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Submitted by ExA Portal and email to:

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Dear All

Our reference: Stuart Mee - 20035885

Your reference: the Lower Thames Crossing Development Consent Order

These are our comments in response to National Highways – Lower Thames Crossing – 8.6 Applicant's Proposed Site Inspection Itinerary.

Having looked at the timings and proposed site inspection places:

- 1. We do not consider that 10 minutes will be enough to access land from east side of M25 and then go to west side to access the main irrigation reservoir.
- 2. There are security gates so access will need to be provided by our client landowner: Mr Mee. It would be best to meet at Manor Farm (the Farm Shop) and then take a tour from there. My client Mr Mee is very busy with the build-up of harvest so it is possible that his Agent (Peter Cole) might need to assist on aspects of the site visit.
- 3. As the focus of the site inspection is to investigate environmental matters, then the Inspectors are urged to look at:
  - a. Land at Hobbs Hole
  - b. Wilderness Wood
  - c. The Lakes at the top of Church Lane.
- 4. We would also request a visit to the Farm shop and current access arrangements to the shop.

We look forward to knowing the date so we can facilitate the usual sign in process for security reasons.

We also assume there may need to be follow up site visits and look forward to hearing further.







Yours faithfully



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