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1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This document is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State in relation to an application made by National Highways (the Applicant) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008.
- 1.1.2 The application is for the grant of development consent for the A122 Lower Thames Crossing. Should development consent be granted, the draft A122 (Lower Thames Crossing) Development Consent Order (Application Document 3.1) (the draft Order) will be made by the Secretary of State (subject to any modifications considered appropriate).
- 1.1.3 This document comprises part of the suite of application documentation and is included in the application to comply with Regulations 5(2)(k) and 5(4) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009, which require:
- 5(2)(k) 'where applicable, a plan identifying any new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or roads or any diversions, extinguishments or creation of rights of way or public rights of navigation.*
- 5(4) Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets a key plan must be provided showing the relationship between the different sheets.'*
- 1.1.4 The purpose of the Rights of Way and Access Plans is to show streets and private means of access that are to be stopped up, diverted or created, and public or private rights of way that are to be diverted, extinguished or created. The term 'street' includes highways and other streets.
- 1.1.5 To ensure sufficient detail and clarity of information, the Rights of Way and Access Plans (sheets 1 to 49) have been prepared at a scale of 1:2500. The key plan uses a smaller scale than that prescribed in Regulation 5(3) of the 2009 Regulations so that the Project can be represented on a single sheet plan.
- 1.1.6 The Applicant has adopted the same consistent approach for the Rights of Way and Access Plans as has been used for the following:
- a. Land Plans (Application Document 2.2)
 - b. Crown Land Plans (Application Document 2.3)
 - c. Special Category Land Plans (Application Document 2.4)
 - d. General Arrangement Plans (Application Document 2.5)
 - e. Works Plans (Application Document 2.6)
 - f. Streets Subject to Temporary Restrictions of Use Plans (Application Document 2.8)
 - g. Traffic Regulation Measures Plans (Application Document 2.10)
 - h. Drainage Plans (Application Document 2.16)
 - i. Temporary Works Plans (Application Document 2.17)
 - j. Hedgerow and Tree Preservations Order Plans (Application Document 2.18)

- 1.1.7 The information contained on each sheet of the Rights of Way and Access Plans corresponds with the geographical information shown on each sheet 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.
- 1.1.8 This approach means that there are some sheets that cover an area of the Project where there is no drainage design. On these sheets, the Applicant has introduced a label stating: 'No design information on this sheet'.
- 1.1.9 The design is shown in the background on the Rights of Way and Access Plans to aid clarity and understanding of the information presented. The design shown corresponds to the highways design.
- 1.1.10 As noted above, this plan set shows streets and private means of access that are to be stopped up, diverted or created, and public or private rights of way that are to be diverted, extinguished or created. The term 'stopped-up' is interpreted in its widest sense to mean the full extent of a street, unless stated otherwise in Schedule 4 of the draft Order (Application Document 3.1), indicating that all highway rights over land within the existing highway boundaries are to be removed.
- 1.1.11 The stopping up of streets that are highways is shown with a black dashed line and the stopping up of other streets and private means of access is shown with a black diagonal hatch. Highways include vehicular highways with any associated footway, footway/cycleway (cycle track) or verge, and other highways (footpaths, bridleways and byways). On dual carriageways, the black dashed line does not cover the entire width of the street. This has been done so as not to hide other information on the plans, but indicates that the full extent of the street is to be stopped up.
- 1.1.12 The Rights of Way and Access Plans should be read in conjunction with Schedule 1, Schedule 4 (Parts 1 to 4) and Schedule 5 (Part 5 only) of the draft Order (Application Document 3.1). Parts 1 to 4 of Schedule 4 list streets and private means of access to be stopped up, which are cross-referenced in the Rights of Way and Access Plans using start and end reference points and drawing sheet numbers. For Parts 1 and 3, a substitute is to be provided and is listed in Parts 1 or 3 and cross-referenced to the Rights of Way and Access Plans using start and end reference point and drawing sheet numbers. For Parts 2 and 4, no substitute is to be provided.
- 1.1.13 Schedule 4 (Application Document 3.1) uses the terms 'substitute' and 'new highway to be substituted'. These terms have a wider meaning than the term 'diversion' and include situations where a highway is diverted away from its existing alignment, as well as situations where a different highway is proposed to replace the section of existing highway to be stopped up.
- 1.1.14 Part 5 of Schedule 5 (Application Document 3.1) lists and classifies all walking, cycling and horse riding (WCH) routes (including Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)) that form part of the Project. The term 'WCH Routes' refers to routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders and includes the routes listed in Schedule 4 as a substitution for an existing route, plus new or improved WCH routes that are not a substitution for an existing route.

