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All Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and any Other Person invited to the Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010032

Date: 07 August 2023

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 16(2) & (3)

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Lower Thames Crossing

Notification of Accompanied Site Inspections to be held in September 2023

The ExA has decided to hold the following Accompanied Site Inspections (ASIs) between 5 and 15 September 2023. Notice is provided of them below.

ASI	Date/time	Start Location ¹	Joining
ASI 1 An accompanied site inspection of the application site and surroundings in Kent (Dartford and Gravesham)	12 September 2023 starting at 9 am and continuing until approximately 4 pm	Ebbsfleet International Railway Station , International Way, Ebbsfleet, Gravesend DA11 8HN	Please be present at the start location at the appointed time. There will be options to join and leave at relevant staging posts or to remain with the ASI until its conclusion.
ASI 2 An accompanied site inspection of the application site and surroundings in Thurrock	13 September 2023 starting at 9 am and continuing until approximately 4 pm	Grays Station Crown Road Grays RM17 6NF	Detailed joining instructions including the locations of staging posts and an itinerary setting out sites to be inspected and times will be sent to all attendees in advance of the event.
ASI 3 An accompanied site inspection of the application site and surroundings in Thurrock, LB	14 September 2023 starting at 9 am and continuing until approximately 4 pm	Grays Station Crown Road Grays RM17 6NF	

¹ Click on the link to find the Start Location on Google Maps

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Havering and Brentwood (Essex) broadly north of the A13			

Additional ASIs are in preparation for later dates in the Examination. Separate notice of the arrangements for these will be provided.

The Examining Authority (ExA) will publish a detailed itinerary for each inspection on the project webpage in advance of the ASI dates. This will include a plan of the locations to be inspected and a breakdown of timings, including locations and times at which participants can join after the start and leave before the end of the inspections should they wish. However, the actual itinerary on the day of each ASI may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA, responding to matters such as weather or traffic conditions.

Interested parties (IPs) who have requested to attend ASIs are asked to inform the Case Team no later than Deadline 3, 24 August 2023 using the [Microsoft Form](#) available on the project webpage of their desire to attend on particular days. This form can also be used to draw the ExA's attention to any particular needs or requests that IPs may have relating to their participation. It will assist in ensuring that the correct transport is provided on the day. Alternatively, you can email or write to the Case Team using the contact details at the head of this letter to confirm your participation. Please address any letter to the 'Lower Thames Crossing Case Team', include the case reference TR010032 and a contact telephone number. Postal communications must be posted in good time to be received by the Planning Inspectorate by Deadline 3.

Intending attendees should note that there will be no catering provided at these events. It is the responsibility of individual attendees to bring their own refreshments or to purchase refreshments en route. The itineraries will include locations where purchases can be made.

The Planning Inspectorate has prepared [Advice Note 8.5](#) to assist those attending site inspections. Please refer to this advice.

If any of the above ASIs are cancelled or amended, then notification will be published as soon as practicable on the project webpage, providing reasonable notice to all parties of the decision to cancel or amend them.

If you have any queries, please contact the case team using the details at the head of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Rynd Smith

Rynd Smith
Lead Panel Member for the Examining Authority

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