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- B.1.1 Plate B1 provides an example copy of the letters that were sent at the beginning of the minor refinement consultation to organisations that the Applicant had previously notified under s42(1)(a)-(c) of statutory pre-application consultation on the Project.
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Plate B.1 Example of the letters sent to consultees previously consulted under s42(1)(a)-(c).

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15 May 2023

Dear Sir / Madam,

Lower Thames Crossing: minor refinement consultation on proposed changes

We write to update you on our plans for the Lower Thames Crossing, a new road project that would connect Kent with Thurrock and Essex via a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

Since we last wrote, we submitted our Development Consent Order application to the Planning Inspectorate, on 31 October 2022 (reference number TR010032).

Since then, we have continued to engage with stakeholders and are now proposing to make some minor changes to our DCO application.

On Wednesday 17 May 2023, we are launching a public consultation (the ‘minor refinement consultation’) to seek feedback on these proposed changes to the DCO Application, which are set out in the enclosed newspaper notice. Full details will be available in our consultation guide which will be available from 17 May here:

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/minor-refinement-consultation-2023>.

An online feedback form along with details of the proposed changes being consulted on will be available from **00.01 on Wednesday 17 May 2023** on our website:

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/minor-refinement-consultation-2023>.

The deadline for responding is 23:59 on Monday 19 June 2023.

For those unable to access the internet, a printed copy of the consultation document and response form, as well as a pre-paid return envelope, are available to order free of charge (one pack per household), using one of the following methods:

- By emailing National Highways via info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk
- By phoning National Highways on 0300 123 5000

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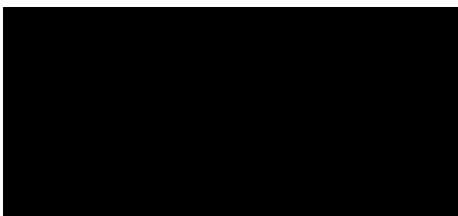
We will make sure that any comments received via the response channels listed in the enclosed notice and consultation document are carefully considered.

National Highways’ consideration of valid responses will be described in a change submission, which will include a consultation report that will be submitted to the Examining Authority and published in due course.


National Highways’ policy on managing personal data can be found at <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-work/lower-thames-crossing/privacy-notice/>.

I hope that you will consider the proposals and provide any feedback in due course.

Yours sincerely,



Gareth Protheroe
Development Director, National Highways



LOWER THAMES CROSSING – APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT (PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE TR010032) PLANNING ACT 2008 NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO AN ACCEPTED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

An application for a development consent order ("the Application") was submitted by National Highways to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate on 31 October 2022 and was accepted for examination on 28 November 2022. The reference number applied to the Application is **TR010032**. An Examining Authority was appointed to conduct the examination of the Application on 2 December 2022.

Notice is hereby given that National Highways Limited of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ ("the Applicant") is holding a public consultation ("the minor refinement consultation") on a small number of proposed changes to the Application ("the Proposed Changes"), details of which are set out in this notice.

Summary of the Project

The Application is for the proposed Lower Thames Crossing ("the Project"), which is a proposed new road connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. The Project's main proposals include:

- Approximately 14.5 miles (23km) of new road, with a maximum speed limit of 70mph, connecting to the existing road network from the A2/M2 to the M25;
- Two new tunnels, one southbound and one northbound;
- Improvements to the M25, A2 and A13, where the Lower Thames Crossing connects to the road network;
- New structures and changes to existing ones (including bridges, buildings, tunnel entrances, viaducts, and utilities such as electricity pylons) along the length of the new road; and
- A free-flow charging system, where drivers do not need to stop but pay remotely, similar to that at the Dartford Crossing.

In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Project, including compulsory acquisition of land and interests/rights in land.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment is required. An Environmental Statement containing information about the likely significant environmental effects of the Project was submitted as part of the Application.

Copies of the Application

The Application, including the Environmental Statement, together with the application form and its accompanying documents, drawings, plans and maps, is available for inspection free of charge on the section relating to the Application on the Planning Inspectorate's website under the 'Documents' tab: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/lower-thames-crossing/>. These documents will be available to view on that website for at least the duration of the Examination. The Examining Authority has published a draft Examination Timetable, which can be found at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010032/TR010032-002083-Rule%206%20letter%20%282-part%20PM%29.pdf>

Details of the development consent process and how to participate are set out in the Planning Inspectorate's 'Advice Note Eight: Overview of the nationally significant infrastructure project process for members of the public and others', which is available to view free of charge at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-eight-overview-of-the-nationally-significant-infrastructure-planning-process-for-members-of-the-public-and-others/>.

Summary of the Proposed Changes

The Proposed Changes have arisen as part of our ongoing engagement and discussions with stakeholders and would result in improvements to the Project overall through a reduction in environmental impacts and the amount of land needed to deliver the Project.

The Proposed Changes are minor in nature and do not result in a material change to the Project or the assessment conclusions reported in the Environmental Statement submitted with the DCO application.

The following table outlines the Proposed Changes to the DCO application:

Title	Proposed Change
Reduction of Nitrogen Deposition compensation area and Order Limits at Blue Bell Hill and Burham	Removal of the Burham nitrogen deposition compensation site and a reduction in the size of the Blue Bell Hill site can be achieved while still ensuring the ecological objectives of the nitrogen deposition compensation would be achieved.
Increase in limits of deviation for the northern tunnel entrance headwall	This is a minor change in how we would build part of the northern tunnel entrance. We are proposing an increase to the current limits of deviation in the location of the northern tunnel entrance headwall which would enable the contractor appointed to build the tunnels in a more efficient way and achieve a reduction in the amount of material required for construction. The location within which the cut and cover tunnel structure begins would not change.
Revised utility proposals at East Tilbury	A package of three changes that present an opportunity to reduce the amount of land required for construction and move works further away from residential areas. Relocation of the temporary Linford water pipeline and relocation of the Muckingford Road Utility Logistics Hub. Relocation of Low Street Lane Utility Logistics Hub to Coal Road east of Low Street Lane. A land use change west of Linford where we propose to amend the land use for some of the agricultural land in this area associated with the operation and maintenance of the diverted overhead power lines. The land use will change from temporary possession to temporary possession and the permanent acquisition of rights.

