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Dear Ms Church

Re: Basildon Borough Council Representation to the Adequacy of Consultation Request for The Lower Thames Crossing.

This letter serves as the approved response from Basildon Borough Council to the Adequacy of Consultation request for the Lower Thames Crossing.

Duty to consult-Planning Act 2008 -S42

Basildon Borough Council considers that Highways England have consulted with all the persons, organisations and Local Authorities, required by S42 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008), as set out in Appendix H of the Consultation Report.

The applicant had engaged with Basildon Borough Council as a Local Authority that which meets the criteria set out in Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

Duty to consult the local community- Planning Act 2008 – S47

Basildon Borough Council considers that the applicant has adequately consulted with the community as required by Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

The applicant has engaged with the local community in Basildon Borough as set out in the consultation report.

Highways England consulted with Basildon Borough Council on the draft Statement of Community Consultation in August 2018.

The consultation was published in the Basildon and Southend Echo newspaper as required.

Duty to publicise- Planning Act 2008-S48

The consultation period, for both statutory consultation and non-statutory local refinement consultation was communicated and the time periods (6-10 weeks) was considered adequate.

Conclusion

It is for the Planning Inspectorate to determine whether the application submitted by Highways England meets the requirements for the Planning Act 2008 for the purposes of acceptance. However, the Council advises PINS to take into account the contents of this report before making its decision.

This concludes the Council's representation. If you wish to discuss any of the matters raised above, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Strategy and Implementation Team.

Yours Sincerely

Christine Lyons
Head of Planning