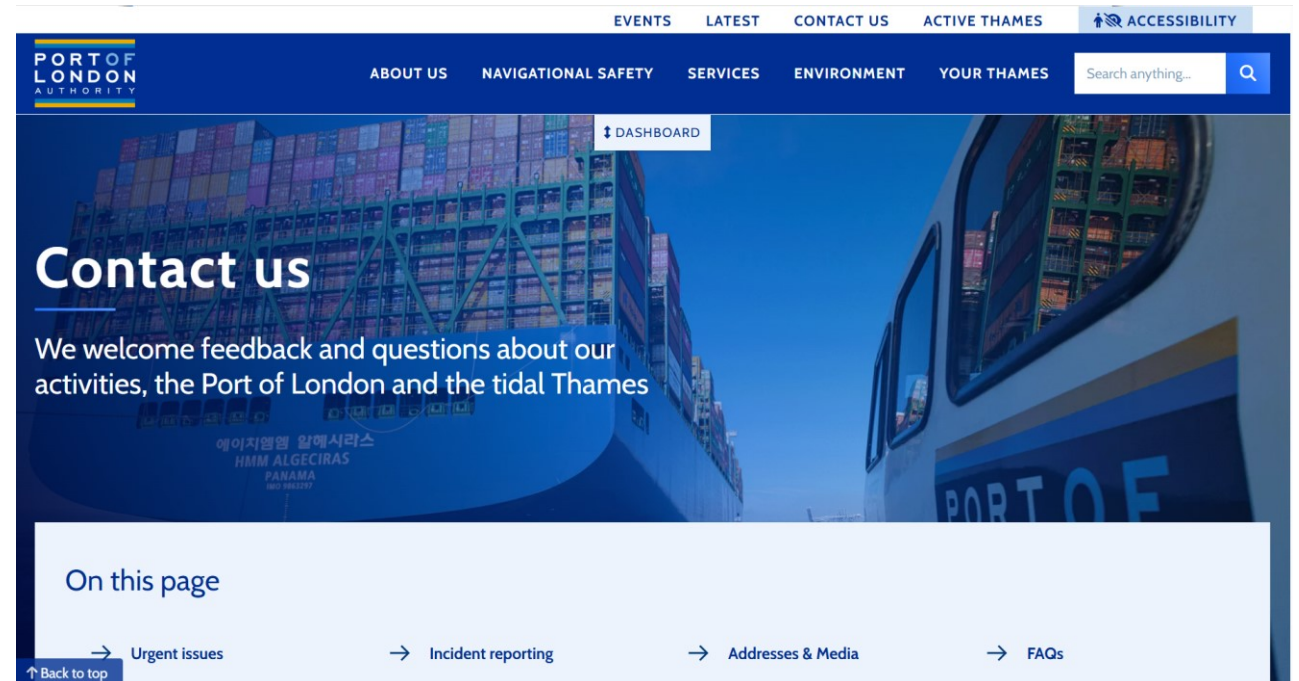
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Q&A

