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28th June 2023

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Lower Thames Crossing – Planning Inspectorate Reference: TR010032:
Response to Applicant’s Assessment of Noise Impacts on behalf of Mrs J Carver of
██████████, RM14 3NU (Interested Party
Refs: LTC-AP1205 and 20035706)**

1. On behalf of our client, Mrs J Carver, we write to register an **OBJECTION** to the applicant’s assessment of noise impacts on our client’s property at ██████████. To support this objection, we hereby submit a review of the applicant’s assessment, together with an independent Noise Assessment undertaken by Sharps Redmore.
2. Sharps Redmore’s report identifies that the applicant’s assessment may not represent an accurate reflection of the noise impacts experienced by our client, as readings were taken from a more sheltered part of the overall site. In addition, the Sharps Redmore assessment includes noise readings taken at night time, which the applicant did not assess.
3. The Sharps Redmore report concludes that the baseline noise levels at our client’s property are higher than those reported by the applicant. During the development’s construction phase there is likely to be a significant impact on our client’s residential amenity unless mitigation measures are put in place. The ‘embedded’ mitigation measures proposed by the applicant do not relate to our client’s property and it is unclear whether the proposed buffer and timing restrictions for bulk earthworks would benefit our client. Therefore, there is an element of uncertainty in the applicant’s conclusion that no significant adverse impact will occur.
4. With regard to the operational impacts arising from the proposed development, even though there is predicted to be a reduction in noise levels, these would still be significantly above the recommended levels set out in BS 8233:2014.
5. The proposed development provides an opportunity for the applicant to further reduce noise levels and improve the health and quality of life of our client by including an acoustic barrier along the western boundary of the new slip road. Therefore, we request that appropriate and adequate

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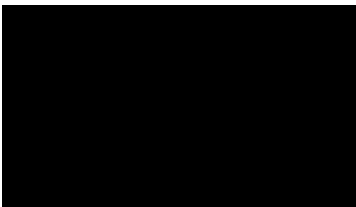
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mitigation measures are secured as part of the Development Consent Order to ensure the development does not contravene national and local policy requirements.

6. We have requested attendance at the Examination's Issue Specific Hearings on the understanding that Noise Impacts will be discussed, as per its inclusion in the Examining Authority's list of Principal Issues (Annex B of the Rule 6 letter, dated 25th April 2023). We intend that our client's Noise Consultant would also attend in order to respond to any questions relating to the noise impact arising from the proposed development affecting our client's property.
7. We note from the updated Examination Timetable issued with the Rule 8 letter (dated 27th June 2023) that the matters to be discussed at Issue Specific Hearings have not been identified, with the exception of those to be discussed during weeks commencing 4th and 11th September 2023. We also note that agendas for Issue Specific Hearings are proposed to be issued at least 5 working days before the event.
8. This level of notice, together with the lack of specific dates for hearings, is not considered to be sufficient to allow Interested Parties to make the necessary arrangements to attend. We, therefore, request that the Timetable is further updated to identify which Principal Issues will be discussed at which Issue Specific Hearings and the dates on which these hearings will take place.
9. We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this submission, and we look forward to discussing the noise impact position at forthcoming hearings.

Yours sincerely



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Cc: Sworders Chartered Surveyors
Mrs J Carver