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Plate K.1 Section 42 letter (and section 48 notice) issued to prescribed consultees on 4 October 2018



Our ref: S42(1)(a)-(c)

Highways England
1st Floor
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MK41 7LW

4 October 2018

Dear ,

Lower Thames Crossing: Statutory pre-application consultation between 10 October 2018 and 20 December 2018

Planning Act 2008 Section 42: Duty to consult on a proposed application

Highways England ("the Applicant") is proposing to construct the Lower Thames Crossing, a new road with a tunnel crossing beneath the River Thames, between Kent, Thurrock and Essex, which will create a new link between the A2 and the M25 and reduce the burden on the busy A282 Dartford Crossing. The planned route will run from the M25 near North Ockendon, cross the A13 at Orsett, before crossing under the River Thames east of Tilbury and Gravesend. A new link road will then take traffic to the A2 near Shorne, close to where the route becomes the M2.

The Lower Thames Crossing project ('the project') is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. In order to obtain powers of compulsory acquisition and to gain consent to build and operate the project, Highways England is required to make an application for a Development Consent Order. The application will be made to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), which will examine the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will ultimately decide whether the application is granted and whether the Applicant is authorised to use compulsory acquisition powers. The Applicant intends to make the application in 2019.

During the pre-application process, the Applicant must consult with a variety of persons and organisations about the proposed application in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008.

In accordance with Section 42 of the Act, we are consulting with you about this proposed application. More specifically, we are writing to you because you are a statutory consultee under section 42(1)(a)-(c) of the Act. This statutory pre-application consultation period will take place between 10 October 2018 and 20 December 2018.

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The project proposals constitute Environmental Impact Assessment development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ("the 2017 Regulations"), and so in accordance with regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations I enclose with this letter a copy of our "Section 48 notice", providing details of our consultation. The "Section 48 notice" has been published in local and national newspapers, in accordance with section 48(1) of the Act.

Further consultation material, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), the Traffic Forecasting Report, the proposed scheme drawings, and the response form can be found on our project webpage at [REDACTED] from the launch of consultation.

A printed copy of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, can be purchased on request by emailing Highways England at [REDACTED] phoning 0300 123 5000, or by writing to Lower Thames Crossing, Woodlands, Manton Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW. Due to the size of the paper documents, a charge of £175 (plus VAT and P&P) will be made for each set of consultation documents. The consultation materials will also be available at deposit locations in the area around our proposed scheme.

Highways England will also be holding a number of public information events in the area local to the project, where members of the project team will be available to discuss the proposals and answer questions. The dates and locations of these public information events, as well as our deposit locations, are listed on the "Section 48 notice" enclosed with this letter.

We encourage you to provide any comments on the project by completing a response form and sending it to one of the three dedicated response channels that are advertised on our consultation webpage and the "Section 48 notice". **The deadline for all responses is 11:59pm on Thursday 20 December 2018.**

Please note that Highways England may be required to make copies of representations available to the Secretary of State. We refer you to the response form for more information on how Highways England handles personal data.


Yours sincerely



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**SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008
REGULATION 4 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009
LOWER THAMES CROSSING
NOTICE PUBLISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

Notice is hereby given that **HIGHWAYS ENGLAND COMPANY LIMITED** of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ ("Highways England") proposes to make an application ("the Application") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order. The Application is for the proposed Lower Thames Crossing ("the Project"), which is a proposed new road connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. The Project's main proposals include:

- Approximately 14.5 miles (23km) of new road, with a maximum speed limit of 70mph, connecting to the existing road network from the A2/M2 to the M25
- Two new tunnels, one southbound and one northbound
- Improvements to the M25, A2 and A13, where the Lower Thames Crossing connects to the road network
- New structures and changes to existing ones (including bridges, buildings, tunnel entrances, viaducts, and utilities such as electricity pylons) along the length of the new road
- A free-flow charging system, where drivers do not need to stop but pay remotely, similar to that at the Dartford Crossing

In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Project, including compulsory acquisition of land and interests/rights in land.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development"), as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment will be required. An Environmental Statement containing information about the likely significant environmental effects of the Project will therefore be submitted as part of the Application. Separately, preliminary environmental information will be included in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which forms part of the consultation materials.

Consultation on the Project proposals will take place from 10 October 2018 to 20 December 2018. Copies of the consultation materials (including documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development and the PEIR) will be available for inspection free of charge during the consultation period at the deposit locations and times listed in this notice.

Copies of the consultation materials also will be available online free of charge during consultation at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay. The documents that comprise the consultation materials are listed separately in this notice.

A printed copy of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, can be purchased on request by emailing Highways England at info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk, phoning 0300 123 5000, or by writing to Lower Thames Crossing, Woodlands, Manton Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW. Due to the size of the paper documents, a charge of £175 (plus VAT and P&P) will be made for each set of consultation documents.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between 10 October 2018 and 20 December 2018. Responses to the consultation can be made either electronically or by filling in a paper response form. Paper response forms can be printed out from www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay, picked up free of charge from public information events (see accompanying list), information points and deposit locations; or by phoning 0300 123 5000. Responses can be submitted by:

- Filing in the online response form at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay
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Responses must be received no later than 11.59pm on 20 December 2018.

Highways England will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application for a Development Consent Order, once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Project, please contact the project team by emailing Highways England at info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk, phoning 0300 123 5000, or by writing to Lower Thames Crossing, Woodlands, Manton Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW.

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David Manning, Highways England, 4 October 2018

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Dover Town Hall, Biggin Street, Dover, Kent, CT16 1DL
Tuesday 4 December, 2pm – 9pm

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Monday 3 December, 2pm – 9pm

Gravesham Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1AU
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Shorne Village Hall, 16 The Street, Shorne, DA12 3EA
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Tilbury Community Association, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AA
Tuesday 30 October, 2pm – 9pm

West Horndon Village Hall, Thorndon Avenue, West Horndon, CM13 3TP
Wednesday 24 October, 2pm – 9pm

List of consultation documents:

- LTC Guide to Consultation
- Consultation leaflets
- Response form
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
- LTC Response to Consultation 2017
- Case for the Project
- Approach to Design, Construction and Operation
- Map books
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
- Preliminary Environmental Information Summary
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report
- Traffic Forecasting Report
- Traffic Forecasts Non-Technical Summary
- Section 47 Notice
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- Your Property and Blight
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Plate K.2 Section 42 letter (and section 48 notice) issued to the Marine Management Organisation in respect of s42(1)(aa) on 4 October 2018



Our ref: S42(1)(a)-(c)

Marine Management Organisation
The Chief Executive Officer
Lancaster House
Hampshire Court
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE4 7YH

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1st Floor
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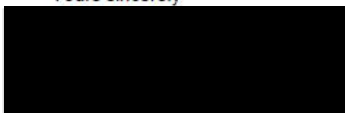
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Thursday 22 November, 2pm – 9pm

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Saturday 17 November midday – 6pm

Tilbury Community Association, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AA
Tuesday 30 October, 2pm – 9pm

West Horndon Village Hall, Thorndon Avenue, West Horndon, CM13 3TP
Wednesday 24 October, 2pm – 9pm

List of consultation documents:

- LTC Guide to Consultation
- Consultation leaflets
- Response form
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
- LTC Response to Consultation 2017
- Case for the Project
- Approach to Design, Construction and Operation
- Map books
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
- Preliminary Environmental Information Summary
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report
- Traffic Forecasting Report
- Traffic Forecasts Non-Technical Summary
- Section 47 Notice
- Section 48 Notice
- Your Property and Blight
- Your Property and Compulsory Purchase
- Your Property and Discretionary Purchase

Plate K.3 An example of the Section 42 letter issued to identified section 42(1)(d) consultees on 9 October 2018. The content of the letters was modified to reflect the nature of the potential impacts of the Project on each specified land interest.



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9 October 2018

Dear

This letter contains important information that affects you and your property. Please read it carefully.

Lower Thames Crossing Statutory pre-application consultation between 10 October 2018 and 20 December 2018 - Planning Act 2008 Section 42: Duty to consult on a proposed application

As you may be aware, Highways England is proposing to build a new motorway, called the Lower Thames Crossing, connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames ('the project').

I am writing to you today because your land or property, as described in the table below, is now within the area we may need for the project, known as the 'development boundary'.

Since the preferred route for the road was announced in April 2017 we have been continuing to refine the design of the project and identifying potential ways to mitigate its impact.

I have outlined some updates to the design of the project below. These are being published today together with an updated development boundary and associated maps and documents as we launch a 10-week statutory consultation to seek your views on the proposals.

The Lower Thames Crossing will create a new link between the A2 and the M25 and reduce the burden on the busy A282 Dartford Crossing. The planned route will run from the A2 crossing under the River Thames east of Gravesend and Tilbury. It will then continue north with a junction at the A13 and join with the M25 near North Ockendon.

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The project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. In order to obtain powers of compulsory acquisition and to gain consent to build and operate the project, Highways England is required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The application will be made to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), who will examine the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will ultimately decide whether the DCO should be granted and whether Highways England is authorised to use compulsory acquisition powers. Highways England intends to make the application in 2019.

During the pre-application process, Highways England must consult with a variety of people and organisations about the proposed application in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Highways England is now formally consulting you on the proposed application in accordance with the statutory requirements and inform you of some of the key updates to the design of the project.

Property description	
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Based on the current project timetable, and subject to obtaining the DCO, construction is due to commence in 2021.

Design update

Since the preferred route announcement, we have continued to develop the design of the project based on the feedback we have received from the public, stakeholders and our own investigations. The key updates include:

- Providing three lanes each way along the entire route
- Lowering the height of the road where possible
- Moving the southern tunnel entrance south of the A226
- Removing the proposed link road to Tilbury, which was part of the updated project design published in November 2017
- A junction at Tilbury for safety and operational reasons
- Providing a new rest and service area at Tilbury
- Simplifying the A13 junction
- Adjusting the alignment of the road between Linford and Chadwell St Mary

The enclosed plan shows the updated development boundary for the proposed project. It also illustrates the areas that may be needed for environmental mitigation, such as landscaping and tree planting, flood compensation, and construction compounds. As well as identifying the areas that may be needed, the plans also show whether the land is



required permanently, temporarily or for the diversion of utilities such as electricity pylons or gas pipelines.

What this means for you

The inclusion of your property within the development boundary means you may be eligible to serve a blight notice on Highways England to apply for us to purchase your property. Further details are explained on our website www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk outlining your rights and options at this stage. However, there is no need for you to do anything right away as we are still at an early stage of the project.

What to do now

I would be grateful if you would complete the enclosed Land Interest Questionnaire. It is being sent to properties within the development boundary and will help us to understand who owns, or has an interest in, land and property within the boundary. This will help us to ensure that we communicate our proposals to all of those who may be affected by the project.

