

Lower Thames Crossing

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L.1 Introduction

- L.1.1 As described in Chapter 4 of the Consultation Report, the Applicant fulfilled its duty under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 by notifying the Planning Inspectorate of the commencement of the Statutory Consultation and providing further information about the materials produced for that consultation. A copy of that letter and its acknowledgement by the Planning Inspectorate are provided below.
- L.1.2 The Applicant also notified the Planning Inspectorate of its subsequent rounds of non-statutory consultation, and where applicable, the relevant letters are also set out below.
- L.1.3 Notification of the commencement of the Community Impacts Consultation, as described in Chapter 8 of the Consultation Report, was carried out by email and as part of regular progress meetings between the Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate. As such, no letter of notification for that consultation is provided below.

Plate L.1 Section 46 letter, 9 October 2018



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9 October 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Lower Thames Crossing

Statutory pre-application consultation between 10 October 2018 and 20 December 2018

Planning Act 2008 Section 46: Duty to notify the Secretary of State of a proposed application

We are writing to provide notification, under Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008, of Highways England's intention to begin statutory pre-application consultation for its proposed Lower Thames Crossing scheme, prior to making an application for a development consent order. The consultation will begin on 10 October 2018 and end on 20 December 2018.

The planned Lower Thames Crossing is a new road with a tunnel crossing beneath the River Thames, between Kent, Thurrock and Essex. It 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.

We enclose with this correspondence a USB storage device containing the material we have produced for consultation, as well as examples of the letters that have been sent to our "Section 42" consultees. With the exception of these letters, all of the material on the USB will be available on our consultation website (www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay) and available for inspection at the deposit locations listed on our "Section 48 Notice".

Here is a list of the documents that will be available on our consultation website and at our deposit locations:

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- 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

These are the materials on which Highways England are consulting and are provided to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport in accordance with section 46 of the Planning Act 2008.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned using any of the details provided. We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely



Development Director



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Plate L.2 Section 46 acknowledgement letter, 31 October 2018

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[REDACTED] Highways England 1 st Floor Woodlands Manton Lane Bedford MK41 7LW	Your Ref: Our Ref: TR010032 Date: 31 October 2018
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Dear [REDACTED]	
Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 8	
Proposed application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for Lower Thames Crossing	
Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application	
Thank you for your letter of 9 October 2018 and the following documentation:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 and Section 48 Notices• Your Property and Blight• Your Property and Compulsory Purchase• Your Property and Discretionary Purchase	
I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the PA2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42. The following reference number has been given to the proposed application, which I would be grateful if you would use in subsequent communications:	
https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk	
	

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I also acknowledge notification in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that you propose to provide an environmental statement in respect of the proposed development .

I will be your point of contact for this application during Pre-application – my contact details are at the end of this letter.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate in the application process is to provide independent and impartial advice about the procedures involved and to have open discussions with potential applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the new regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

We will publish advice we give to you or other Interested Parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the applicant. We are happy to meet at key milestones and/ or provide advice as the case progresses through the Pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft Development Consent Order, Explanatory Memorandum, the Consultation Report and any draft HRA. You may therefore wish to build this into your timetables.

In the meantime, you may wish to have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to observe closely in establishing the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

When seeking to meet your Pre-application obligations you should also be aware of your obligation under the current data protection legislation to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Infrastructure Planning Lead

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Plate L.3 Letter from the Applicant to the Planning Inspectorate providing notification of the commencement of a non-statutory Supplementary Consultation



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28 January 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Lower Thames Crossing: Supplementary consultation between 29 January 2020 and 25 March 2020

In October 2018 I wrote to inform the Planning Inspectorate that Highways England was about to launch a statutory consultation on our plans for the Lower Thames Crossing – a new road scheme that would connect Kent with Thurrock and Essex via a tunnel beneath the River Thames - and that under Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 we were formally consulting the Secretary of State for Transport.

We are now preparing to launch a non-statutory supplementary consultation on our revised plans, before submitting an application for Development Consent to the Secretary of State.

The consultation will run from 29 January 2020 until 23:59 on 25 March 2020 and the consultation materials will be made available online at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/consultation-2020.

In addition to this letter, we have today provided you with a secure weblink to electronic copies of the material we have produced for consultation, as well as examples of the letters that have been sent to our statutory consultees and identified land interests. With the exception of these letters, all of the material provided in the link will be available on our consultation website (www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/consultation-2020) and available for inspection at the deposit locations listed on our non-statutory public notice and other publicity materials.

