

The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Planning
Temple Quay House
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Submitted via the online portal

Dear Sirs

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Lower Thames Crossing ('the Project')

Examination Timetable and Procedure (the Rule 8 Letter dated 27 June 2023)

Deadline 5

**Submission on behalf of Swing Rite Golf Ltd
(an Interested Party – Unique Reference 20035410)**

This response is on behalf of my client, Swing Rite Golf Ltd ('Swing Rite'), an Interested Party who operates Gravesend Golf Centre ('the Golf Centre').

We wish to draw the Examining Authority's attention to the issue of whether the Applicant's proposed Chalk Park, as new open space provision, is sufficient mitigation for the loss of Southern Valley Golf Club, as a much-needed local golf facility.

In its ExQ1 Question 13.1.10, the Examining Authority asked Gravesham Borough Council to clarify its position on open space provision given the Council's own published assessment.

We noted from Gravesham Borough Council's D4 response, entitled '*GB Response to EX Q13.1.10*', that it appears that the general theme is ample existing open space provision in this area.

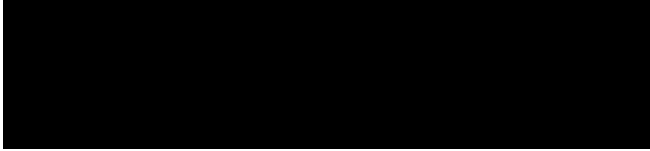
If this is so, then our view is that Chalk Park is unlikely to be sufficient mitigation for the loss of Southern Valley Golf Club, and that more golf-focused mitigation is appropriate, in addition to Chalk Park.

We ask that the Examining Authority considers our proposed golf mitigation solution for the loss of Southern Valley Golf Club, as set out in our D3 submission.

If the Examining Authority would like any further information from us then we would be happy to provide it.

Thank you for considering this representation on behalf of my client, Swing Rite Golf Ltd.

Yours faithfully



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