Please complete the questionnaire as fully as possible and return it to Highways England using the envelope provided. To complete the questionnaire electronically, please contact us and we will email it to you. If you cannot answer a question, please leave blank. If you make any amendments to the enclosed plan, please scan and email it back to us with your completed form – alternatively we can arrange to collect the questionnaire and marked up drawing at your convenience.

- **Email** us at LRT@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk quoting your customer reference at the top of this letter, and 'Land Referencing Team'
- **Call** 0300 123 5000 quoting 'Lower Thames Crossing – Land Referencing Team'

About the consultation – the process

As identified above, Highways England is developing the project under the Planning Act 2008 and is formally consulting you, under Section 42 of the Act, because your land or property, or interest in land or property, is in the development boundary.

This statutory consultation is an important opportunity to share your views and we encourage you to respond. This will enable us to consider your response in developing and refining our proposals before we submit our DCO application.

The application will then be examined by the Planning Inspectorate which will give you a further opportunity to submit representations and participate in the examination process.

More information about the DCO process can be found on the PIN's National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

About the consultation – your views and opinions matter

To help you share your views with us we have published a document called 'Lower Thames Crossing - Your guide to consultation'. This guide explains the project in detail, how it would be built, how to have your say, and the planning process we will go through before the final decision on whether to build the road is made by the Secretary of State for Transport.

Further consultation material, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), the Preliminary Traffic Report and the proposed project maps and drawings have also been published.

During the consultation period, a series of public information events will be held where you can speak with members of the project team. We have enclosed a leaflet which lists where and when these events are taking place, and the eight locations where you can view hard copies of the technical documents.

All of the statutory consultation documents, and the form that you may use to respond to our consultation, are available at [REDACTED]

Any responses to the consultation should be returned by one of the following options:

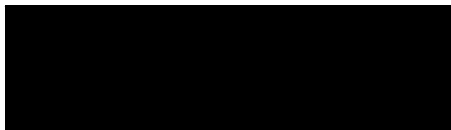
Method	Details
Online response form	Fill in the online response form at [REDACTED]
Freepost	Post a response form or comments to 'FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION'. The Freepost address is the only text needed on the envelope, and no stamp is required.
Email	Email your comments to [REDACTED]
Public information events	Fill in and submit a paper response form at one of our public information events. Please note that this may not be possible at other types of event.

To allow us time to collect and assess consultation responses before we finalise our DCO application, please ensure your response is sent by 11:59pm on 20 December 2018.

Please note that Highways England may be required to make copies of representations available to the Secretary of State. We refer you to the response form which sets out the other ways Highways England will handle any personal data.

Should you have any queries about this letter, the proposed project or the consultation please contact the project team using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Collins
Land and Property Lead
Lower Thames Crossing

Plate K.4 An example of the Section 42 letter issued between 15 October and 21 November 2018 to additional section 42(1)(d) consultees identified through diligent inquiry. The content of the letters was modified to reflect the nature of the potential impacts of the Project on each specified land interest. All such consultees were also included in the phase of consultation beginning on 15 August 2019



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19 November 2018

Dear

Lower Thames Crossing - Statutory pre-application consultation between 10 October 2018 and 20 December 2018 - Planning Act 2008 Section 42: Duty to consult on a proposed application

As you may be aware, Highways England is proposing to build a new motorway, called the Lower Thames Crossing, connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames ('the project').

This year we have been continuing to refine the design of the project and identifying potential ways to mitigate its impact. We have also been undertaking a Land Referencing process to identify those that may be affected by the project.

I am writing to you because although we do not need your land or property to build the project we have identified that you may be affected during construction or after the road has opened to traffic in 2027.

I have outlined some updates to the design of the project below. These are being published today together with an updated development boundary and associated maps and documents as we launch a 10-week statutory consultation to seek your views on the proposals.

The project will create a new link between the A2 and the M25 and reduce the burden on the busy A282 Dartford Crossing. The planned route will run from the A2 crossing under the River Thames east of Gravesend and Tilbury. It will then continue north with a junction at the A13 and join with the M25 near North Ockendon.

The project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. In order to obtain powers of compulsory acquisition and to gain consent to build and operate the project, Highways England is required to submit an application for a

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Development Consent Order (DCO). The application will be made to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), who will examine the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will ultimately decide whether the application should be granted and whether Highways England is authorised to use compulsory acquisition powers. Highways England intends to make the application in 2019.

During the pre-application process, Highways England must consult with a variety of people and organisations about the proposed application in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Highways England is now formally consulting you on the proposed application in accordance with the statutory requirements and inform you of some of the key updates to the design of the project.

Based on the current project timetable, and subject to obtaining the DCO construction is due to commence in 2021.

Design update

Since the preferred route announcement in April 2017, we have continued to develop the design of the project based on the feedback we have received from the public, stakeholders and our own investigations. The key updates include:

- Providing three lanes each way along the entire route
- Lowering the height of the road where possible
- Moving the southern tunnel entrance south of the A226
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The enclosed plan shows the updated development boundary for the proposed project. It also illustrates the areas that may be needed for environmental mitigation, such as landscaping and tree planting, flood compensation, and construction compounds.

As well as identifying the areas that may be needed, the plans also show whether the land is required permanently, temporarily or for the diversion of utilities such as electricity pylons or gas pipelines.

What this means for you

We do not need your land or property to build the road but it may be affected during construction or after the road is open to traffic in 2027. We are therefore seeking your views on the proposals during the consultation.

About the consultation – the process

As identified above, Highways England is developing the project under the Planning Act 2008 and is formally consulting you, under Section 42 of the Act, because your land or property, or interest in land or property, is in the development boundary.

This statutory consultation is an important opportunity to share your views and we encourage you to respond. This will enable us to consider your response in developing and refining our proposals before we submit our DCO.

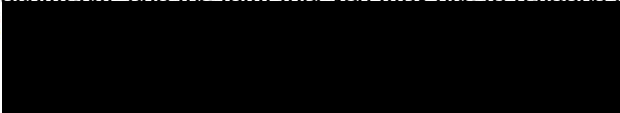
The application will then be examined by the Planning Inspectorate which will give you a further opportunity to submit representations and participate in the examination process.

More information about the DCO process can be found on the PIN's National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

About the consultation – your views and opinions matter

To help you share your views with us we have published a document called 'Lower Thames Crossing - Your guide to consultation'. This guide explains the project in detail, how it would be built, how to have your say, and the planning process we will go through before the final decision on whether to build the road is made by the Secretary of State for Transport.

During the consultation period, a series of public information events will be held where you can speak with members of the project team. We have enclosed a leaflet which lists where and when these events are taking place, and the eight locations where you can view hard copies of the technical documents.

All of the statutory consultation documents, and the form that you may use to respond to our consultation, are available at 

Any responses to the consultation should be returned by one of the following options:

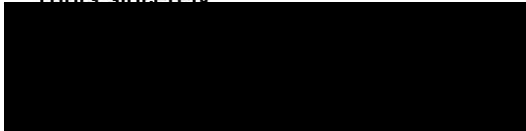
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Public information events	Fill in and submit a paper response form at one of our public information events. Please note that this may not be possible at other types of event.

To allow us time to collect and assess consultation responses before we finalise our DCO application, please ensure your response is sent by 11:59pm on 20 December 2018.

Please note that Highways England may be required to make copies of representations available to the Secretary of State. We refer you to the response form which sets out the other ways Highways England will handle any personal data.

Should you have any queries about this letter, the proposed project or the consultation please contact the project team using the details provided at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Collins
Land and Property Lead
Lower Thames Crossing

Plate K.5 An example of the Section 42 letter issued on 15 August 2019 to additional section 42(1)(d) consultees identified through diligent inquiry. The content of the letters was modified to reflect the nature of the potential impacts of the Project on each specified land interest.



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15 August 2019

Dear

Lower Thames Crossing Statutory pre-application consultation between 16 August and 25 October 2019 - Planning Act 2008 Section 42: Duty to consult on a proposed application

You may be aware there is a proposal to build the Lower Thames Crossing, a new road connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

Between October and December 2018, we carried out a public consultation for interested parties to comment on the proposals.

You may have received an invitation to take part in the consultation last October, but since that time we have identified additional interested parties who may hold one or more of the following, along or adjacent to the route which may be affected by the proposals:

- Wayleaves
- Restriction
- Covenants
- Easements
- Rights to mines, minerals or subsoil
- Options
- Cautions
- Notices
- Other form of legal interest

You have been identified as holding one of those interests.

Accordingly, we are giving you an opportunity, as a newly identified party, to give your views on the project in line with section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.

With this letter we're enclosing a response form, a pre-paid return envelope, and a set of 12 maps of the project.

We recommend you read *Your Guide to Consultation*, the document used to summarise our proposals during the 2018 consultation, which is available online. Should you need a printed version of the guide, please contact us via the Highways England contact centre on 0300 123 5000 or via info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk. You can find more information about our proposals (including the guide, detailed maps and technical documentation) in the 'Related' section at: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltcconsultation>.

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Please note that the website link above is to the 2018 consultation, which has now closed, and doesn't contain details about this further opportunity to comment on the proposed application. However, many consultation documents published on that page, including the guide, remain relevant. It's worth noting, however, that some of the details contained in those documents, such as the deadline for submitting your response and information and notices about the events held as part of the statutory consultation, are not relevant to this consultation.

Please refer to the final page of this letter, where we have highlighted the relevant sections of the guide and provided an update. Note the new deadline for this phase of consultation and that the way in which you can respond has changed, with these set out below.

How to respond

You may either write your comments in the enclosed response form and send them to us at 'Freepost LTC Consultation' (using the supplied envelope) or email your comments to us at **LTC.CONSULTATION@TRAVERSE.LTD**.

We cannot guarantee that responses sent to any other address will be included in the consultation.

The deadline for sending your comments is 11:59pm on **Friday 25 October 2019**. Details of how your response will be used are set out in *Your Guide to the Consultation*.

This further opportunity to comment on the proposals is only open to those to whom we have written asking for their views.

If you have any questions about this consultation or anything else related to the Lower Thames Crossing proposals, please contact us on 0300 123 500 or via: **info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk**.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Collins
Land and Property Lead
Lower Thames Crossing

Updates to ‘Your Guide to Consultation’

The guide was published as part of the Lower Thames Crossing statutory consultation, which took place from October to December 2018. Information about the proposals in the guide is unchanged, although some details, such as how to respond, have changed.

The following table includes updates to the guide where the information is now out of date. Note that where the guide refers to ‘this consultation’, it means the 2018 statutory consultation.

