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Dear Mr Smith

A122 Lower Thames Crossing (Application Reference TR010032)

Applicant's notification to submit a request for a proposed changes to the application for development consent

The Applicant is writing to advise the Examining Authority that it has identified a small number of proposed changes that it is intending to make to the application for development consent (the Application) in respect of the A122 Lower Thames Crossing (the Project).

The proposed changes stem from ongoing landowner engagement during which the Applicant has identified an opportunity to make modifications to temporary works near East Tilbury and nitrogen deposition compensation areas at Bluebell Hill and Burham reducing the land required within the Order Limits.

The Applicant is also proposing a change to the northern portal headwall limits of deviation and is providing a clarification on the construction methodology options for the tunnel drive.

The Applicant has considered the Planning Inspectorate's (2018) Advice Note Sixteen: How to Request a Change Which May Be Material (version 2) ("Advice Note Sixteen") and seeks to present its request for these proposed changes having regard to the principles and processes set out in Advice Note Sixteen.

This letter and the enclosed Notification of Proposed Changes report constitutes Step 1 of Figure 1 of Advice Note Sixteen, in which the Applicant informs the Examining Authority in writing of its intention to request a change to the accepted application.

The Applicant considers that the changes to the Project, both individually and cumulatively, do not constitute material changes to the Project which was the subject of the application for development consent in October 2022 and can therefore be progressed under the non-material change process shown in Figure 2 of Advice Note Sixteen.

To ensure that stakeholders can view and comment on the proposed changes and in the interests of fairness (see in this regard Paragraph 3.1 of Advice Note Sixteen), it is the Applicant's intention to begin a period of non-statutory consultation before submitting any formal change request to the Examining Authority. This represents Step 3 in the change process shown in Figure 1 of Advice Note Sixteen.

The consultation is proposed to take place in April and May 2023 and run for a minimum of 30 days. The consultation is proposed as non-statutory with notices provided in the same national and local newspapers as previous consultation. Due to the localised nature of the proposed changes, the Applicant proposes targeted consultation, writing to those landowners and persons with an interest in land directly affected by the proposed changes. Further information on the proposed approach to consultation is contained within Section 5 of the enclosed Notification of Proposed Changes document.

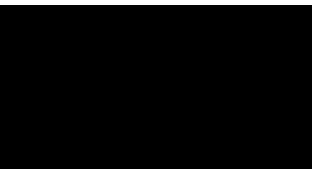
The views of the Examining Authority are sought on the proposed scope and nature of the proposed consultation exercise, including the proposals for noticing, publicity, timing and duration.

Following the conclusion of the consultation exercise, it is the Applicant's intention to submit a request asking the Examining Authority to examine the changed Application this will include a summary of the responses received and how the Project has considered them.

The Applicant understands that once the proposed changes have been submitted, the Examining Authority will need to make a Procedural Decision whether or not to accept the proposed changes into the Examination.

I shall be grateful if you could confirm acknowledgment of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions on any of the matters outlined above, please contact me.

Yours sincerely



Dr Tim Wright

Head of Consents – Lower Thames Crossing