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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 National Highways (the Applicant) has submitted an application under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for an order to grant development consent for the A122 Lower Thames Crossing (the Project)
- 1.1.2 This document is part of a suite of documents which accompanies the application to grant development consent. A full description of all the Application Documents is provided in the Introduction to the Application (Application Document 1.3) which also accompanies the application.
- 1.1.3 This document is included in the application to comply with Regulation 5(2)(i) and Regulation 5(4) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 ("the 2009 Regulations"), which requires:
 - a. 5(2)(i) 'a land plan identifying:
 - i. the land required for, or affected by, the proposed development;
 - ii. where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any right to use land;
 - iii. any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and
 - iv. where the land includes special category land and replacement land, that special category and replacement land.'
- 1.1.4 Regulation 5(4) requires that 'Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets a key plan must be provided *showing the relationship between the different sheets*'.
- 1.1.5 Accordingly, a key plan is submitted as part of the application to identify the location of the Project in its wider geographical context.
- 1.1.6 As this document is part of the application documentation it should be read alongside, and is informed by, the other application documents. In particular, the plans should be read alongside the draft Order (Application Document Reference 3.1), Book of Reference (Application Document Reference 4.2), and Statement of Reasons (Application Document Reference 4.1).
- 1.1.7 In this plan set "the Order limits" means the limits of land to be acquired or used permanently or temporarily within which the authorised development may be carried out (see article 2 of the Order).

2 Scope and format of the Land Plans

- 2.1.1 The purpose of the Land Plans is to identify any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any right to use land. The Land Plans have been prepared having regard to the 'Planning Act 2008 Guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land' published by the Department for Communities and Local Government in September 2013 and to advice provided by the Planning Inspectorate under Section 51 of the Planning Act 2008.
- 2.1.2 To ensure sufficient detail and clarity of information, the Land Plans, sheets 1 to 49, have been prepared at a scale of 1:2,500. The key plan uses a smaller scale than that prescribed in Regulation 5(3) of the 2009 Regulations but only so that the Project can be represented in a single sheet plan.
- 2.1.3 The Applicant has adopted the same consistent approach for the Land Plans as has been used for the:
 - a. the Crown Land Plans (Application Document 2.3),
 - b. the Special Category Land Plans (Application Document 2.4),
 - c. the General Arrangement (Application Document 2.5),
 - d. the Works Plans (Application Document 2.6),
 - e. the Rights of Way and Access Plans (Application Document 2.7),
 - f. the Streets Subject to Temporary Restrictions of Use (Application Document 2.8),
 - g. the Traffic Regulation Measures (Application Document 2.10),
 - h. the Drainage Plans (Application Document 2.16).
- 2.1.4 The sheet layouts are the same for each of the aforementioned sets. This is intended to help interested parties understand the inter-relationship between the different sets of plans and to help illustrate the design of the Project more clearly.
- 2.1.5 Each plot of land shown on the Land Plans has been clearly delineated and given a unique reference, which corresponds with the referencing or plot numbering used in the Book of Reference (Application Document 4.2). The first number relates to the sheet on which the plot is located while the second number is used to distinguish between the plots.
- 2.1.6 In accordance with good practice, the plots have generally been numbered from west to east on each sheet following the sheet numbering system. The Order Limits are depicted on the Land Plans with a thicker red line to ensure that they are clearly distinguishable from the red lines used to depict plot boundaries.

- 2.1.7 Different colouring is used on the plans to differentiate between permanent acquisition of land (shaded pink), permanent acquisition of subsoil and rights (shaded yellow), temporary possession of land (shaded green), temporary possession of land with permanent acquisition of rights (shaded blue) and permanent acquisition of subsoil and rights and temporary possession of land at surface (shaded orange). The plans need to be read alongside the Statement of Reasons (Application Document 4.1), the Book of Reference (Application Document 4.2), and the draft Order and Schedules 8, 10 and 11 to that Order in particular (Application Document 3.1).
- 2.1.8 Permanent acquisition of land shaded pink on the Land Plans includes land required for carrying out permanent works in connection with the Project and for which the Applicant will be directly responsible once completed or is land that needs to be acquired from a third party in connection with the provision of a substitute means of access.
- 2.1.9 Permanent acquisition of subsoil and rights (including restrictive covenants) shaded yellow on the Land Plans includes subsoil to be permanently acquired (particularly for the operation and protection of the tunnel sections).
- 2.1.10 Land over which temporary possession powers are sought is shaded green on the Land Plans.
- 2.1.11 Land shaded blue on the Land Plans which is to be used temporarily (in accordance with articles 35 and 36 of the draft Order) and over which rights (including restrictive covenants) are to be acquired. This includes land belonging to a third party where there will be a continuing need to re-enter the land after completion of the works, such as for access for the Applicant to maintain and operate the Project or for the imposition of other required third party rights. In addition statutory undertakers will require rights to access and maintain their assets which are to be diverted. The permanent rights (and restrictive covenants) in connection with this land are set out in Schedule 8 to the draft Order.
- 2.1.12 Permanent acquisition of subsoil and rights (including restrictive covenants) and temporary possession of land at surface that is shaded orange on the Land Plans includes subsoil to be permanently acquired for development of the tunnel sections and temporary possession of land at surface in connection with the authorised works.
- 2.1.13 Land within the existing highway boundaries is also included within the area shown to be permanently acquired under the DCO. Whilst some of this land is already in the Applicant's ownership, this approach is used to extinguish any outstanding rights and interests not corrected previously or to provide for any unknown interest emerging in the future.
- 2.1.14 The Land Plans have been updated to reflect any Land Registry, Order Limit or land use changes. If these updates have resulted in a geometry change, the original plot number has been deleted and replaced with a new plot number or numbers.