Here is a list of the documents that will be available on our consultation website and at our deposit locations:

- Guide to Supplementary Consultation
- Supplementary consultation leaflet
- Response Form and Freepost envelope
- Map Book 1: General Arrangements
- Map Book 2: Land Use Plans
- Map Book 3: Engineering Plans
- Traffic Modelling Update
- Environmental Impacts Update

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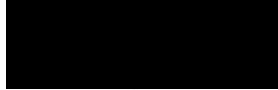




- Utilities Update
- Easy Read version of the 'Guide to Supplementary Consultation'
- Non-statutory public notice

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned using any of the details provided. We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely




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Plate L.4 Letter to the Planning Inspectorate informing of the launch of the Design Refinement Consultation (issued on a non-statutory basis)



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3 July 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Lower Thames Crossing: Design refinement consultation between 14 July 2020 and 12 August 2020

In January 2020 we wrote to inform the Planning Inspectorate that Highways England was about to launch a non-statutory supplementary consultation on a set of updates to our plans for the Lower Thames Crossing – a new road scheme that would connect Kent with Thurrock and Essex via a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

We are now preparing to launch a further non-statutory design refinement consultation on our proposed design refinements, before submitting an application for Development Consent to the Secretary of State.

The consultation will run from 14 July 2020 until 23:59 on 12 August 2020 and the consultation materials will be made available online at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/design-consultation.


In addition to this letter, we have today provided you with a secure weblink to electronic copies of the material we have produced for consultation, as well as examples of the letters that have been sent to our statutory consultees and identified land interests. With the exception of these letters, all of the material provided in the link will be available on our consultation website (www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/design-consultation).

Given the constraints imposed by the COVID-19 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.

In order to raise awareness of the consultation in local communities, we will be issuing a leaflet to each address within approximately 2km of the proposed route two weeks in advance of the consultation launch. It explains that if people are unable to access the consultation material by using the internet they can pre-order one set per household by calling us on 0300 123 5000. There is no charge for this service.

Should COVID-19 restrictions be relaxed any further, we may put in place new measures to enable people to access physical copies of consultation materials. We would update the consultation website with the details.

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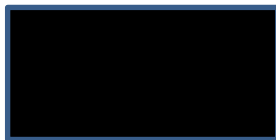


Here is a list of the documents that will be available on our consultation website and upon request:

- Guide to Design Refinement Consultation
- Design Refinement consultation leaflet
- Response Form and Freepost envelope
- Map Book 1: General Arrangements
- Map Book 2: Land Use Plans
- Map Book 3: Engineering Plans
- Environmental Impacts Update
- Easy Read version of the 'Guide to Design Refinement Consultation'
- Non-statutory public notice

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned using any of the details provided. We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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Plate L.5 Letter to the Planning Inspectorate informing of the launch of the Local Refinement Consultation (issued on a non-statutory basis)



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Dear [REDACTED]

Lower Thames Crossing: Local Refinement Consultation between 12 May and 20 June 2022

I am writing to inform you that National Highways will shortly launch the latest phase of non-statutory consultation on our proposals 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. That consultation – the Local Refinement Consultation – will begin on 12 May and end after a period of over five weeks on 20 June 2022.

Our consultation proposals include changes to our plans for new open space sites and public parks in the vicinity of the proposed new road, including changes to help facilitate the planned Thames Freeport. They also involve a revised connection between the Orsett Cock roundabout and the A1089, improvements to the provision of facilities for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, as well as changes to our landscaping proposals and to our plans affecting local utilities. They also include additional environmental compensation habitat.

In addition to this letter, we have today provided you with electronic copies of the material that we have produced for consultation, as well as examples of the letters that have been sent to our statutory consultees and to identified land interests.

All of the consultation materials, with the exception of those letters, will be published on our consultation website: <https://ltcconsultation2022.nationalhighways.co.uk/>. It will also be possible for consultees to request a free home delivery of consultation materials, to inspect them at a series of deposit locations or to collect copies at our information events. Our efforts to ensure high public awareness of the consultation include a leaflet to all properties close to our proposals, email notifications to our extensive contacts database, as well as advertisements and public notices in local newspapers.

The following is a list of the documents that will be published for the consultation:

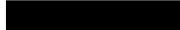
- Guide to local refinement consultation
- Map Book 1 – General Arrangements
- Map Book 2 – Land Use Plans
- Map Book 3 (Extracts) – Engineering Plans
- Large scale plans
- Local refinement consultation leaflet



- Response Form and Freepost envelope
- Easy Read version of the guide to local refinement consultation

I hope this information is useful to you. Please let me or any other member of the Lower Thames Crossing team know if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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