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Dear Edd.

## **Lower Thames Crossing – Security**

Thank you for the letter in your email dated 5 October on the approach to security taken by the Lower Thames Crossing (LTC) ahead of the Development Consent Order (DCO) being submitted.

My team has liaised with colleagues within the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and reviewed the information provided.

As National Highways is responsible for safety and security of the Strategic Road Network (SRN), BEIS and CPNI understand that it will have given due consideration under its roles and responsibilities as operator of the SRN.

I understand the security issues will continue to be addressed in the project by National Highways and through engagement with the BEIS and CPNI and therefore the criteria in the National Policy Statement for National Networks paragraph 4.76 will be met through that engagement.

BEIS agrees that regular communication on security issues should continue between the LTC project team, National Highways, BEIS, DfT and CPNI outside of the examination process.

Yours Sincerely

## **Mark Prouse**

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