

Lower Thames Crossing

Gravesham Borough Council

Response to ExA Action Point 7 from ISH4 (Traffic and Transportation)

The request from ExA was: Outline Traffic Management Plan: Road Closure Minimisation: Please suggest wording in the Outline Traffic Management Plan for Construction [APP-547] which would seek to minimise periods of road closures as far as practicable. [Note that the oTMPfC has been updated - [REP3-120](#)]

Gravesham Borough Council's suggested amendments are under the heading "Challenges and considerations" in paragraphs 2.4.5 to 2.4.7 and in Table 2.3 in the oTMPfC. They are as follows:

Changes to paragraphs 2.4.5 to 2.4.7 of oTMPfC

- 2.4.5 It is acknowledged that the impacts on communities from measures required to ensure the **safe** delivery of the Project, should be kept to a minimum as much as is reasonably practicable.
- 2.4.6 The specific restrictions **and general approach** required to mitigate or otherwise minimise the impacts would be developed in discussions undertaken with the relevant authorities and would be set out in the TMP **and implemented in accordance with requirement 10 (traffic management) of the Development Consent Order**. Table 2.3 below has been produced to set out the overarching considerations.
- 2.4.7 In particular, Table 2.3 identifies different classes of stakeholders that must be considered when designing the traffic management measures and transportation plans. Table 2.3 itemises the factors that must be addressed in developing the TMP as a minimum.

Changes to Table 2.3 of oTMPfC

Note: this is an extract from the Table – only those rows which GBC suggest should be changed are shown below. There are other rows which would remain unchanged.

Table 2.3 Stakeholder considerations

Who is affected by the Project?	What are their requirements?	The TMP would address the following as a minimum
Van drivers, car drivers and motorcyclists	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Journey time reliability• Safety during journey through traffic management• Reduced road closures• Advance warning• Breakdown recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimise the number of traffic management changes• Minimise narrow lane arrangement• Minimise the number, extent and duration of closures and use of diversion routes• Enforce speed reduction through cameras• Pre-warning signage in line with best practice guidance• Provision of portable variable message signs to display informative messages• Provide (and clearly sign) free vehicle recovery where applicable

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Public transport users and operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modes of public transport including rail and bus services and operations <u>Minimal closures/diversions that may impact on journey-time reliability to and from the facility</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain existing routes (as far as reasonably practicable) Provide temporary diversions, temporary bus stops when and where required Seek view of authorities when designing diversion routes and temporary bus stops following approval of TMP <u>Where diversion is justified, minimise the number, extent and duration of closures and use of diversion routes</u> Reduce impact to the rail network and schedule Engage with rail companies on proposed works and programme to reduce impacts following approval of TMP
Exhibition centres, church halls, community centres, recreational facilities, sports clubs, places of worship, cemeteries and crematoriums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public and staff access Access for deliveries Waste collection Emergency service access Postal deliveries <u>Minimal closures/diversions that may impact on journey-time reliability to and from the facility</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access and egress to be maintained throughout the construction period with the exception of night-time and weekend closures when required for specific planned works Advance warning and particular sensitivity around significant events, particularly evenings and weekends Engagement with relevant stakeholder prior to proposed night closures of the LRN and SRN
Local businesses and residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Reduced road closures</u> Public and staff access Access for deliveries Waste collection Emergency service access Postal deliveries (including Royal Mail collection) Appropriate diversion routes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Minimise the number, extent and duration of closures and use of diversion routes</u> Access and egress to be maintained throughout the construction period with the exception of night-time and weekend closures when required for specific planned works Regular communication to inform changes and scheme progress Include temporary advance warning signs on approaches at appropriate locations to inform road users to use appropriate diversions put in place
Local schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access/egress for staff and students <u>particularly during examination</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access and egress to be maintained throughout the construction period with the exception of night-time and weekend closures when required for specific planned works

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	<p><u>periods and other important events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unhindered and safe WCH routes • <u>Active travel routes for children not adversely impacted</u> • Emergency service access • Waste collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance warning with particular sensitivity around significant events, particularly evenings and weekends that are likely to affect late evening and weekend school • HGV movements would not be allowed to pass school entrances during drop off / pick up • <u>Cooperation with schools and additional funding as regards extended opening hours of schools, alternative means of travel to and from school and other measures so that children can be dropped off earlier and picked up later</u>