

LOWER THAMES CROSSING
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER EXAMINATION

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

at PROCEDURAL DEADLINE C on behalf of
RUNWOOD PROPERTIES LTD
Unique Reference 20035582

1. These written submissions made on behalf of Runwood Properties Ltd at Procedural Deadline C follow on from the Preliminary Meeting Part 1 (PM pt1) held on 6 June 2023 and address the matters set out at Item 5 of the draft Examination Timetable in Annex D of the Rule 6 letter dated 25 April 2023.
2. Runwood Properties Ltd did not attend PM pt 1 and sees no need to repeat the matters set out in its submissions at Procedural Deadline B, which are maintained.
3. Runwood Properties Ltd wishes to make submissions on the last bullet point of Item 5 concerning Accompanied Site Inspections.
4. Runwood Properties Ltd notes that the Applicant's proposed Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) itinerary for Day 2 (north) includes a stop at The Whitecroft Care Home car park but the itinerary does not provide any further details as to what is intended.
5. Runwood Properties Ltd in conjunction with Kathryn Homes Ltd and Runwood Homes Ltd considers that the Examining Authority should visit both the interior and the grounds of The Whitecroft Care Home in order to understand the nature of the care home operation and the nature of the caring environment provided to residents, so as to be better able to assess the impacts of the Lower Thames Crossing project on those residents.
6. Because of the sensitive nature of the operation and the vulnerabilities of residents, the numbers of persons visiting the interior of the care home would have to be strictly limited, but the need for members of the ExA to be accompanied by a representative of the Applicant (as well as by a representative for the objectors) is understood.
7. Liaison would also be needed with the manager of the care home to ensure that the timing of such a visit was not disruptive to the care regime provided for residents. In principle, a visit during the lunch period may be a suitable opportunity that could be satisfactorily accommodated.
8. In addition, whilst at present the ASI for Day 2 (north) could take place at anytime in the window of the weeks commencing on 4 September and 11 September 2023, it would be necessary for there to be sufficient prior notice of the actual date of the visit so that residents could be made aware in advance of the likely presence of what (for them) would be an unusual and unfamiliar activity.