2.1.15 These Land Plans have been updated for Deadline 4 to reflect any Land Registry and to include the proposed changes MRC01 and MRC03 following the procedural decision made by the Examining Authority [PD-031] resulting in Order Limits and land use update. If these updates have resulted in a geometry change, the original plot number has been deleted and replaced with a new plot number or numbers.

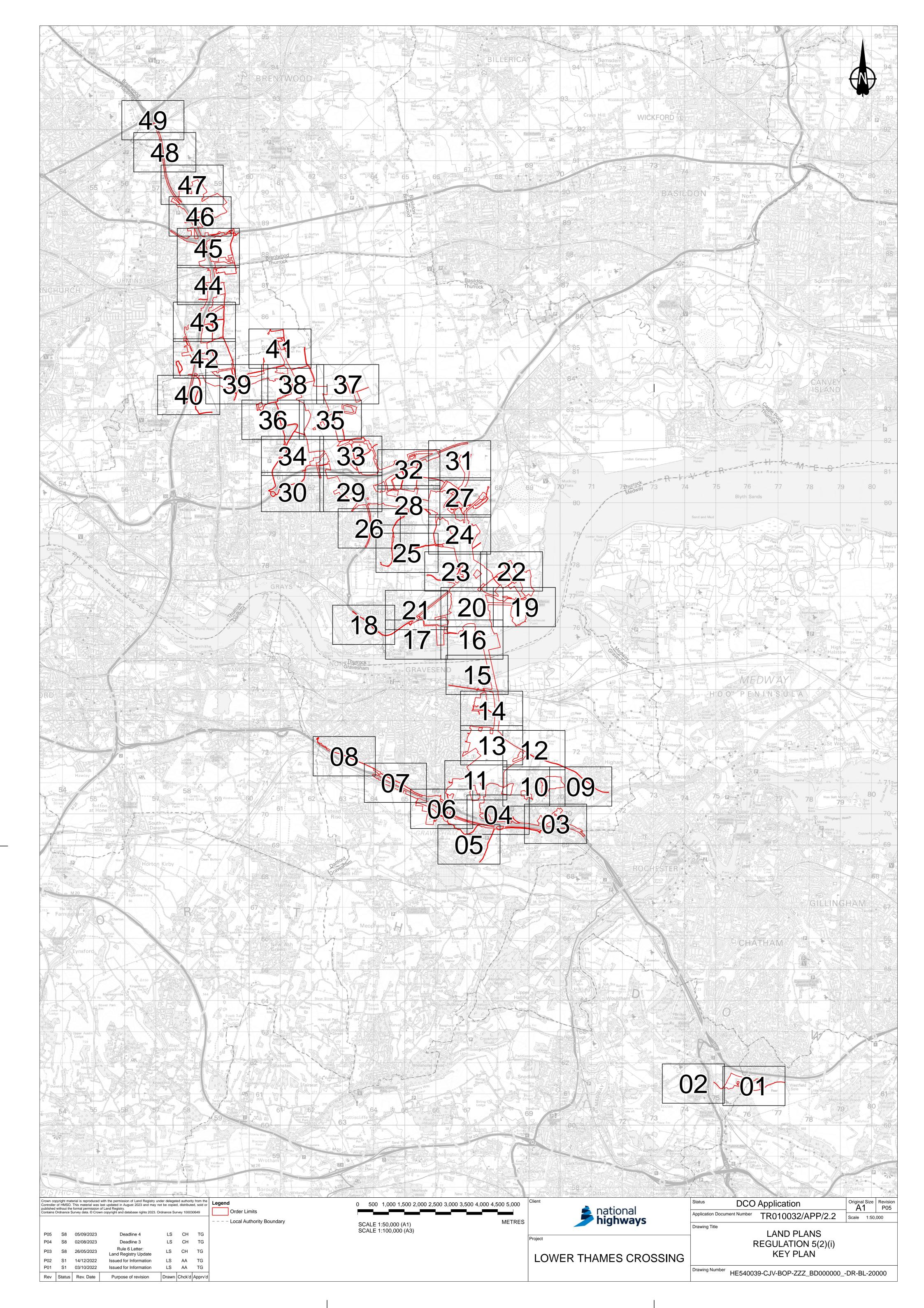
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