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Cobham Parish Council submission letter to the Examining board uploaded covering our main concerns on speed of traffic, volume of traffic, impact from HGVs, safety of pedestrians and cyclists, and Brewers Road bridge closure for 18 months.

Details for each and references to our SoCG in the submission letter.

Lower Thames Crossing - Submission Letter to Examining Board for the DCO from Cobham Parish Council – deadline 19th September 2023

Following the Accompanied Site Inspection on Tuesday 12th September 2023 we would welcome the opportunity to work with the team of the Examining Group.

Over the last 5 years CPC have worked hard with National Highways and had many meetings with the NH and LTC design team whose remit is to deliver the LTC Scheme.

This has resulted in our Draft Agreed Statement of Common Ground (SoCG)

- Planning Inspectorate Scheme Ref: TR010032
- Application Doc Ref: TR010032/App/5.4.5.1 version 2.0

The Examining body now has the task of approving the scheme and granting the DCO

The Parish Council have to ensure the Examining Group are aware of the risk to our community and its population who are going to be in the frontline particularly during the construction period.

The biggest risk to our community from the scheme is increased rat-running traffic.

We would ask that the Examining Board ensure that mitigation is put in place to reduce the impact of the scheme before the Development Consent Order is granted. Cross references items from our SoCG with further details added to our key bullets below

To:

- Control Speed of traffic
 - SoCG 2.1.24 & 2.1.34
- Volume of traffic
 - SoCG 2.1.22 & 2.1.24 & 2.1.25 & 2.1.33 & 2.1.34
- Type of vehicles – impact from HGV traffic
 - SoCG 2.1.22 & 2.1.25 & LTC modelling ref APP-523
- Safety of pedestrians and cyclists
 - SoCG 2.1.24 & 2.1.34
- Brewers Road bridge across the A2 – planned closure of 18 months and the impact to local traffic and whether this 18 month plan can be significantly reduced
 - SoCG 2.1.8

These are all aspects of our lives that we are currently working on with Kent Highways but we also now recognise that the Examining Body have the power to ensure that these problems, which will only get worse if the scheme is approved, are addressed prior to approval of the LTC Scheme and the DCO to ensure the survival and to mitigate the effect on our community

Cobham Parish Council – Mike Booth and Steve Dyer

17/09/23