- 1.1.15 In Schedules 4 and 5 of the draft Order (Application Document 3.1), streets and reference points are listed in the same order as the drawing sheets of the Rights of Way and Access Plans to help interested parties find information about a particular street(s).
- 1.1.16 This plan set contains reference points listed in Schedules 4 and 5, as well as reference points used in Schedule 1 of the draft Order (Application Document 3.1) to define the start and the end points of linear highways works. Schedule 1 describes all highways works, including public right of way works and permissive paths works by using the reference points presented in this set. These works are further subdivided in Schedule 5 as shown by the different categories in these plans.
- 1.1.17 The Rights of Way and Access Plans show the Order Limits and the relevant local authority boundaries. In this plan set, ‘the Order Limits’ mean the limits of lands to be acquired or used, permanently or temporarily, within which the authorised development may be carried out (see article 2 of the draft Order (Application Document 3.1)).
- 1.1.18 This plan set uses a consistent key applicable to the plan set as a whole, rather than being tailored to each individual sheet. This means that there may be some items shown in the key that are not on a given sheet.
- 1.1.19 To ensure that the file size of this document does not exceed the 50MB limit prescribed by the Planning Inspectorate, the set has been split into three volumes: volume A contains the key plan, volume B the initial sheets 1 to 20 and volume C contains the following sheets, 21 to 49.
- 1.1.20 These plans have been updated at Deadline 1 to address minor drafting inaccuracies.
- 1.1.21 These plans have been updated for Deadline 3 to include the minor amendments as advised by the Examining Authority in Rule 9 [[PD-022](#)].
- 1.1.22 These plans have been updated for Deadline 4 to include the proposed changes MRC01, MRC02 and MRC03 following the procedural decision made by the Examining Authority [[PD-031](#)].
- 1.1.23 These plans have been updated for Deadline 7 to include the proposed amendment EA07, as detailed in Deadline 5 cover letter [[REP5-001](#)] and proposed amendment EA08, as explained in the Applicant’s Amendment Letter (document number TR010032/EXAM/10.46).

2 Schedule of Plans included in this application document

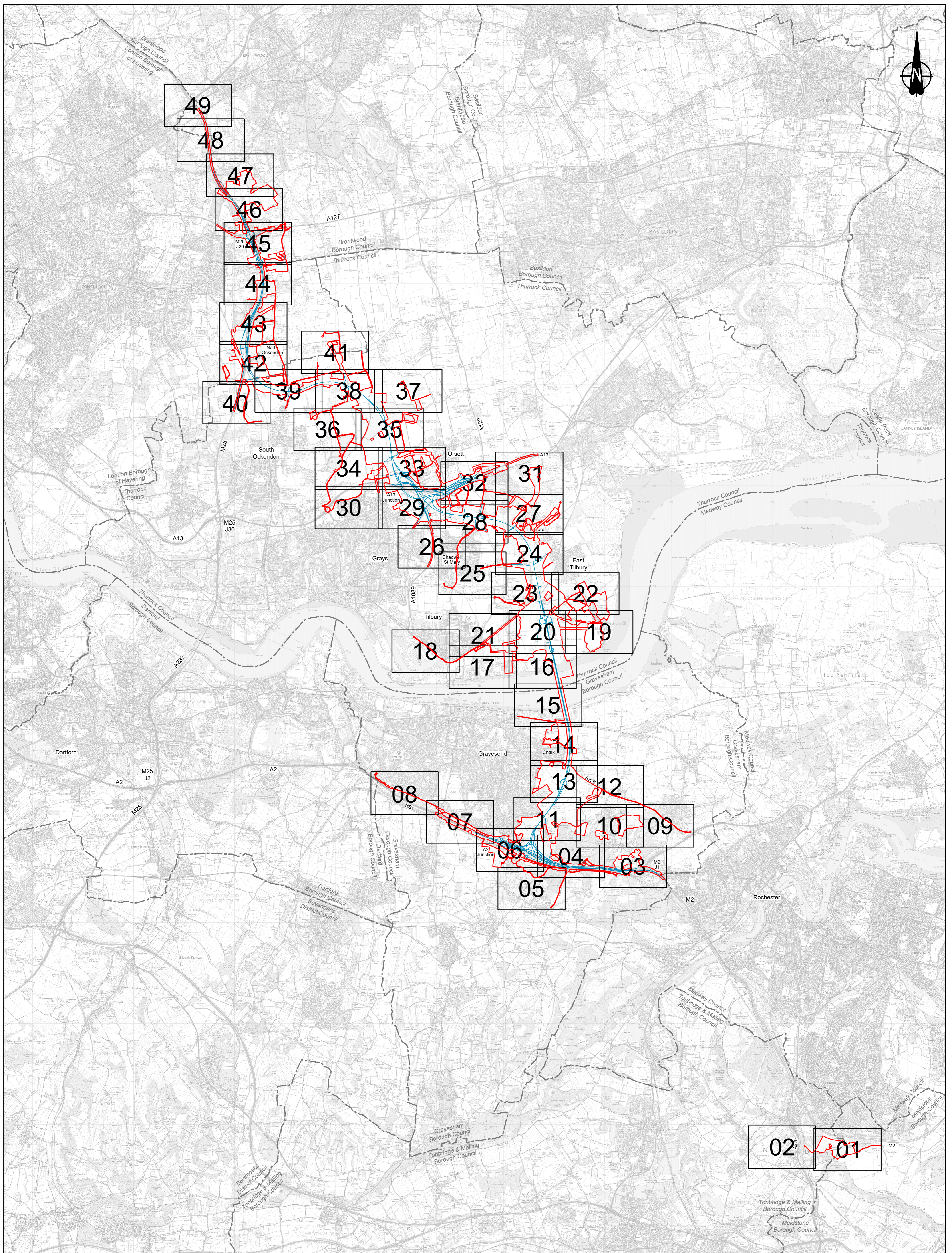
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- Local Authority boundary
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