Page	Reference	Updated information
7	local consultation events	These events took place during statutory consultation in 2018. There are no events scheduled for this phase of consultation.
122	privately financed roads	The government has since decided the roads will no longer be privately financed, but they remain committed to funding the project.
136	a series of events	These events took place during statutory consultation in 2018. There are no events currently scheduled.
138	provisional timeline	We are taking more time to consider all the responses to the consultation so won't be submitting the Development Consent Order until summer 2020.
140	How to have your say	The information points, deposit locations and the online survey are no longer active. Please see the cover letter for information on how to comment on our proposals. The promotional and public information events took place during statutory consultation in 2018. There are no events currently scheduled.
142	Find out more	The online response form is no longer active. You can still see all the web-based information online at: https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation but not via the web link in the guide. Note that the updates in this table apply to the online information too.
143	Submit your response	The deadline for your response to this consultation is 11.59pm on Friday 25 October 2019
144	Enquiries	If you have any questions about this consultation or anything else related to the Lower Thames Crossing proposals, please contact us on 0300 123 500 or email: info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk

Plate K.6 An example of the Section 42 letter issued to identified section 42(1)(d) consultees on 27 January 2020. The content of the letters was modified to reflect the nature of the potential impacts of the Project on each specified land interest.



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27 January 2020

Dear C Name,

Lower Thames Crossing: Section 42 – Duty to consult on a proposed application

You may be aware that there is a proposal to build the Lower Thames Crossing, a new road connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

As our plans for the project have evolved, the development boundary – the area we will need to construct, operate or mitigate the effects of the new road – has been updated.

I am writing today to let you know that your property, as described in the table below, has been identified as being within, or partially within, the development boundary. I would also like to invite you to view and comment on our proposals, in line with Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.

Title Number	Land description	Status

Your property and the Development Boundary

The inclusion of your property within the development means we may need to take possession of it temporarily, or acquire it permanently to build the road. The new areas of land we need are required for the following:

- **Utility diversions** – there are various utilities that we may need to divert, such as overhead electricity cables and underground gas pipelines. We have included land for diverting these within the development boundary.
- **Environmental mitigation land** – to help mitigate the impacts of the proposed road. This could include replanting areas of woodland or creating new wildlife habitats.





Our proposals may also affect you if you hold one or more of the following interests within or adjacent to the boundary: wayleaves, restrictions on title, covenants, easements, rights to mines, minerals or subsoil, options, cautions, notices or other form of legal interest. A Land Use plan has been enclosed with this letter which identifies why we need areas of land that are within the boundary along with a drawing identifying the boundary of your property.

Statutory consultation – October to December 2018

You may already be aware that Highways England held a statutory consultation on an earlier version of our plans, between October and December 2018. That consultation included our explanation of why we consider a new river crossing east of London to be necessary, how the route for the Lower Thames Crossing had been selected, as well as a detailed explanation of the predicted environmental impacts of the scheme, our approach to user charging and other specific proposals.

You can see a summary of the proposals presented in the 2018 statutory consultation in the document '*Your Guide to Consultation 2018*', along with the feedback form for that consultation, detailed maps and technical information at:

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation>

If you need a printed version of the Guide, please contact us via the Highways England contact centre on 0300 123 5000 or via info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk

Supplementary consultation – 29 January to 25 March 2020

Since the statutory consultation, we have continued to develop our proposals in response to consultation responses and further information and investigations. As a result, Highways England is now launching a supplementary consultation on the latest version of our proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing. It includes information on changes we have made to the proposed route and its junctions, as well as the latest information on how any environmental impacts would be reduced and mitigated. This follows from the earlier phase of statutory consultation which we refer to above.

You can find our supplementary consultation documents by visiting the webpage:

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation-2020>

Reference copies of the supplementary consultation materials will be available in hardcopy at a series of deposit locations within community venues across the area where the Lower Thames Crossing would be situated.

We are also holding a series of public information events and mobile information centres throughout the supplementary consultation period, where it will be possible to collect consultation documents and to speak with members of our project team.

The details of these locations and events are listed on our website and the leaflet enclosed with this letter

A printed copy of all the supplementary consultation materials can be purchased on request from Highways England by emailing info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk, phoning 0300 123 5000, or writing to Lower Thames Crossing, Woodlands, Manton Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford,



MK41 7LW. A charge of £110 (including P&P and VAT) will be made for each set of documents. You can request a set of the statutory consultation material in the same way, but because the pack of material is larger the cost is £175 (plus P&P and VAT).

Responding to the consultation

As you have now been identified as a Section 42 statutory consultee we are offering you this opportunity to provide feedback on any aspect of the proposals that was included at the 2018 statutory consultation as well as those aspects of the proposals which have been supplemented or amended as set out in the supplementary consultation materials. You should therefore consider both sets of consultation documents together.

Those aspects on which you are welcome to comment on include:

- the need for the project;
- the route and alignment of the project;
- the proposed junctions;
- the construction programme and methods; and
- the environmental impacts of the project;

The deadline for submitting your views is the same as for the supplementary consultation: 23:59 on 25 March 2020.

The following are the dedicated response channels:

- **ONLINE RESPONSE FORM:** Use the online response form at: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation-2020>. If you also wish to use the form to comment on aspects of the proposals from the 2018 statutory consultation proposals, we suggest you use question 8: 'Other comments'.
- **FREEPOST RESPONSE FORM:** Posting a paper copy of the supplementary consultation response form to 'FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION' (you do not need to use a stamp when posting to this address). Alternatively, the material on our statutory consultation website includes a response form that was created in 2018 to generate feedback on our proposals. If you wish to download and submit that form you are welcome to do so, but please be aware that some of the topics it covers – for example a proposal for a Rest and Service Area – have now been removed from our proposals.
- **EMAIL OR LETTER:** Sending an email to LTC.CONULTATION@TRAVERSE.LTD or a letter to 'FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION' (you do not need to use a stamp when posting to this address). Where your comments relate to aspects of the statutory consultation proposals, we would be grateful if you could identify that in your response.
- **EVENT:** Drop a paper copy of either the supplementary or statutory consultation response form into any event listed on the website and the enclosed leaflet.

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Plate K.7 An example of the Section 42 letter issued to identified section 42(1)(d) consultees on 13 July 2020. The content of the letters was modified to reflect the nature of the potential impacts of the Project on each specified land interest.



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13 July 2020

Dear C Name,

Lower Thames Crossing: Section 42 – Duty to consult on a proposed application

We wrote to you on 29 June 2020 to inform you that your property or an interest you hold has been identified as being potentially impacted by the Lower Thames Crossing – the Highways England scheme that would connect Kent with Thurrock and Essex via a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

As our plans for the project have evolved, the development boundary – the area we will need to construct, operate or mitigate the effects of the new road – has been updated.

We have identified that your property, as described in the table below, is within, or partially within the development boundary.

Title Number	Land description	Status at July 2020

The project may also affect you if you hold one or more of the following interests within or adjacent to the boundary: wayleaves, restrictions on title, covenants, easements, rights to mines, minerals or subsoil, options, cautions, notices or other form of legal interest.

What does inside the Development Boundary mean?

The inclusion of your property within the development boundary means that we may need to take possession of it temporarily, acquire it permanently, and/or acquire permanent rights over it, as part of our proposals.

I have enclosed a Land Use Plan with this letter which identifies the areas included within our development boundary and why these areas are needed.





Design refinement consultation between 14 July and 12 August 2020

You may be aware that we undertook a statutory consultation between October and December 2018 and a non-statutory supplementary consultation between January and April 2020.

Since then our plans have developed and we are now proposing a number of refinements to the Lower Thames Crossing based on feedback received during previous consultations, engagement with our stakeholders and ongoing design work. We now also have a better understanding of technical constraints, including new information about existing utilities.

The proposed refinements include minor changes to elements of the Lower Thames Crossing highways design, paths for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, proposals for redirecting and upgrading utilities, more detailed landscaping proposals and further developed ecological mitigation measures.

As you have been identified as a section 42 statutory consultee, under the Planning Act 2008, we are now consulting you on a statutory basis under section 42. You can provide feedback on any aspect of the proposals that were included at the 2018 statutory consultation, the supplementary consultation held earlier this year, as well as this design refinement consultation.

The documents published at statutory consultation in October 2018 can be found at <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation> and the documents published at supplementary consultation earlier this year can be found at <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation-2020>.

If you wish to use the design refinement consultation response form to comment on aspects of the proposals from earlier consultations, please use question 4: 'Other comments'. If your comments are intended for either of the earlier consultations, we would be grateful if you could identify that in your response.

How to view the design refinements

Online: All the documents relating to this consultation are available to see at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/design-consultation.

Home delivery: If you do not have access to the internet, we can send printed copies of the guide to consultation, a feedback form and Freepost return envelope, maps and other documents to your home free of charge. Limited to one pack per household. Please call us on 0300 123 5000 to request a consultation pack.

Telephone surgery: You can book a call back from a member of the project team who will answer your questions on the proposed refinements. The surgery will be held between 14 July and 12 August. You can book an appointment from 14 July by visiting www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/design-consultation or calling 0300 123 5000.

Should COVID-19 restrictions be relaxed any further, we may make additional ways to review the information available. Please check the consultation website for updates.



How to respond to the consultation

You can submit a response by using one of the methods below, which are all free to use. Please note, we cannot guarantee that responses sent to any other address will be considered.

Online: Fill in the online survey at: www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/design-consultation

Post: Post your response form or comments to: FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION

The Freepost address is the only text needed on the envelope, and no stamp is required.

Email: Email your comments to: LTC.CONSULTATION@TRAVERSE.LTD

Telephone: Due to the restrictions in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are offering additional support to help you provide feedback over the phone. Please call us on 0300 123 5000 to book an appointment.

Responses will be accepted until 11.59pm on 12 August 2020.

We will ensure that any comments submitted to the above response channels are carefully considered, and the Consultation Report we submit as part of our Development Consent Order application will explain how we have considered the feedback we received.

Please note that Highways England may be required to make copies of representations available to the Planning Inspectorate. For more information on how your personal data is retained and used by Highways England, see our full data privacy statement: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/privacy

If you have any questions regarding your land or property, please email us at property@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk or contact our Customer Contact Centre using the number above who will arrange for a member of the team to return your call.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Collins
Land and Property Lead
Lower Thames Crossing

Plate K.8 An example of the Section 42 letter issued on 16 July 2020 to additional section 42(1)(d) consultees identified through diligent inquiry. The content of the letters was modified to reflect the nature of the potential impacts of the Project on each specified land interest.

Sarah Collins
Land and Property Lead
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0300 123 5000 (local rate call)
info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk

16 July 2020

Dear C Name,

Lower Thames Crossing: Section 42 – Duty to consult on a proposed application

We have recently ascertained that you may have an interest in a property that has been identified as being potentially impacted by the Lower Thames Crossing – the Highways England scheme that would connect Kent with Thurrock and Essex via a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

As our plans for the project have evolved, the development boundary – the area we will need to construct, operate or mitigate the effects of the new road – has been updated.

We have identified that you may hold a legal interest in land along or adjacent to the route which may be affected by our proposals.

