

THURROCK FLEXIBLE GENERATION PLANT - DEADLINE 5 SUBMISSION (14 June 2021)

As an interested party to the examination of the Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant DCO (EN010092) Highways England (20025438) make the following comments at Deadline 5.

Response to ExQ2

ExQ2 2.8.3 - Please provide an update on discussions (including SOCG, protective provisions and interface agreement between the Applicant and Lower Thames Crossing).

Discussions between Highways England and the Applicant as regards the SOCG, protective provisions and an interface agreement are ongoing. Progress has been made on development of the SOCG and, whilst not yet agreed, a draft has been submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5 identifying the outstanding matters.

Progress has also been made between the parties in developing a set of protective provisions for inclusion in the draft DCO and a related interface agreement remains under development. Highways England notes the revised examination timetable issued on 9 June 2021 and, having had particular regard to the revised reserved dates for hearings, intends to update the ExA substantially at Deadline 5a by either providing an agreed set of protective provisions and amendments to the draft DCO or, if not agreed, then an indication of the matters outstanding between the parties.