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Mr Matt Palmer  
Executive Director  
National Highways

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010032

Date: 28 November 2022

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Dear Mr Palmer,

## **Planning Act 2008 – Section 55**

### **Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Lower Thames Crossing**

#### **Notification of decision to accept an application for Examination for an Order Granting Development Consent**

I refer to the above application for an Order granting development consent made under section 37(2) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) and received by the Planning Inspectorate on 31 October 2022.

The Planning Inspectorate has decided to accept this application for Examination. In reaching this decision, the Planning Inspectorate has:

- In respect of section 55(3)(e), had regard to the matters set out in section 55(4), and concluded that the applicant has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 of PA2008; and
- in respect of section 55(3)(f), had regard to the extent to which those matters set out in section 55(5A) have either been complied with or followed, and concluded that the application (including accompaniments) is of a satisfactory standard.

Please be aware of your duties under:

- Sections 56, 58 and 59 of PA2008;
- Regulations 8, 9 and 10 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended); and
- Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 or, for projects scoped after 16 May 2017, the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

Yours sincerely

*Kay Sully*

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**Operations Lead – National Infrastructure and Transport**

**This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities under delegated powers**

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