These interests may include wayleaves, restrictions on title, covenants, easements, rights to mines, minerals or subsoil, options, cautions, notices or other form of legal interest.

I have enclosed a Land Use Plan with this letter which identifies the areas included within our development boundary and why these areas are needed.

Design refinement consultation between 14 July and 12 August 2020

You may be aware that we undertook a statutory consultation between October and December 2018 and a non-statutory supplementary consultation between January and April 2020.

Since then our plans have developed and we are now proposing a number of refinements to the Lower Thames Crossing based on feedback received during previous consultations, engagement with our stakeholders and ongoing design work. We now also have a better understanding of technical constraints, including new information about existing utilities.

The proposed refinements include minor changes to elements of the Lower Thames Crossing highways design, paths for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, proposals for redirecting and upgrading utilities, more detailed landscaping proposals and further developed ecological mitigation measures.

As you have been identified as a section 42 statutory consultee, under the Planning Act 2008, we are now consulting you on a statutory basis under section 42. You can provide feedback on any aspect of the proposals that were included at the 2018 statutory consultation, or the supplementary consultation held earlier this year, as well as this design refinement consultation.

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The documents published at statutory consultation in October 2018 can be found at <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation> and the documents published at supplementary consultation earlier this year can be found at: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation-2020>

If you wish to use the design refinement consultation response form to comment on aspects of the proposals from earlier consultations, please use question 4: 'Other comments'. If your comments are intended for either of the earlier consultations, we would be grateful if you could identify that in your response.

How to view the design refinements

Online: All the documents relating to this consultation are available to see at: www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/design-consultation

Home delivery: If you do not have access to the internet, we can send printed copies of the guide to consultation, a feedback form and Freepost return envelope, maps and other documents to your home free of charge. Limited to one pack per household. Please call us on 0300 123 5000 to request a consultation pack.

Telephone surgery: You can book a call back from a member of the project team who will answer your questions on the proposed refinements. The surgery will be held between 14 July and 12 August. You can book an appointment from 14 July by visiting: www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/design-consultation or calling 0300 123 5000.

Should COVID-19 restrictions be relaxed any further, we may make additional ways to review the information available. Please check the consultation website for updates.

How to respond to the consultation

You can submit a response by using one of the methods below, which are all free to use. Please note, we cannot guarantee that responses sent to any other address will be considered.

Online: Fill in the online survey at: www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/design-consultation

Post: Post your response form or comments to: FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION

The Freepost address is the only text needed on the envelope, and no stamp is required.

Email: Email your comments to: LTC.CONSULTATION@TRAVERSE.LTD

Telephone: Due to the restrictions in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are offering additional support to help you provide feedback over the phone. Please call us on 0300 123 5000 to book an appointment.

Responses are being accepted until 11.59pm on 12 August 2020 but due to the fact that we have not communicated with you previously we are happy to extend this period for you and will therefore accept any response from you until 11.59pm on 19 August 2020. Please note, however, that after the official close of the design refinement consultation on 12 August, home delivery of documents and the telephone surgery will no longer be available. In addition, we will only be able to accept responses by post or email after 12 August.

We will ensure that any comments submitted to the above response channels are carefully considered, and the Consultation Report we submit as part of our Development Consent Order application will explain how we have considered the feedback we received.

Please note that Highways England may be required to make copies of representations available to the Planning Inspectorate. For more information on how your personal data is retained and used by Highways England, see our full data privacy statement:
www.highwaysengland.co.uk/privacy

If you have any questions regarding your interest in land or property, please email us at property@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk or contact our Customer Contact Centre using the number above who will arrange for a member of the team to return your call.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Collins
Land and Property Lead
Lower Thames Crossing

Plate K.9 A copy of the letter sent in October 2020 to newly identified land interests, notifying them of their status and of the Applicant’s planned DCO application. The content of the letters was modified to reflect the nature of the potential impacts of the Project on each specified land interest.



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15 October 2020

Dear Susan Martin

Lower Thames Crossing – Proposed application for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008 – our proposals and your property

As you may be aware, Highways England is proposing to build a new road called the Lower Thames Crossing, that will connect Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a new tunnel beneath the River Thames.

Since the preferred route for the road was announced in April 2017, we have been continuing to refine the design of the project and identifying potential ways to mitigate its impacts. We undertook a statutory consultation between October and December 2018 and a supplementary consultation between January and April 2020. Most recently, we undertook a design refinement consultation between July and August 2020. For more information on these consultations and our proposals, please see the end of this letter.

The project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act), which means that a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required to build and operate the project. We are proposing to submit our DCO application in the coming weeks.

The project is also an Environmental Impact Assessment development ('EIA development'), as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that an Environmental Statement will be submitted with our DCO application. Preliminary Environmental Information also formed part of the material presented at statutory consultation, which was updated for the supplementary and design refinement consultations held earlier this year. To view these documents, please see further details at the end of this letter.

Why we are writing to you

Through our ongoing process of identifying owners of interests and rights in land that may be affected by the project, we have recently become aware that your property, as described below, may be affected by the Lower Thames Crossing.





Title Number	Land Description	Status

Under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973, you may be able to claim compensation ('Part 1 compensation') for any fall in the value of the property due to physical factors such as noise, vibration, artificial lighting, fumes and other physical factors caused by the use of the road. Any claim for Part 1 compensation must generally be submitted 12 months after the road has opened to public traffic, at the earliest.

I have enclosed a plan with this letter showing your property in relation to our development boundary. I have also included a set of Land Use Plans published along with our most recent consultation for your information.

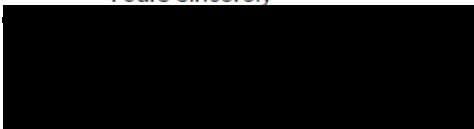
Because you own, occupy or have a legal interest in land or property that may be affected by the project, you may be classed as a statutory consultee (under section 42 of the Act). However, as we have only recently become aware that you may be a statutory consultee, we no longer have adequate time to consult with you and take account of your feedback before we submit our application for a DCO.

You will however have an opportunity to provide us with your comments on the project during the next stage of the planning process. If our DCO application is accepted by the Planning Inspectorate and allowed to progress to the next stage of the process, known as the pre-examination stage, you will be able to register as an 'interested party'. This will give you the opportunity to submit written details of your views on the project to the Planning Inspectorate and to attend and make submissions at public hearings during the examination period. Following the examination, the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will then decide whether or not development consent should be granted.

To find out more about the planning process for projects such as ours please visit the Planning Inspectorate website at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

For more information about the project, please visit www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk, where you can also sign up for project updates by email.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Collins
Land and Property Lead
Lower Thames Crossing





Please see below details of where you can find out more about the proposals we presented during out statutory consultation at the end of 2018 and non-statutory consultations earlier this year.

Statutory consultation – October to December 2018

You may already be aware that Highways England held a statutory consultation on an earlier version of our plans, between October and December 2018. That consultation included our explanation of why we consider a new river crossing east of London to be necessary, how the route for the Lower Thames Crossing had been selected, as well as an explanation of the predicted environmental impacts of the scheme, our approach to user charging and other specific proposals.

During this consultation, preliminary environmental information was included in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which is available to view along with all other statutory consultation materials at:

Supplementary consultation – 29 January to 2 April 2020

Following the statutory consultation, we continued to develop our proposals in response to consultation feedback and further information and investigations. As a result, Highways England launched a supplementary consultation on the latest version of the proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing. It included information on changes we made to the proposed route and its junctions, as well as information on how any environmental impacts would be reduced and mitigated. This followed from the statutory consultation which we refer to above.

You can find our supplementary consultation documents by visiting the following webpage:

Design refinement consultation – 14 July to 12 August 2020

Following the non-statutory supplementary consultation, we proposed a number of refinements to the Lower Thames Crossing based on feedback received during the previous consultations, engagement with our stakeholders and ongoing design work. Highways England launched a design refinement consultation, which included refinements to elements of the Lower Thames Crossing highways design, paths for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, proposals for redirecting and upgrading utilities, landscaping proposals and ecological mitigation measures.

You can find our design refinement consultation documents by visiting the following webpage:

Plate K.10 A copy of the Section 42 letter (and section 48 notice) issued to Thurrock Power Limited and London & Continental Railways Limited on 13 July 2020



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0300 123 5000 (local rate call)

Our ref: S42

Dear Peter Hawthorne,

Lower Thames Crossing: Section 42 – Duty to consult on a proposed application

As you may be aware, Highways England is proposing to build a new road called the Lower Thames Crossing, connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

Since the preferred route for the road was announced in April 2017, we have been continuing to refine the design of the project and identifying potential ways to mitigate its impact. We undertook a statutory consultation between October and December 2018 and a supplementary consultation between January and April 2020. For more information on these consultations, please see the end of this letter.

We wrote to you under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 at an earlier stage in the consultation process as a person with interest in land affected by the project. However, we are now writing to you again under section 42, as it is our understanding that you are a prescribed body for the purposes of section 42 and Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.

I would therefore like to inform you that from the 14 July to the 12 August 2020 we will be conducting a design refinement consultation, which seeks your feedback on a number of design refinements that we are now proposing to make to the project, based on new technical information, design development, responses to our previous consultations and ongoing engagement with stakeholders.

We would also encourage you to view our previous proposals that were included at the 2018 statutory consultation, and the supplementary consultation held earlier in 2020. Please visit <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation> and <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation-2020> to view all information about the project presented at the earlier consultations.

The development of the Project is continuing during the current COVID-19 pandemic and we intend to submit our Development Consent Order application to the Planning Inspectorate later this year. Given the constraints imposed by the pandemic, we will carry out the consultation with an emphasis on digital engagement, whilst taking care to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to view, understand and provide feedback on the proposed refinements.

All the design refinement consultation materials will be available to view online or to download at the consultation website: www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/design-consultation from 14 July 2020. If you are unable to access the internet, one printed copy per household of the design refinement consultation materials is available to pre-order by filling in the form on our website, calling us on 0300 123 5000 or emailing info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk. The materials will be delivered to you free of charge.

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The design refinement consultation materials will include:

- Guide to design refinement consultation
- Environmental impacts update
- Design refinement consultation response form
- A public notice, which will be published in local and national newspapers
- Revised map books

Should COVID-19 restrictions be relaxed any further, we may make additional ways to review the information available. Please check the consultation website for updates.

How to respond

We are encouraging anyone who may be affected by these design refinements to respond to the consultation once it launches on 14 July 2020, using one of the following response channels:

- **Online response form:** fill in the online survey at [redacted]
- **Freepost:** Post your response form or comments to: FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION (the Freepost address is the only text needed on the envelope, and no stamp is required)
- **Email:** Email your comments to [redacted]
- **Telephone:** Due to the restrictions in place relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are offering additional support to help you provide feedback over the phone. Please call us on 0300 123 5000 to book an appointment.

