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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This document has been prepared in respect of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the proposed A122 Lower Thames Crossing (the Project) made by National Highways Limited (National Highways) to the Secretary of State for Transport (Secretary of State) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 31 October 2022.
- 1.1.2 The purpose of this document is to set out the Applicant's comments on the Local Impact Reports (LIR) received in accordance with the requirements set out in the Planning Act 2008 and the Advice Note One: Local Impact Reports (version 2, April 2012, The Planning Inspectorate).
- 1.1.3 The LIRs were submitted to the Examining Authority (ExA) at Deadline 1 of the Examination on 18 July 2023 and published on the Planning Inspectorate website on the 21 July 2023. This document and its supporting appendices do not seek to respond to every element of the LIR but rather to focus on the pertinent points cited by the Local Authorities and respond to any important and relevant matters raised. This document also seeks to comment on any matters that may require clarification or correction where it may assist the ExA and Interested Parties.

2 Structure

2.1 Structure of this document

- 2.1.1 This document responds to each of the submitted Local Impact Reports by Local Authority and provides a cross-reference to other Application Documents including the Relevant Representation Response Report [[REP1-180](#)] and the applicable Statements of Common Ground.
- 2.1.2 This demonstrates that the local issues and impacts reported in them have been identified, understood and carefully addressed to aid the Examining Authority in its consideration of the project.
- 2.1.3 The LIRs which were submitted are (ordered alphabetically):
- a. Appendix A - Brentwood Borough Council
 - b. Appendix B - Dartford Borough Council
 - c. Appendix C - Essex County Council
 - d. Appendix D - Gravesham Borough Council
 - e. Appendix E - Kent County Council
 - f. Appendix F - London Borough of Havering
 - g. Appendix G - Medway Borough Council
 - h. Appendix H - Thurrock Council
 - i. Appendix I - Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
- 2.1.4 Due to the number and size of the LIRs, the Applicant presents its comments to each LIR in Local Authority specific appendices which are supporting documents to this main report (see Appendices A-I). In these the Applicant has copied in verbatim, extracts from the LIRs and has not sought to amend any typos or grammatical errors.

2.2 References to commitments in this document

- 2.2.1 Project commitments include embedded design measures; good practice measures and mitigation required to manage and reduce potentially significant effects. These are contained in series of documents known as “control documents” which present the mitigation measures identified in the application that must be implemented during design, construction, and operation. Each document is secured within the draft DCO by means of an article, a specific requirement within Schedule 2 Requirements, Protective Provisions or the Deemed Marine Licence. More information on the control documents can be found in Section 14 of the Introduction to the Application [[APP-003](#)].

- 2.2.2 Good practice and essential mitigation for the Project is listed within the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) including the Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC), which is included within ES Appendix 2.1 First Iteration Environmental Management Plan [[REP1-157](#)]. These are proposed to manage and reduce potentially significant effects, as relied on in the ES and other DCO Application Documents. Commitments are indicated by a reference number and are secured through Schedule 2 Requirement 4 of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) [[REP1-042](#)].
- 2.2.3 Embedded mitigation measures that form part of the Project design are presented in the Design Principles [[APP-516](#)] and the Environmental Masterplan [[APP-159](#) - [APP-168](#)], which are secured under Schedule 2 Requirements 3 and 4 of the dDCO [[REP1-042](#)].
- 2.2.4 Mitigation to reduce carbon emissions is presented in the Carbon and Energy Management Plan [[APP-552](#)], secured through Schedule 2 Requirement 16.

Glossary

Term	Abbreviation	Explanation
A122 Lower Thames Crossing	Project	A proposed new crossing of the Thames Estuary linking the county of Kent with the county of Essex, to the east of the existing Dartford Crossing.
Department for Transport	DfT	The UK Government department responsible for the English transport network and a limited number of transport matters in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland that have not been devolved.
Development Consent Order	DCO	A DCO is a means of obtaining permission for developments categorised as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008.
Development Consent Order application	DCO application	The Project Application Documents, collectively known as the 'DCO application'.
Draft Development Consent Order	dDCO	dDCO is the draft document obtaining permission for developments categorised as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.
Examining Authority	ExA	The Examining Authority is the Inspector, or the Panel of Inspectors, appointed to conduct the Examination of the application

Appendices A-I

Please see the following standalone supporting appendices:

Appendix A

9.54 Comments of LIRs, Appendix A - Brentwood Borough Council

Appendix B

9.54 Comments of LIRs, Appendix B - Dartford Borough Council

Appendix C

9.54 Comments of LIRs, Appendix C – Essex County Council

Appendix D

9.54 Comments of LIRs, Appendix D - Gravesham Borough Council

Appendix E

9.54 Comments of LIRs, Appendix E - Kent County Council

Appendix F

9.54 Comments of LIRs, Appendix F - London Borough of Havering

Appendix G

9.54 Comments of LIRs, Appendix G - Medway Borough Council

Appendix H

9.54 Comments of LIRs, Appendix H - Thurrock Council (Part 1 of 5)

9.54 Comments of LIRs, Appendix H - Thurrock Council (Part 2 of 5)

9.54 Comments of LIRs, Appendix H - Thurrock Council (Part 3 of 5)

9.54 Comments of LIRs, Appendix H- Thurrock Council (Part 4 of 5)

9.54 Comments of LIRs, Appendix H- Thurrock Council (Part 5 of 5)

Appendix I

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