

Essex County Council

Lower Thames Crossing National Strategic Infrastructure Project

As requested in the Planning Inspectorates "Rule 6" letter as dated 25 April 2023, with the reference TR010032, ECC wish to respond here to Procedural Deadline C (PDC) for the 13/06/2023.

The Examining Authority (ExA) have asked for receipt of:

Post-event submissions, including written submissions of oral comments made at PM pt1

ECC stated that the Local impact Report (LiR) is an important document that requires time, and due to the length of the submission and its complexity this will have a significant resource issue and will take some considerable time to complete. This is both to do with the time and the resources as area available and the LiR is a crucial document which allows the ExA to the Examination Authority took notes.

Further written submissions on Examination procedure, including responses to matters raised orally at PM pt1

Same as above

Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting Part 2

ECC would like to reserve a place to both attend and speak if necessary, on the 20th June preliminary meeting. This, together with the following sessions has been reserved online as requested.

PINS are asked to note that different staff will attend and potentially speak at the following sessions:

20 June 2023 [REDACTED]@essex.gov.uk

21 June 2023 [REDACTED]@essex.gov.uk

22 June 2023 [REDACTED]@essex.gov.uk

. Comments by Interested Parties (IPs) on the Applicant's proposed ASI itinerary.

For the Northern section of the route (the plan is to separate south from north and have days for both) the date for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) is not yet set but the itinerary is suggested. ECC's comments on the same are as follows:

1. ECC is of the view that it is necessary to compartmentalise the ASI into separate visits, one north, one south of the Thames, hence agree with this approach
2. For the ASI for the north of the river it seems wrong to meet in Ebbsfleet terminal only to use the tunnel to get back north into Thurrock, and then back again on the return journey. It seems more appropriate to meet in Thurrock and be dropped off at the same, or to give people the option of two pick up points including one north of the river.
3. There is no reference in the ASI to a visit close to the M25/A127 junction in Essex, we would like this added.
4. One of the key issues for Essex is the interface with the Brentwood Enterprise Park and post DCO access to the same, we request that this is included to the ASI.
5. In terms of the number of visits as proposed within the ASI it seems onerous for all proposed visit locations to be covered in 2 working days.