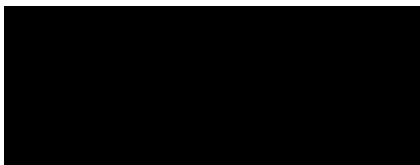
We cannot guarantee that responses sent to us in any other way will be considered.

If you wish to use the design refinement consultation response form to comment on aspects of the proposals from earlier consultations, we suggest you use question 4: 'Other comments'. If your comments are intended for either of the earlier consultations, we would be grateful if you could identify that in your comments. Please note that this form will not be available until the launch of the design refinement consultation.

Please note that we may be required to make copies of representations available to the Planning Inspectorate. We refer you to the response form hosted on our consultation website for more information on how Highways England handles personal data.

For completeness, and since the project constitutes Environmental Impact Assessment development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ("the 2017 Regulations"), we also enclose a copy of the notice published under section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 as part of the 2018 statutory consultation, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations.

Yours sincerely





Gareth Protheroe
Development Director
Lower Thames Crossing

Statutory consultation – October to December 2018

You may already be aware that Highways England held a statutory consultation on an earlier version of our plans, between October and December 2018. That consultation included our explanation of why we consider a new river crossing east of London to be necessary, how the route for the Lower Thames Crossing had been selected, as well as a detailed explanation of the predicted environmental impacts of the scheme, our approach to user charging and other specific proposals.

During this consultation, preliminary environmental information was included in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which is available to view along with all other statutory consultation materials at: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation>

If you need a printed version of the Guide, please contact us via the Highways England contact centre on 0300 123 5000 or via info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk

Supplementary consultation – 29 January to 2 April 2020

Following the statutory consultation, we continued to develop our proposals in response to consultation responses and further information and investigations. As a result, Highways England launched a supplementary consultation on the latest version of our proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing. It included information on changes we made to the proposed route and its junctions, as well as information on how any environmental impacts would be reduced and mitigated. This followed from the statutory consultation which we refer to above.

You can find our supplementary consultation documents by visiting the webpage: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation-2020>



**SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008
REGULATION 4 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009
LOWER THAMES CROSSING
NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT ORDER**

Notice is hereby given that **HIGHWAYS ENGLAND COMPANY LIMITED** of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ ("Highways England") proposes to make an application ("the Application") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order. The Application is for the proposed Lower Thames Crossing ("the Project"), which is a proposed new road connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. The Project's main proposals include:

- Approximately 14.5 miles (23km) of new road, with a maximum speed limit of 70mph, connecting to the existing road network from the A2/M2 to the M25
- Two new tunnels, one southbound and one northbound
- Improvements to the M25, A2 and A13, where the Lower Thames Crossing connects to the road network
- New structures and changes to existing ones (including bridges, buildings, tunnel entrances, viaducts, and utilities such as electricity pylons) along the length of the new road
- A free-flow charging system, where drivers do not need to stop but pay remotely, similar to that at the Dartford Crossing

In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Project, including compulsory acquisition of land and interests / rights in land.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development"), as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment will be required. An Environmental Statement containing information about the likely significant environmental effects of the Project will therefore be submitted as part of the Application. Separately, preliminary environmental information will be included in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which forms part of the consultation materials.

Consultation on the Project proposals will take place from 10 October 2018 to 20 December 2018. Copies of the consultation materials (including documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development and the PEIR) will be available for inspection free of charge during the consultation period at the deposit locations and times listed in this notice.

Copies of the consultation materials also will be available online free of charge during consultation at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay. The documents that comprise the consultation materials are listed separately in this notice.

A printed copy of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, can be purchased on request by emailing Highways England at info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk, phoning 0300 123 5000, or by writing to Lower Thames Crossing, Woodlands, Manton Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW. Due to the size of the paper documents, a charge of £175 (plus VAT and P&P) will be made for each set of consultation documents.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between 10 October 2018 and 20 December 2018. Responses to the consultation can be made either electronically or by filling in a paper response form.

Paper response forms can be printed out from www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay; picked up free of charge from public information events (see accompanying list), information points and deposit locations; or by phoning 0300 123 5000. Responses can be submitted by:

- Filling in the online response form at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay
- Emailing comments or electronic copies of the response form to: LTC.CONSULTATION@TRAVERSELTD
- Posting comments or paper response forms to: FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION
- Filling in a paper response form at one of our public information events

Responses must be received no later than 11.59pm on 20 December 2018.

Highways England will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application for a Development Consent Order, once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Project, please contact the project team by emailing Highways England at info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk, phoning 0300 123 5000, or by writing to Lower Thames Crossing, Woodlands, Manton Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW.

Highways England's policy on managing personal data can be found at <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/terms-and-conditions>.

David Manning, Highways England

Deposit Locations

Brentwood Library, New Road, Brentwood, CM14 4BP Monday 9am – 6pm Tuesday 9am – 6pm Wednesday 9am – 1pm Thursday 9am – 6pm Friday 9am – 6pm Saturday 9am – 5pm	Tilbury Hub, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AD Monday 10am – 5pm Wednesday 10am – 5pm Friday 10am – 5pm Saturday 10am – 1pm
Grays Library, Thameside Complex, Orsett Road, Grays, RM17 5DX Monday 9am – 7pm Tuesday 9am – 5pm Wednesday 9am – 5pm Thursday 9am – 7pm Friday 9am – 5pm Saturday 9am – 1pm	Dartford Library, Central Park, Market Street, Dartford, DA1 1EU Monday – Wednesday 8.30am – 6pm Thursday 8.30am – 8pm Friday 8.30am – 6pm Saturday 9am – 5pm
Romford Central Library, St Edwards Way, Romford, RM1 3AR Monday 10am – 8pm Tuesday 9am – 5pm Wednesday 9am – 5pm Thursday 10am – 8pm Friday 9am – 5pm Saturday 10am – 4pm	Gravesend Library, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BE Monday – Friday 9am – 6pm Saturday 9am – 5pm
Chadwell Village Hall, Waterson Road, Chadwell St Mary, RM16 4NX Friday 7 December, 2pm – 9pm	Maidstone Library, Kent History and Library Centre, James Whatman Way, Maidstone, ME14 1LQ Monday – Wednesday 9am – 6pm Thursday 9am – 8pm Friday 9am – 6pm Saturday 9am – 5pm
Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, RM16 2JU Tuesday 6 November 2pm – 9pm	Rochester Library, Rochester Community Hub, Eastgate, Rochester, ME1 1EW Monday – Friday 9am – 6pm Saturday 9am – 4pm
Haverling College of Further and Higher Education, 42 Ardleigh Green Road, Hornchurch, RM11 2LL Monday 26 November, 2pm – 9pm	
Haverling Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, RM1 3BD Friday 30 November, 2pm – 9pm	
Holiday Inn Brentwood M25 J28, Brook Street, Brentwood, CM14 5NF Wednesday 28 November, 2pm – 9pm	
Lakeside Shopping Centre, West Thurrock Way, Grays, RM20 2ZP Saturday 27 October, 9am – 9pm Sunday 28 October, 11am – 5pm	
Linford Methodist Church, East Tilbury Road, Linford, SS17 0QQ Wednesday 14 November, 2pm – 9pm	
Orsett Hall Hotel, Prince Charles Avenue, Orsett, RM16 3HS Tuesday 16 October, 2pm – 9pm	
St Mary Magdalene Church, Church Lane, North Ockendon, RM14 3QH Thursday 22 November, 2pm – 9pm	
The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QH Saturday 17 November midday – 6pm	
Tilbury Community Association, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AA Tuesday 30 October, 2pm – 9pm	
West Horndon Village Hall, Thorndon Avenue, West Horndon, CM13 3TP Wednesday 24 October, 2pm – 9pm	

Public information events south of the River Thames

Bluewater Shopping Centre, Bluewater Parkway, Greenhithe, DA9 9ST
Saturday 20 October, 9am – 9pm
Sunday 21 October, 11am – 5pm

Cascades Leisure Centre, Thong Lane, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 4LG
Thursday 1 November, 2pm – 9pm

Chalk Parish Hall, Pirrip Close, Gravesend, DA12 2ND
Monday 22 October, 2pm – 9pm

Dover Town Hall, Biggin Street, Dover, Kent, CT16 1DL
Tuesday 4 December, 2pm – 9pm

Mick Jagger Centre, Shepherds Lane, Dartford, DA1 2JZ
Tuesday 23 October, 2pm – 9pm

Doubletree Dartford Bridge, Masthead Close, Crossways Business Park, Dartford, DA2 60F
Monday 3 December, 2pm – 9pm

Gravesend Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1AU
Wednesday 21 November, 2pm – 9pm

Rochester Corn Exchange, Northgate, Rochester, ME1 1LS
Wednesday 5 December, 2pm – 9pm

Shorne Village Hall, 16 The Street, Shorne, DA12 3EA
Saturday 3 November, midday – 6pm

Public information events north of the River Thames

Holiday Inn Basildon, Cranes Farm Road, Waterfront Walk, Festival Leisure Park, Basildon, SS14 3DG
Monday 19 November, 2pm – 9pm

Brandon Groves Community Club, Brandon Groves Avenue, South Ockendon, RM15 6TD
Friday 16 November, 2pm – 9pm

List of consultation documents:

- LTC Guide to Consultation
- Consultation leaflets
- Response form
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
- LTC Response to Consultation 2017
- Case for the Project
- Approach to Design, Construction and Operation
- Map books
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
- Preliminary Environmental Information Summary
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report
- Traffic Forecasting Report
- Traffic Forecasts Non-Technical Summary
- Section 47 Notice
- Section 48 Notice
- Your Property and Blight
- Your Property and Compulsory Purchase
- Your Property and Discretionary Purchase

Plate K.11 A copy of the letter (and section 48 notice) sent to Southern Water Services Ltd on 7 October 2020, confirming their status as a s42(1)(a) prescribed consultee for the purposes of the Project



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0300 123 5000 (local rate call)

07 October 2020

Dear The Chief Executive,

Lower Thames Crossing: proposed application for a development consent order

As you may be aware, Highways England is proposing to build a new road called the Lower Thames Crossing to connect Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

We consulted Southern Water Services Ltd ("**Southern Water**") under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 ("**the 2008 Act**") on 9 October 2018 as a person with an interest in land affected by the project. We also wrote to you on a non-statutory basis on 27 January 2020 and 29 June 2020, to notify you of our supplementary and design refinement consultations, held earlier this year. We are grateful for the feedback that you provided as part of those consultations.

We understand that Southern Water is a statutory sewerage undertaker for part of the area that the Project would be built and operated.

As a relevant statutory undertaker, we note that you should have received a copy of the notice publicising the proposed application under section 48 of the 2008 Act, which was published in national and local newspapers at the launch of our statutory consultation in October 2018. Unfortunately, this was not included in our letter to you of 9 October 2020. We apologise for this.

