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

Our Ref: TR010032

Date: 23 October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

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

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

Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection to be held on 24 November 2023

The ExA has decided to hold the following Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) on Friday 24 November 2023. Notice is provided below.

ASI	Date/time	Start Location	Joining
ASI 5 An accompanied site inspection of logistics, freight access, handling and storage arrangements for Thames Ports (Port of Tilbury London Ltd and DP World London Gateway Port Ltd).	24 November 2023 starting at or after 10-15 am and continuing until approximately 4 pm. The Ports operators may vary the precise time and duration of the inspection or elements of it within this window.	London International Cruise Terminal , Tilbury RM18 7NG	Please be present at the start location at 10-00am.

The Examining Authority (ExA) will publish a detailed itinerary for the inspection on the project webpage in advance of the ASI date. This will include a plan of the locations to be inspected and a briefing in relation to the health and safety requirements in force. However, the actual itinerary on the day of the ASI may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA, responding to legal requirements and guidance by the Port of Tilbury

and DP World London Gateway, or responding to matters such as security, weather or traffic conditions.

Further to discussions with the Ports undertakers, as elements of the inspection may need to access operational and security controlled areas of Port facilities, attendance at this ASI is to be limited to the ExA, Planning Inspectorate Case Team staff in support of the ExA, representatives of the Applicant and representatives of the local planning and local highway authorities whose areas are affected by Ports access to the Lower Thames Crossing via the local and strategic roads networks: Thurrock, Gravesham and Medway Councils, Essex and Kent County Councils, the London Borough of Havering and Transport for London may attend and send no more than one representative. The Thames Crossing Action Group (TCAG) may also nominate one representative to attend if they wish. As the consent of the Ports undertakers are required for all attendances, it should be noted that it will not be possible to accommodate any further requests to attend this site inspection.

Intending attendees are requested to inform the Case Team of the names of the attendees no later than Deadline 6, 31 October 2023, by email to the project mailbox marked 'ASI5 – Ports and Logistics'. Please draw the ExA's attention to any particular needs or requests that IPs may have relating to their participation. Alternatively, they 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/ 'ASI5 – Ports and Logistics' and a contact telephone number. Postal communications must be posted in good time to be received by the Planning Inspectorate by Deadline 6.

Intending attendees should note that whilst retail facilities to purchase refreshments will not be available on site, lunch will be provided at the DP World London Gateway Port Canteen. Please advise of any special dietary needs in your email to the Case Team. Individual attendees are advised to carry drinking water and to wear warm and waterproof clothing, walking boots, or equivalently supportive footwear. Any other personal protective equipment will be provided by the host undertakers.

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

If the above ASI is 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

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