Full descriptions of each of the proposed changes, together with explanations of why they are proposed and an appraisal of the impacts of those changes, are provided in the Minor Refinement Consultation document. The Minor Refinement Consultation document and response form can be viewed on our website: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/minor-refinement-consultation-2023/>

Responding to this publicity

Any person can respond to the consultation.

An online feedback form will be available from **00.01 on Wednesday 17 May 2023** on our website: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/minor-refinement-consultation-2023>.

The deadline for responding is 23:59 on Monday 19 June 2023.

Consultation materials on demand

For those unable to access the internet, a printed copy of the consultation document and response form, as well as a pre-paid return envelope, are available to order free of charge (one pack per household), using one of the following methods:

- By emailing National Highways via info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk
- By phoning National Highways on 0300 123 5000

You can also use these contact details if you are having difficulties understanding or accessing the consultation materials, or you have any questions about the consultation.

It is also possible to send a printed response form or letter to the following address: Consultation Response, LTC, Pilgrims Lane, Chafford Hundred, Grays, RM16 6RL.

Unless using a pre-paid envelope supplied by National Highways, respondents are required to pay appropriate delivery charges for responses sent to this address.

A response can also be sent to this dedicated email account: consultationresponses@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk.

National Highways cannot guarantee that responses sent to any other address will be received.

National Highways' consideration of valid responses will be described in a Change Submission request, which will include a Consultation Report that will be submitted to the Examining Authority and published in due course.

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Plate B.2 Example of the letters sent to consultees previously consulted under s42(1)(d)

Our ref: TBC

Your ref: TBC

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15 May 2023

Dear <Name>,

Lower Thames Crossing (Application Reference: TR010032)

Lower Thames Crossing: minor refinement consultation on proposed changes to the Project affecting persons with an interest in land

I write to inform you that, following the submission of our Development Consent Order (DCO) Application on 31 October 2022, we have continued to refine the Project proposals and we are now proposing to make some minor changes. One of these relates to land that you own or have an interest in.

The changes are localised in nature and limited in extent. As a landowner or rights holder affected by a change, this letter seeks your feedback.

The proposed change that impacts you is outlined in the table below and described in the attached document. Full descriptions of each of the proposed changes, together with explanations of why they are proposed and an appraisal of the impacts of those changes, are provided in the minor refinement consultation document which can be found on our website when the consultation opens at **00.01, on Wednesday 17 May:**

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/minor-refinement-consultation-2023>.

The following table outlines the proposed change to the DCO Application which affects land you own or have an interest in:

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	A land use change west of Linford where we propose to amend the land use for some of the agricultural land in this area associated with the operation and maintenance of the diverted overhead power lines. The land use will change from temporary possession to temporary possession and the permanent acquisition of rights.

We are seeking your comments on the changes detailed in the consultation. An online feedback form will be available from 00.01 on Wednesday 17 May on our website: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/minor-refinement-consultation-2023>.

The deadline for responding is 23:59 on Monday 19 June 2023.

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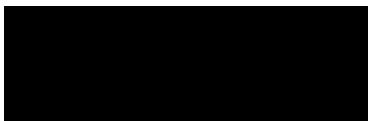
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If you have any questions about the information contained in this letter, please email us at property@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Collins

Head of Land, Property and Compensation – Lower Thames Crossing

Plate B.3 Email Notification sent to newsletter subscribers

Take part in the Lower Thames Crossing minor refinement consultation.
Click [here](#) if you are having trouble viewing this message



Lower Thames Crossing Minor refinement consultation

May 2023

Visit our dedicated [consultation website](#) to view the consultation documents and complete an online response form.

Minor refinement consultation open until 23.59 on 19 June 2023



A new consultation has started on a handful of small changes being proposed to the Lower Thames Crossing, which will result in changes to the [Development Consent Order Application](#) we submitted late last year.

We would like your views on a small number of changes that would improve the design of the project and respond to stakeholder feedback including:

- Reducing the land needed for Nitrogen Deposition compensation at Blue Bell Hill and Burham

- Updating our plans for utility works at East Tilbury to reduce the amount of land needed

Information is also being provided on how the tunnels beneath the River Thames could be constructed. These minor, localised refinements result in minimal change to the impacts reported in the Development Consent Order application.

After the consultation, we will analyse your responses before making a formal submission to the Planning Inspectorate to make a change to the application. The Planning Inspectorate will then confirm if the changes have been accepted into the examination process or not. If they are accepted they will be examined alongside the rest of the application. The Planning Inspectorate has confirmed that the examination period will start on 20 June and finish on 20 December.

Find out more and have your say



You can visit our dedicated [consultation website](#) to view the consultation documents and complete an online response form.

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Plate B.4 Examples of social media posts

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Today is the final chance to submit your response and have your say in our minor refinement consultation.
The consultation runs until 23:59 tonight. #LowerThamesCrossing
Click here to take part: <https://lnkd.in/e2bGHKKd>



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There's one week to go! Have your say and take part in our minor refinement consultation. The consultation runs until next Monday, 19 June 2023.
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