Whilst noting that all public consultations in respect of the Project have now closed, for completeness, we are now writing to you to enclose a copy of the section 48 notice that was published at the launch of our statutory consultation in October 2018, under Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

We trust that this is in order, but should you have any questions in relation to this letter, or the section 48 notice enclosed, please let us know by writing to us using the contact details listed at the head of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Gareth Protheroe
Development Director
Lower Thames Crossing

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Plate K.12 Example of the letter (and s48 notice) sent to newly identified organisations, confirming their status as s42(1)(a) prescribed consultees for the purposes of the Project, on 13 July 2021

Highways England
1st Floor Woodlands
Manton Lane
Bedford MK41 7LW

13 July 2021

Dear

Lower Thames Crossing: Section 42 – Duty to consult on a proposed application

As you may be aware, Highways England is about to launch a community impacts consultation on plans for the Lower Thames Crossing – a new road project that would connect Kent with Thurrock and Essex via a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

In October 2020, we submitted a Development Consent Order application for the Lower Thames Crossing to the Planning Inspectorate. Based on feedback and discussions with the Inspectorate, we withdrew the application in November 2020.

As part of our response to the feedback we received from the Planning Inspectorate, we will now be undertaking a further consultation from 14 July to 8 September 2021. This intends to improve public understanding of our latest proposals and the construction and operational impacts of the project. It will also let stakeholders know how their feedback to our earlier consultations was considered in the development of our proposals and ask for comments on our mitigation plans.

We are now consulting your organisation in relation to our proposals under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (please note: we have previously consulted UK Power Networks under section 42. However, for completeness, we are using this opportunity to consult each of Eastern Power Networks Plc, London Power Networks Plc and South Eastern Power Networks Plc separately in relation to our proposals).

Consultation to date

• **Statutory consultation – 10 October to 20 December 2018**

This included our explanation of why we consider a new river crossing east of London to be necessary, how the route for the Lower Thames Crossing was selected, a detailed explanation of the predicted environmental impacts of the project, our approach to user charging and other specific proposals.

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detailed changes that were made to the proposed route and its junctions, as well as the latest information on how any environmental impacts would be reduced and mitigated.

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We wanted to get all aspects of the design, construction and operation of the Lower Thames Crossing right. Our approach to the project's design was also guided by highways standards and good industry practice, which seek to ensure the Lower Thames Crossing is safe to construct and operate, is sustainable, and will create a positive legacy for future generations.

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Finally, as required by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, we are enclosing a copy of the notice published under section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 for our statutory consultation.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Gareth Protheroe
Development Director
Highways England



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We have enclosed a Land Use Plan with this letter that identifies the areas included within our development boundary and why these are needed.

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Yours sincerely,



Sarah Collins
Land and Property Lead
Lower Thames Crossing

Plate K.14 Example of the letter (and s48 notice, for s42(1)(a) consultees only) sent to newly identified organisations, confirming their status as s42(1)(a) prescribed consultees and s42(1)(b) local authorities for the purposes of the Project, on 11 May 2022



Dear

Lower Thames Crossing: Section 42 – Duty to consult on a proposed application

As you may be aware, National Highways is developing plans for the Lower Thames Crossing, which is a new road project that would connect Kent with Thurrock and Essex via a tunnel beneath the river Thames.

As summarised below, we have previously held several public consultations on our proposals, each of which has sought to develop and improve our plans based on feedback from consultees and our ongoing assessments and design work. We are now launching a new consultation – the Local Refinement Consultation – as part of which we are seeking feedback on some changes to the project. Responses to this consultation will help to inform our application for permission to build and operate the project, which we plan to submit to the Planning Inspectorate later this year.

Our consultation proposals include changes to our plans for new open space sites in the vicinity of the new road, improvements to the provision of facilities for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, changes to our landscaping proposals and to our plans affecting local utilities. Our proposals also include additional environmental compensation habitat.

Your organisation has been identified as a statutory consultee under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. As required by that section, we are therefore consulting with you so that you are able to provide feedback on our latest proposals or on any of the proposals included in the earlier consultations described below under 'Consultation to date.' Information on how to do so is provided later in this letter, under 'How to view the Local Refinement Consultation materials.'

Consultation to date

- **Statutory consultation – 10 October to 20 December 2018**

This included our explanation of why we consider a new river crossing east of London to be necessary, how the route for the Lower Thames Crossing was selected, a detailed explanation of the predicted environmental impacts of the project, our approach to user charging and other specific proposals.

You can see a summary of the proposals presented in the 2018 statutory consultation in the document, Your Guide to Consultation 2018. You can also find the feedback form for that consultation, detailed maps and technical information at:



- **Supplementary consultation – 29 January to 2 April 2020**

Following the statutory consultation, we continued to develop our plans in response to feedback, further information and investigations. As a result, we launched a supplementary consultation on the latest version of the proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing. It detailed changes that were made to the proposed route and its junctions, as well as the latest information on how any environmental impacts would be reduced and mitigated.

You can find our supplementary consultation documents by visiting the webpage: [REDACTED]

- **Design refinement consultation – 14 July to 12 August 2020**

Following the supplementary consultation, we continued to work with our stakeholders and statutory consultees to develop our design. This resulted in a number of refinements, which we then consulted on.

You can find our design refinement consultation documents by visiting the webpage: [REDACTED]

- **Community impacts consultation – 14 July to 8 September 2021**

Having reviewed our plans and considered feedback provided by local authorities and the Planning Inspectorate, we then held a further consultation on:

- the latest construction, operation and local authority ward summary information, and our plans to mitigate the impacts of the project
- changes to the project since the design refinement consultation
- how responses received at each of our previous consultations have informed the development of the project

You can find our design refinement consultation documents by visiting the webpage: [REDACTED]

How to view the Local Refinement Consultation materials

Online: All the documents relating to this consultation are available at: [REDACTED]

Home delivery: If you do not have access to the internet, you can order a printed copy of the guide to consultation, a feedback form, Freepost return envelope and set of plans, to be delivered free of charge. This is limited to one pack per household. Please call us on 0300 123 5000 to request a consultation pack.

Telephone surgery: If you have any queries relating to this letter, we encourage you to request a call back from a member of the project team who will answer your questions.

For more information on the surgery, please visit our website [REDACTED]

or call 0300 123 5000.

To keep stakeholders and members of the local community fully informed on the proposals, we will also be looking to host a series of information events at locations along the route. Details of these events and information points are available on our website. Alternatively, you can call 0300 123 5000.

How to respond to the consultation – responses will be accepted until 11.59pm on 20 June 2022.

You can submit a response via one of the methods below, which are all free to use. Please note, we cannot guarantee that responses sent to any other address will be considered.

Online: Fill in the survey at [REDACTED]

Post: Send your response form or comments to: FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION

The Freepost address is the only text needed on the envelope, and no stamp is required.

Email: Send your comments to: LTC.CONULTATION@TRAVERSE.LTD

Telephone: We are offering additional support to help you provide feedback over the phone. Please call us on 0300 123 5000 to book an appointment.

If you wish to comment on aspects of our proposals from earlier consultations, please use the 'Other comments' section on the response form for the Local Refinement Consultation.

We will ensure that any comments submitted to the above response channels are carefully reviewed, and the Consultation Report we submit as part of our Development Consent Order application will explain how we have considered the feedback we received.

Please note that National Highways may be required to make copies of representations available to the Planning Inspectorate. For more information on how your personal data is retained and used by National Highways, see our full data privacy statement:

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/about-us/privacy-notice/>.

Finally, as required by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended), we are enclosing a copy of the notice published under section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 for our statutory consultation.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Protheroe
Development Director
National Highways

SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008
REGULATIONS 4 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS, PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2009
LOWER THAMES CROSSING
NOTICE PUBLISHERING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

Notice is hereby given that HIGHWAYS ENGLAND COMPANY LIMITED of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Quilford, GU1 4LJ (Highways England) proposes to make an application ("the Application") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order. The Application is for the proposed Lower Thames Crossing ("the Project"), which is a proposed new road connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. The Project's main proposals include:

- Approximately 14.5 miles (23km) of new road, with a maximum speed limit of 70mph, connecting to the existing road network from the A21M to the M25
- Two new tunnels, one southbound and one northbound
- Improvements to the M25, A2 and A11, where the Lower Thames Crossing connects to the road network
- New structures and changes to existing ones (including bridges, buildings, formal entrances, viaducts, and utilities such as electricity pylons) along the length of the new road
- A fee-free charging system, where drivers do not need to stop but pay remotely, similar to that at the Dartford Crossing

In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Project, including compulsory acquisition of land and interests in land.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development"), as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment will be required. An Environmental Statement containing information about the likely significant environmental effects of the Project will therefore be submitted as part of the Application. Separately, preliminary environmental information will be included in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which forms part of the consultation materials.

Consultation on the Project proposals will take place from 10 October 2018 to 20 December 2018. Copies of the consultation materials (including documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development and the PEIR) will be available for inspection free of charge during the consultation period at the deposit locations and times listed in this notice.

Copies of the consultation materials also will be available online free of charge during consultation at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/waysourway. The documents that comprise the consultation materials are listed separately in this notice.

A printed copy of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, can be purchased on request by emailing Highways England at infrastructure@highwaysengland.co.uk, phoning 0300 123 3000, or by writing to Lower Thames Crossing, Woodlands, Manton Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7UX. Due to the size of the paper documents, a charge of £175 (plus VAT and P&P) will be made for each set of consultation documents.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between 10 October 2018 and 20 December 2018. Responses to the consultation can be made either electronically or by filling in a paper response form. Paper response forms can be printed out from www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/waysourway (linked up free of charge from public information events (see accompanying list), information points and deposit locations, or by phoning 0300 123 3000. Responses can be submitted by:

- Filing in the online response form at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/waysourway
- Emailing comments or electronic copies of the response form to LTC.Consultation@highways.co.uk
- Posting comments or paper response forms to: FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION
- Filing in a paper response form at one of our public information events

Responses must be received no later than 11.59pm on 20 December 2018.

Highways England will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application for a Development Consent Order, once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Project, please contact the project team by emailing HighwaysEngland.co.uk/terms and conditions, or by writing to Lower Thames Crossing, Woodlands, Manton Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7UX.

Highways England's policy on managing personal data can be found at www.HighwaysEngland.co.uk/terms and conditions.

