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Dear Sirs

BP Oil UK Limited " Former Tollgate Hotel, Watling Street, Gravesend, Kent DA13 9RA " Lower Thames Crossing Development Consent Order (the DCO) " Written Representations under Deadline 1

I confirm that I am instructed by BP Oil UK Limited which owns the freehold interest in the land and buildings known as the Former Tollgate Hotel, situated adjoining and immediately to the east of Tollgate Interchange on the A2 truck road in Gravesend, Kent.

My client's property is strategically situated with the potential, subject to planning permission, for redevelopment to provide a roadside facility offering services to support the safety and welfare of road users on this section of the strategic road network. National Highways are familiar with the strategic potential of this site, having been consulted on the proposals and having sold the freehold interest in the property to my client.

Having reviewed the Applicant's DCO application documentation and in particular Sheet 7 of the Land Plans and the Book of Reference, it appears that under the current proposals a section of land designated as Plot 07-38 at the western boundary of my client's freehold interest will be permanently acquired and that a further area of land designated as Plot 07-26 at the north-western edge of my client's interest will be subject to the acquisition of temporary rights.

Whilst my client does not object to the principal of the scheme, it is concerned that its detailed implementation does not adversely affect the potential of its property. In particular, it needs to be assured that the permanent acquisition will not interfere with access, signage or services. Similarly, in relation to the temporary occupation, my client needs again to ensure that the proposed works do not interfere with either the construction, including particularly the laying of services, or the subsequent use of the property, particularly in relation to both access and services.

For these reasons my client continues to seek a dialogue to understand the technical detail of the proposals. Pending resolution of these issues, please accept this letter as a representation against the proposed scheme in relation to its potential adverse effects on my client's property.

For present purposes, my client's position including the right to submit further representations in relation to the scheme is fully reserved.

I would be grateful if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of these representations.

Yours sincerely

Tim Hancock