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C.1 Introduction

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Newspaper public notice schedule

Table C.1 Publication of the public notice

Newspaper	Insertion Date (Week 1)	Insertion Date (Week 2)
The Times	12 May 2023	19 May 2023
Essex Chronicle	11 May 2023	18 May 2023
Kent Messenger	11 May 2023	18 May 2023
Romford Recorder	12 May 2023	19 May 2023
Thurrock Gazette	11 May 2023	18 May 2023
London Gazette	12 May 2023	19 May 2023
Lloyd's List	12 May 2023	n/a
Fishing News	11 May 2023	18 May 2023

Plate C.2 Public notice in The Times, 19 May 2023


HIGHWAYS AD BOOKING

Date: 19/05/2023

Penna Ref: 739838000016 **GPC Code: 00187049**

Publication: The Times

Legal Notices



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 on the Planning Inspectorate on 31 October 2022 and was accepted for examination on 29 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 Watna 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, Thirack and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. The Project's main proposals include:

- Approximately 15.5 miles (25km) of new road, with a maximum speed limit of 70mph, connecting to the existing road network from the A2842 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.
- 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 website relating to the Application on the Planning Inspectorate's website under the Documents tab (<https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/consultation/cases/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://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/consultation/cases/lower-thames-crossing/examination-timetable/>.

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://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/regulation-and-education/consultation-advice-note-eight-overview-of-the-nationally-significant-infrastructure-project-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 discussion 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:

File	Proposed Change
Reduction of Nitrogen Deposition non-attainment area and Ozone Limits at Blue Bell Hill and Durham	Removal of the Barham 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 ranges would not change.
Revised utility proposals at East Tilbury	A package of these changes that present an opportunity to reduce the amount of land required for construction and move some 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 Over 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://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/consultation/cases/lower-thames-crossing/>.

Responding to this publicity

Any person can respond to the consultation.

An online feedback form will be available from 09.01 on Wednesday 17 May 2023 on our website: <https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/consultation/cases/lower-thames-crossing/>.

The deadline for responding is 23.59 on Monday 19 June 2023.

Consultation materials are available:

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 Responses, LTC, Pilgrims Lane, Chafford Hundred, Grays, RM19 5AL.

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 the 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 report, 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://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/about-us/lower-thames-crossing/privacy-notice/>.

Plate C.5 Public notice in the Kent Messenger, 11 May 2023

HIGHWAYS AD BOOKING

Date: 11/05/2023

Penna Ref: 739864000003 **GPC Code: GPC/00187049**

Publication: Kent Messenger

TRAFFIC NOTICES

LOWER THAMES CROSSING – APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT (PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE TR10032) PLANNING ACT 2004

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 via the Planning Inspectorate on 21 October 2022 and was accepted for examination on 28 November 2022. The reference number applied to the Application is TR10032. 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 Watnal Way Close, Giddeston GU11 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 Faversham and Gillingham through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. The Project’s main elements include:

- Approximately 14.5 miles (23km) of new road, with a maximum speed limit of 70mph, connecting to the existing road network from the A249 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, viaducts, 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 of 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 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 website relating to the Application on the Planning Inspectorate’s website under the ‘Documents’ tab: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/low-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/projects/south-east/low-thames-crossing/infrastructure-planning-process-for-members-of-the-public-and-others/>.

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/regulation-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 Outer Limits at Blue Bell Hill and Burham	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: Resection of the temporary Lutford water pipeline and relocation of the Mucklingford Road Utility (MURU) to the proposed Lutford Utility Logistics Hub to Coal Road east of Low Street Lane.
Increase in level of deviation for the northern tunnel entrance headwall	A land use change west of Lutford 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 electrical overhead power lines. The land use will change from temporary possession to temporary possession and the permanent situation of rights.
Reduced utility proposals at East Tibury	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: Resection of the temporary Lutford water pipeline and relocation of the Mucklingford Road Utility (MURU) to the proposed Lutford Utility Logistics Hub to Coal Road east of Low Street Lane.

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://highwaysandinfrastructure.com/infrastructure-consultation-2023/>.

Responding to this publicity

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

Consultation materials are deemed 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 infrastructureconsultation@nhs.uk
- By phoning National Highways on 0300 133 5000

You can also order these printed details if you are having difficulty 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, Highways Lane, Duffield Junction, Great Wymondley, Luton using a pre-paid envelope supplied by National Highways. Respondents are required to pay appropriate delivery charges for response sent to this address. A response can also be sent to the dedicated email account: consultationresponse@overthethamescrossing.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.

National Highways’ policy on managing personal data can be found at <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/about-us/our-approach-to-data-protection/>.