David Manning, Highways England, 4 October 2018

Deposit locations	Tisbury Hub, Civic Square, Tisbury, RM18 8AD
Brentwood Library, New Road, Brentwood, CM14 4BP	Monday 10am - 5pm
Monday 9am - 4pm	Wednesday 10am - 4pm
Tuesday 9am - 4pm	Friday 10am - 5pm
Wednesday 9am - 1pm	Saturday 10am - 1pm
Thursday 9am - 4pm	
Friday 9am - 4pm	Dartford Library, Central Park, Market Street, Dartford, DA1 1EU
Saturday 9am - 5pm	Monday - Wednesday 8.30am - 4pm
Grays Library, Thameside Complex, Grays Road, Grays, RM17 5DE	Thursday 8.30am - 4pm
Monday 9am - 7pm	Friday 8.30am - 4pm
Tuesday 9am - 5pm	Saturday 9am - 3pm
Wednesday 9am - 5pm	
Thursday 9am - 7pm	Grovesend Library, Windmill Street, Grovesend, DA12 1BE
Friday 9am - 5pm	Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm	Saturday 9am - 3pm
Royston Central Library, St Edwards Way, Royston, RM1 2AP	Madstone Library, Kent History and Library Centre, James Whitman Way, Madstone, ME14 1UG
Monday 10am - 4pm	Monday - Wednesday 9am - 4pm
Tuesday 10am - 4pm	Thursday 9am - 4pm
Wednesday 10am - 4pm	Friday 9am - 4pm
Thursday 10am - 4pm	Saturday 9am - 4pm
Friday 10am - 4pm	
Saturday 10am - 4pm	Rochester Library, Rochester Community Hub, Eastgate, Rochester, ME1 1EW
	Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm
	Saturday 9am - 4pm

Public Information Events in Kent

Blueswater Shopping Centre, Blueswater Parkway, Greenhithe, DA9 9ST
Saturday 20 October, 9am - 3pm
Sunday 21 October, 11am - 4pm

Cascades Leisure Centre, Thong Lane, Grovesend, Kent, DA12 4LG
Thursday 1 November, 2pm - 5pm

Chalk Parish Hall, Pimp Cross, Grovesend, DA12 2ND
Monday 22 October, 2pm - 5pm

Dover Town Hall, Biggin Street, Dover, Kent, CT16 1DL
Tuesday 4 December, 2pm - 5pm

Mick Jagger Centre, Shepherds Lane, Dartford, DA1 3JZ
Tuesday 23 October, 2pm - 5pm

Doublines Dartford Bridge, Meechwood Close, Crossways Business Park, Dartford, DA2 6QF
Monday 3 December, 2pm - 5pm

Grovesend Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Grovesend, DA12 1AU
Wednesday 21 November, 2pm - 5pm

Rochester Corn Exchange, Northgate, Rochester, ME1 1LS
Wednesday 5 December, 2pm - 5pm

Shorne Village Hall, 16 The Street, Shorne, DA12 3EA
Saturday 3 November, midday - 5pm

Public Information Events in Essex

Holiday Inn Basildon, Cranes Farm Road, Waterford Walk, Festival Leisure Park, Basildon, SS14 3DG
Monday 19 November, 2pm - 5pm

Brandon Groves Community Club, Brandon Groves Avenue, South Ockendon, RM15 4TD
Friday 16 November, 2pm - 5pm

List of consultation documents:

- LTC Guide to Consultation
- Consultation leaflets
- Response form
- Statement of Community Consultation (SCCC)
- LTC Response to Consultation 2017
- Case for the Project
- Approach to Design, Construction and Operation
- Map books
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
- Preliminary Environmental Information Summary
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report
- Traffic Forecasting Report
- Traffic Forecasts Non-Technical Summary
- Section 47 Notice
- Section 48 Notice
- Your Property and Right
- Your Property and Compulsory Purchase
- Your Property and Discretionary Purchase

Plate K.15 A copy of the letter sent on 12 May 2022 to newly identified land interests, notifying them of their status and of the Applicant’s planned DCO application. The content of the letters was modified to reflect the nature of the potential impacts of the Project on each specified land interest.

	Sarah Collins Land and Property Lead Lower Thames Crossing 1st Floor Woodlands Manton Lane Bedford MK41 7LW 0300 123 5000 (local rate call) info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk 12 May 2022
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Dear

Lower Thames Crossing local refinement consultation: Section 42 – Duty to consult on a proposed application

We are writing to let you know that an interest in land that you hold has been identified as being potentially affected by the Lower Thames Crossing – the National Highways project that would connect Kent with Thurrock and Essex via a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

Under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, we are consulting with you so that you are able to provide us with feedback on any aspect of the proposals. More information on the consultation process is set out later in this letter.

As our plans for the project have evolved, the Order Limits – the area we will need for constructing, operating or mitigating the effects of the new road – has been updated.

Your interest, as described in the table below, is within or partially within the Order Limits.

Title number	Land description	Status at May 2022
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An explanation of what the status presented in the table means is explained below.

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Half-width

As your property adjoins a highway that is within the project's Order Limits, you may have a half-width interest. A half width refers to the subsoil under the adjacent highway. The subsoil is unregistered at the Land Registry and, due to a long-standing legal principle concerning land ownership, the legal presumption is that each property title adjoining the highway owns the subsoil extending up to the middle of the road. This is known as a 'half-width' interest.

The subsoil is considered a passive interest because the local highways authority own and have responsibility for the upkeep of the road surface and reasonable depth of land under the surface.

The project may also affect you if you hold one or more of the following interests within or adjacent to the Order Limits: wayleaves, restrictions on title, covenants, easements, rights to mines, minerals or subsoil, options, cautions, notices or other form of legal interest.

We have enclosed a plan with this letter showing your property in relation to our Order Limits.

Consultation

Local refinement consultation – 12 May to 20 June 2022

As part of our response to the feedback we received from previous consultations, our plans have developed, and we are now proposing to make some further refinements to the Lower Thames Crossing. Changes to our plans include amendments to utilities infrastructure, routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, and two open space sites: Tilbury Fields and Chalk Park. We are proposing to change how traffic on the A13 corridor would access the A1089 by providing a new link road from the Orsett Cock junction to the A1089 southbound which would improve connectivity. Our proposals also include new areas of land to compensate for the effects of nitrogen deposition on habitats, which may occur as a result of changes to traffic flows after the Lower Thames Crossing opens. This includes some new areas of land that were not affected by our plans prior to this consultation.

How to view the local refinement consultation materials

Online: Consultation materials will be available from 12 May 2022 by visiting our webpage at <https://ltccconsultation2022.nationalhighways.co.uk/>.

Home delivery: If you do not have access to the internet, you can order printed copies of this guide, a feedback form and Freepost return envelope.

Please call us on 0300 123 5000 to request a consultation pack. This pack, including delivery is free of charge – there is a limit of one pack per household.

Information Videos: Videos explaining our proposals are available on our website. They include captioning and a British Sign Language interpreter. For more information, visit <https://ltccconsultation2022.nationalhighways.co.uk/>.

Telephone surgery: If you have any queries relating to this letter, we encourage you to request a call back from a member of the project team to answer your questions. You can book a call back from a member of the project team to discuss any questions. From 12 May 2022, call us on 0300 123 5000 to book an appointment on weekdays between 9am and 5pm.

For more information on the surgery, please visit our website at <https://ltcconsultation2022.nationalhighways.co.uk/> or call 0300 123 5000.

To keep stakeholders and members of the local community fully informed and up-to-date on our proposals, we intend to host a series of information events along the route. Details of these events, as well as information points and deposit locations where we will make the local refinement consultation materials available for review, can be found on our website at <https://ltcconsultation2022.nationalhighways.co.uk/>. Alternatively, you can call 0300 123 5000.

How to respond to the consultation – responses will be accepted until 23.59pm on 20 June 2022.

You can submit a response via one of the methods below, which are all free to use. Please note, we cannot guarantee that responses sent to any other address will be considered.

Online: Fill in the survey at <https://ltcconsultation2022.nationalhighways.co.uk/>.

Post: Send your response form or comments to FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION
The Freepost address is the only text needed on the envelope, and no stamp is required.

Telephone: You can book a call back from a member of the project team to provide comments on the changes. From 12 May 2022, call us on 0300 123 5000 to book an appointment weekdays between 9am and 5pm.

Email: Send your comments to LTC.CONSULTATION@TRAVERSE.LTD.

Please note, we cannot guarantee that responses sent to any other address will be considered. Responses will be accepted until 23.59 on 20 June 2022.

If you wish to comment on aspects of our proposals from earlier consultations, please use the 'Other comments' section on the response form.

We will make sure that any comments submitted to the above response channels are carefully reviewed, and the Consultation Report we submit as part of our Development Consent Order application will explain how we have considered the feedback we received.

Please note that National Highways may be asked to make copies of representations available to the Planning Inspectorate. For more information on how your personal data is retained and used by National Highways, see our full data privacy statement at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/our-work/lower-thames-crossing/privacy-notice/.

Previous consultations

As you may know, we have already held several stages of public consultation on our proposals. The details of these are set out below

Statutory consultation – 10 October to 20 December 2018

We held a statutory consultation on our project proposals from 10 October to 20 December 2018. This consultation included our explanation of why we consider a new river crossing east of London to be necessary, how the route for the Lower Thames Crossing had been selected, an explanation of the predicted environmental impacts of the project (contained in the preliminary environmental information report) and our approach to user charging.

You can see a summary of the proposals presented in our 2018 statutory consultation in the document, Your Guide to Consultation 2018, along with the feedback form for that consultation, detailed maps and technical information by visiting our webpage at <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation>.

Supplementary consultation – 29 January to 2 April 2020

Following the statutory consultation, we continued to develop our plans in response to feedback, further information and investigations. As a result, National Highways launched a supplementary consultation on the latest version of the proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing. It detailed changes that were made to the proposed route and its junctions, as well as the latest information on how any environmental impacts would be reduced and mitigated.

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Design refinement consultation – 14 July to 12 August 2020

Following the supplementary consultation, we continued to work with our stakeholders and statutory consultees to develop our design of the new road. This resulted in a number of refinements, which we then consulted on.

You can find our design refinement consultation documents by visiting our webpage at <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/design-consultation>.

Community impacts consultation – 14 July to 8 September 2021

As part of our development of the proposals and to provide further information to local people about the likely effects of the new road on the local community and the environment, we carried out a further round of consultation between July and September 2021 called the community impacts consultation. For more information, please visit our webpage at: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/community-impacts-consultation-2021/>.

If you have any questions regarding your land or property, please email us at property@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk or contact our Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 to arrange for a member of the team to return your call.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Collins
Land and Property Lead
Lower Thames Crossing

Plate K.16 A copy of the letter sent on 24 May 2022 to newly identified land interests, explaining that the consultation closing date had been extended to reflect a delay in the posting of letters at the launch of the Local Refinement Consultation



Our ref: A_CRM
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24 May 2022

Dear,

Lower Thames Crossing: local refinement consultation

We recently wrote to you in connection with our local refinement consultation, which was launched on 12 May 2022.

We are aware that you may not have received our letter until shortly after the launch of the consultation. We are sorry about this and want to ensure that you have enough time to consider and provide feedback on our proposals.

