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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for inviting Ashford Borough Council to make comments in respect of the adequacy of consultation for the application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Lower Thames Crossing project.

I have reviewed the documents and can confirm that in respect of the Duty to Consult – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – section 42, Ashford Borough Council is satisfied that the consultation arrangements have been adequate and in fact, have exceeded the duty in respect of the 2018 consultations on the Statement of Community Consultation as explained in the footnote to Table I.2 ‘List of S42(1)(b) Respondents’ in Appendix I of the report.

For awareness, there are two factual inaccuracies in the reports and Appendices referring to Ashford Borough Council:

- Page 64, Part 1 Report Table 4.4 ‘Local Authorities within section 43 – Ashford Borough Council is described as ‘Part of the Authority’s boundary is also p[art of the boundary with Medway Council – a Local Authority within s43(1) that is a unitary council for the purposes of s43(3)’ whereas in fact, the proper description is the same as for Tunbridge Wells Borough Council namely: ‘Part of the boundary of the authority's area is also part of the boundary of Maidstone Borough Council – a local authority within s43(1) that is a ‘district council’ for the purposes of s43(3)’.
- Also in Appendix F, Table F.2, p.36, Ashford Borough Council is incorrectly shown as ‘Ashford District Council’.

I hope this is of assistance.

Yours faithfully,

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