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Plate C.10 Public notice in the Thurrock Gazette, 18 May 2023

HIGHWAYS AD BOOKING
Date: 18/05/2023
Penna Ref: 739867000014
GPC Code: 00187049
Publication: Thurrock Gazette

22 Thurrock Gazette THURSDAY MAY 18, 2023
TRAFFIC & Roads

thurrock.gov.uk

PUBLIC NOTICE
TRAFFIC REGULATOR ORDER
 The Borough of Thurrock
 (Tilbury Parking Area Zone 19B)
 (Permit Parking Area)
Order 2023

1) Notice is hereby given that Thurrock Borough Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1, 2, 4, 12, 15, 16, 45, 49, 53 and Part 10 of Schedule 8 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part 10 of Schedule 8 to the 1984 Act, intends to make the plans named under ("the Proposed Order").

2) The general effect of the Order would be to make the Permit Parking Area Zone 19B an "A" zone as defined in section 15(1) of the 1984 Act.

3) A copy of the Proposed Order together with the plans can be obtained from the Transport Development Team by contacting us on 01473 822822 during normal office hours or alternatively via Thurrock Council's website at thurrock.gov.uk/transport.

4) Any objection to the proposed order must be made in writing, giving the grounds on which it is made and sent to the following address: Civils Officers, New Road, Oring, RM11 4SU, or sent via email to transport@thurrock.gov.uk on or before 19th June 2023. Any objection may be communicated to other persons who may be affected.

18th May 2023

Matthew Koby
 Strategic Lead for Transportation Services
 Thurrock Council

thurrock.gov.uk

PUBLIC NOTICE
TRAFFIC REGULATOR ORDER
 The Borough of Thurrock
 (Culver Road, Tilbury)
 (Permit Parking Area)
Order 2023

1) Notice is hereby given that Thurrock Borough Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1, 2, 4, 12, 15, 16, 45, 49, 53 and Part 10 of Schedule 8 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part 10 of Schedule 8 to the 1984 Act, intends to make the plans named under ("the Proposed Order").

2) The general effect of the Order would be to introduce a Permitted Parking Bay at the location(s) specified below:

1) On the southern side of Culver Road, from a point 1.5m east of eastern property wall to 70m Culver Road in a westerly direction for a distance of 100m.

3) A copy of the Proposed Order together with the plans can be obtained from the Transport Development Team by contacting us on 01473 822822 during normal office hours or alternatively via Thurrock Council's website at thurrock.gov.uk/transport.

4) Any objection to the proposed order must be made in writing, giving the grounds on which it is made and sent to the following address: Civils Officers, New Road, Oring, RM11 4SU, or sent via email to transport@thurrock.gov.uk on or before 19th June 2023. Any objection may be communicated to other persons who may be affected.

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LOWER THAMES CROSSING – APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TPN0002

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 via the Planning Inspectorate on 31 October 2022 and was accepted for examination on 28 November 2022. The reference number applied to the Application is TPN0002. An Examining Authority was appointed to conduct the examination of the Application on 2 December 2022.

Notice is hereby given that National Highways Limited (Bridge House, 1 Wood, New Cross, Gushons, SS11 4LZ ("the Applicant") is holding a public consultation ("the Public 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 A226 to the A25.
- 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.
- A new charging system, where drivers do not need to stop but pay remotely.

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

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") project, 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 Document's tab: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/tracks/submit-asset> (see "Documents"). These documents will be available to view (but not to copy) 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/eg-consult/tpn0002/publications/tpn0002-1402-consultation-timetable.pdf>.

Details of the development consent process and how to participate are set out in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note (Significance 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/regulation-and-licensing/infrastructure-notifications-note-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.

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

Title	Proposed Change
Reduction of Burden (nitrogen deposition compensation area and Order Limits at Blue Bell Hill and Butlers)	Removal of the Burden (nitrogen deposition compensation area) and a reduction in the size of the Blue Bell Hill area can be achieved while still ensuring the required objectives of the nitrogen deposition compensation would be achieved.
Increases in levels of deviation	This is a minor change in how we would build part of the northern tunnel entrance. We are proposing an increase to the current levels of deviation at 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 where the cut and cover tunnel structure begins would not change.
Reduced utility proposals at East Tilbury	A package of three changes that present an opportunity to reduce the amount of land required for construction and which situate further away from residential areas:
	• Relocation of the temporary Lifford water pipeline and relocation of the existing Road Safety Logistics Hub.
	• Relocation of the Lifford Lane Lifford Logistics Hub to East Road west of the Street Lane.
	• A land use change west of Lifford 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 Lifford road junction. The land use will change from temporary agriculture to temporary recreation to temporary recreation 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 these changes, are provided in the Minor Refinement Consultation document, the Minor Refinement Consultation document and the response form can be viewed on our website: <https://highwaysandmart.co.uk/consultation-2023/>

Responding to the public

Any person can respond to the consultation. An online feedback form will be available from 09:00 on **Monday 17 May 2023** on our website: <https://highwaysandmart.co.uk/consultation-2023/>. The deadline for responding is 23:59 on **Monday 19 June 2023**.