We are therefore writing to let you know that, in view of the short delay between the launch of the consultation and receipt of our letter, we will accept a response from you until 23.59 on 22 June 2022. We have set out below how you can provide feedback between 23.59 on 20 June 2022, which remains the official close date for the consultation, and 23.59 on 22 June 2022.

Please note that this extension is only available to you and any other party who has received this letter from National Highways.

All the documents relating to the local refinement consultation are available to see at <https://ltcconsultation2022.nationalhighways.co.uk/>. Please refer to our original letter for details on the local refinement consultation, how to view the project refinements and how to respond to the consultation.

Please note that, after 23.59 on 22 June 2022, we will be unable to accept a response from you and it will not be considered as part of the local refinement consultation.

Please also note that the online response form will be closed after 20 June 2022. The only ways to respond between 00.00 on 21 June 2022 and 23.59 on 22 June 2022, will be via the Freepost and email addresses listed below.

Post: FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION

The Freepost address is the only text needed on the envelope, and no stamp is required.

Email: LTC.CONSULTATION@TRAVERSE.LTD

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If you have any questions regarding this letter or your land or property, please email us at property@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk or contact our Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 to arrange for a member of the team to return your call.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Collins
Land and Property Lead
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Plate K.17 A copy of the letter sent on 17 August 2022 to newly identified land interests, notifying them of their status and of the Applicant’s planned DCO application. The content of the letters was modified to reflect the nature of the potential impacts of the Project on each specified land interest.



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17 August 2022

Dear [Redacted]

Lower Thames Crossing local refinement consultation: Section 42 – Duty to consult on a proposed application

We are writing to let you know that your land or property you own, or an interest that you hold, has been identified as being potentially affected by the Lower Thames Crossing – the National Highways project that would connect Kent with Thurrock and Essex via a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

Under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, we are consulting with you so that you are able to provide us with feedback on any aspect of the proposals.

Your interest, as described in the table below, is within or partially within the Order Limits.

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Why we are writing to you

We continuously update our records of persons with an interest in land that is affected by the proposals. As part of this process, we have identified that you have such an interest. We are therefore writing to let you know how you can access the information we have published previously about the project as part of our public consultations and how you can let us know your views.

There will also be an opportunity to provide us with your comments on the project during the next stage of the planning process. We intend to submit our DCO application this autumn and if it is accepted by the Planning Inspectorate and allowed to progress to the next stage of the process, known as the pre-examination stage, you will be able to register as an 'interested party'. This will give you the opportunity to submit written details of your views on the project to the Planning Inspectorate and to attend and make submissions at public hearings during the examination period. Following the examination, the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will then decide whether or not development consent should be granted.

To find out more about the planning process for projects such as ours please visit the Planning Inspectorate website at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>





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Local refinement consultation – 12 May to 20 June 2022

As our plans further developed, we published details of some further proposed refinements to the Lower Thames Crossing. These included amendments to utilities infrastructure, routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, and two open space sites: Tilbury Fields and Chalk Park. We

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proposed to change how traffic on the A13 corridor would access the A1089 by providing a new link road from the Orsett Cock junction to the A1089 southbound which would improve connectivity. Our proposals also included new areas of land to compensate for the effects of nitrogen deposition on habitats, which may occur as a result of changes to traffic flows after the Lower Thames Crossing opens. This included some new areas of land that were not affected by our plans prior to this consultation.

<https://ltcconsultation2022.nationalhighways.co.uk/>.

If you have any comments on our proposals, the deadline for responding is **23.59** on **17 September 2022**.

You can give us your views by email or by post to the address below. Please note, we cannot guarantee that responses sent to any other address will be considered.

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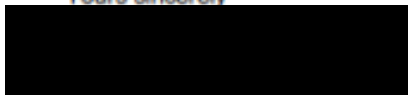
We will make sure that any comments submitted to the above response channels are carefully considered.

Please note that National Highways may be asked to make copies of representations available to the Planning Inspectorate. For more information on how your personal data is retained and used by National Highways, see our full data privacy statement at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/our-work/lower-thames-crossing/privacy-notice/.

If you have any questions regarding your land or property, please email us at property@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk or contact our Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 to arrange for a member of the team to return your call.

For more information about the project, please visit www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk, where you can also sign up for project updates by email.

Yours sincerely



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Plate K.18 A copy of the letter sent in October 2022 to newly identified land interests, notifying them of their status and of the Applicant’s planned DCO application. The content of the letters was modified to reflect the nature of the potential impacts of the Project on each specified land interest



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20 October 2022

Dear

Lower Thames Crossing – Proposed application for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008 – our proposals and your property

As you may be aware, National Highways is proposing to build a new road called the Lower Thames Crossing, that will connect Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a new tunnel beneath the River Thames.

Since the preferred route for the road was announced in April 2017, we have been continuing to refine the design of the project and identifying potential ways to mitigate its impacts. We undertook a statutory consultation between October and December 2018 and a supplementary consultation between January and April 2020. We undertook a design refinement consultation between July and August 2020. In July 2021 we chose to carry out a further phase of consultation – the Community Impacts Consultation – in which we presented more information on our plans to build and operate the new road, including the various ways in which environmental effects would be managed. Earlier in 2022 we held another consultation – the Local Refinement Consultation – on a set of changes to our proposals. That consultation also set out proposals for new environmental compensation land, including some in areas not previously affected by our plans. For more information on these consultations and our proposals, please see the end of this letter.

The project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act), which means that a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required to build and operate the project. We are proposing to submit our DCO application in the coming weeks.

The project is also an Environmental Impact Assessment development ('EIA development'), as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that an Environmental Statement will be submitted with our DCO application. Preliminary Environmental Information also formed part of the material presented at statutory consultation, which was updated for the supplementary and design refinement consultations held in 2020. Further information relating to the impacts of the Project and proposed mitigation was also presented as part of the Community Impacts Consultation in 2021 and the Local

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Refinement Consultation in 2022. To view these documents, please see further details at the end of this letter.

Why we are writing to you

We are writing to let you know that your land or property you own, or an interest that you hold, is within or partially within the Order Limits, the land required to construct, operate and maintain the new road.

Title Number	Land Description	Status
<i>Insert Title Number</i>	<i>Insert Land Description</i>	<i>Inside the Order Limits</i>

The inclusion of your property within the Order Limits means that we may need to take possession of it temporarily, acquire it permanently, and/or acquire permanent rights over it, as part of our proposals. You can also explore the route and Order Limits in more detail at the following link: <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/lower-thames-crossing/what-is-the-lower-thames-crossing/shaping-the-design-of-the-lower-thames-crossing/>.

The project may also affect you if you hold one or more of the following interests within or adjacent to the boundary: wayleaves, restrictions on title, covenants, easements, rights to mines, minerals or subsoil, options, cautions, notices or other form of legal interest.]

We are also writing to confirm that, whilst there is no longer sufficient time to consult with you on our proposals and take account of your feedback before we submit our application for a DCO, you will have an opportunity to provide us with your comments on the project during the next stage of the planning process. If our DCO application is accepted by the Planning Inspectorate and allowed to progress to the next stage of the process, known as the pre-examination stage, you will be able to register as an 'interested party'. This will give you the opportunity to submit written details of your views on the project to the Planning Inspectorate and to attend and make submissions at public hearings during the examination period. Following the examination, the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will then decide whether or not development consent should be granted.

To find out more about the planning process for projects such as ours please visit the Planning Inspectorate website at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Next steps

To build and operate the Lower Thames Crossing, we require a number of interests, rights and powers over land. For example, we will need to temporarily occupy some areas of land during construction, but purchase some permanently. We will also need to create new permanent rights over land to divert overhead electricity cables, gas pipelines or other utilities.

Our application for a DCO will include provisions which would enable us to acquire interests and rights over land for the purposes outlined above however, wherever practicable, we would like to





purchase the land or rights we require for the Project by agreement rather than compulsorily under a DCO.

If you are interested in exploring this further, please send an email to: property@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk with your reference number at the top of this letter. Alternatively, please call the customer contact centre, on 0300 123 5000, who will take your details and a member of the team will then be in touch to discuss matters with you further.

For more information about the project, please visit www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk, where you can also sign up for project updates by email.

Yours sincerely



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Land and Property Lead
Lower Thames Crossing





Please see below details of where you can find out more about the proposals we presented during our statutory consultation at the end of 2018 and non-statutory consultations between 2020 and 2022.

Statutory consultation – October to December 2018

You may already be aware that National Highways held a statutory consultation on an earlier version of our plans, between October and December 2018. That consultation included our explanation of why we consider a new river crossing east of London to be necessary, how the route for the Lower Thames Crossing had been selected, as well as an explanation of the predicted environmental impacts of the scheme, our approach to user charging and other specific proposals.

During this consultation, preliminary environmental information was included in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which is available to view along with all other statutory consultation materials at:

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation>

Supplementary consultation – 29 January to 2 April 2020

Following the statutory consultation, we continued to develop our proposals in response to consultation feedback and further information and investigations. As a result, National Highways launched a supplementary consultation on the latest version of the proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing. It included information on changes we made to the proposed route and its junctions, as well as information on how any environmental impacts would be reduced and mitigated. This followed from the statutory consultation which we refer to above.

You can find our supplementary consultation documents by visiting the following webpage:

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation-2020>

Design refinement consultation – 14 July to 12 August 2020

Following the non-statutory supplementary consultation, we proposed a number of refinements to the Lower Thames Crossing based on feedback received during the previous consultations, engagement with our stakeholders and ongoing design work. National Highways launched a design refinement consultation, which included refinements to elements of the Lower Thames Crossing highways design, paths for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, proposals for redirecting and upgrading utilities, landscaping proposals and ecological mitigation measures.

You can find our design refinement consultation documents by visiting the following webpage:

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/design-consultation>

Community impacts consultation – 14 July to 8 September 2021

In November 2020 we chose to withdraw an application for development consent for the Lower Thames Crossing and instead prepared another consultation in which we set out more information on our plans to build and operate the new road. We produced a series of documents – the Ward



Impact Summaries – that described the new road and our planned mitigation measures – at a local level to make it easier for residents of affected communities to understand our plans. The consultation also included information on a series of improvements to the design of the road and to our plans to provide new open space sites close to the proposed route.

You can find our community impacts consultation documents by visiting the following webpage:
<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/community-impacts-consultation-2021/>.

Local refinement consultation – 12 May to 20 June 2022

Having considered responses to the Community Impacts Consultation and undertaken further assessments, we carried out a consultation on a set of localised changes to the project. The consultation provided an update on our plans for open space sites. It also described our assessment of nitrogen impacts and the decision to propose a set of compensatory land in areas close to the proposed road, including some in areas not previously included within our proposals.

You can find our local refinement consultation documents by visiting the following webpage:
<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/cip/ltc-local-refinement-consultation-2022/>.

If you need help accessing this or any other National Highways information, please call **0300 123 5000** and we will help you.

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