Consultation materials on demand

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Plate C.11 Public notice in the London Gazette, 12 May 2023

ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE									
<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Summary of the Project</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <p>The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. 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Plate C.12 Public notice in the London Gazette, 19 May 2023

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Copies of the Order may be obtained, free of charge, from the Secretary of State, National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR or nationalcasework@dtf.gov.uk (quoting NATTRAN/SE/S247/5377). They may also be inspected during normal opening hours at Camber Parish Village Hall, Lydd Road, Camber, Rye, TN31 7RJ.

Any person who wishes to challenge the validity of the decision to make the Order may apply to the High Court within 6 weeks from 19 May 2023.

C Newton, Casework Manager (4357730)

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of an Order made under Section 247 of the above Act entitled "The Stopping up of Highway (Yorkshire and the Humber) (No.12) Order 2023" authorising the stopping up of a length of Bleachcroft Way including the whole of its turning area at Barnsley in the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley. This is to enable development as permitted by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, under reference 2021/0668.

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The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of a length of Coleseed Drove (also known as Coleseed Road) including highway verge at March, Cambridgeshire, in the District of Fenland. If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by Fenland District Council, under reference F/YR22/1088/E.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at March Library, City Road, March, Cambridgeshire, PE15 9LT in the 28 days commencing on 19 May 2023, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the addresses stated below quoting NATTRAN/E/S247/5399.

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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

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Penna Ref: 73983500019 **GPC Code: GPC/00187049**

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Responding to this publicity

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Plate C.14 Public notice in Fishing News, 12 May 2023

HIGHWAYS AD BOOKING

Date: 11/05/2023

Penna Ref: 739856000017 GPC Code: GPC/00187049

Publication: Fishing News

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LOWER THAMES CROSSING – APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT 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 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 Waterloo Place, Guildford, GU1 2LJ (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 A94, 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 A202 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 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/eei/consultation/updates/171810032-TR010032-000063-1446130613204491430704262-0411420393412948>

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/regulation-and-policy/advice-notes/advice-note-eight-overview-of-the-nationally-significant-infrastructure-project-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:

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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.infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/eei/consultation-2023/>.

Responding to the publicity

Any person can respond to the consultation.

An online feedback form will be available from 06:01 on Wednesday 17 May 2023 on our website: <https://highwaysengland.infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/eei/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 infrastructureconsulting@nhighways.co.uk
- By phoning National Highways on 0300 123 3000

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, C/O, Pilgrims Lane, Chafford, Wiltshire, Glos, Wiltshire, W15 9LQ. Unless using a pre-paid envelope supplied by National Highways, respondents are required to pay appropriate delivery charges for responses sent to the address.

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C.2 Press release

Plate C.16 Press Release

Stakeholder feedback leads to improved design as latest Lower Thames Crossing consultation gets underway

National Highways has today (17 May) begun a further round of consultation on a handful of small changes being proposed to the design of the Lower Thames Crossing, which will result in changes to its submitted DCO Application.

The design of the new road connecting Kent, Thurrock and Havering via a tunnel under the Thames has been shaped by feedback from the local community and stakeholders. National Highways has continued to engage with stakeholders and landowners since the Development Consent Order application was submitted last year to find opportunities to reduce the impact and maximise the benefit to local communities.

The minor refinement consultation provides an opportunity for the public to share their 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.

Matt Palmer, Executive Director for the Lower Thames Crossing, said: "We're committed to continuing to work with our stakeholders and local community to maximise the benefits of this much-needed new crossing. These latest changes improve the design of the Lower Thames Crossing and

allow us to reduce the land we need to build and operate it. I would like to thank you in advance for giving us your feedback."

The four-week consultation will run from Wednesday 17 May to 23.59 Monday 19 June 2023. People will be able to respond to the consultation by completing an online survey, completing a paper form or by email. National Highways is carrying out this consultation now so that improvements to the design, and the way we'll build the road, can be included in the independent examination of the proposals that is due to begin on 20 June.

Following the consultation, National Highways will make 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.

National Highways submitted an application for a Development Consent Order to the Planning Inspectorate late last year and the planning process is currently in the pre-examination phase. The Planning Inspectorate has confirmed that the examination period will start on 20 June and finish on 20 December. A decision is expected by summer 2024.

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Information is also being provided on how the tunnels beneath the river Thames could be constructed by either two tunnel boring machines or by using a single tunnel boring machine to construct both. This provides our Delivery Partners the flexibility to reduce costs, materials and carbon by using less machinery.

Full details of the consultation can be found at:

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

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