
LOWER THAMES CROSSING
Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement–
November 2023

on behalf of the Wardens and Assistants of Rochester Bridge in the County of
Kent (“the Rochester Bridge Trust”)

Planning Inspectorate Reference: TR010032

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This document has been produced by Harrison Clark Rickerbys Limited trading as HCR Hewitsons on behalf of the Wardens and Assistants of Rochester Bridge in the County of Kent, known as the Rochester Bridge Trust ("**RBT**"). It sets out RBT's position on the principal area of disagreement summary statement (PADS) to National Highways' application for a development consent order for the Lower Thames Crossing (Planning Inspectorate Reference: TR010032) ("**the LTC DCO**").
- 1.2. RBT provided written representations dated February 2023 as an interested party ("**Written Representations**"). Mr Andrew Highwood, Savills, provided further submissions on behalf of RBT at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 4 ("**CAH4**").
- 1.3. RBT is the owner of Land on the north side of Lower Higham Road, Shorne, Gravesend (also known as Great Clane Lane Marshes (north of A226 Rochester Road)) ("**Site 1**") and Land forming part of Great Clayne Farm, Chalk, Gravesend (also known as Land at 'Chalk Park' (south of A226 Rochester Road)) ("**Site 2**").
- 1.4. RBT and National Highways continued correspondence on the areas of disagreement following CAH4. The current position is set out below. This document has been provided separately with National Highways. A joint statement was not considered possible due to time limitations.

2. SITE 1 – ECOLOGICAL MITIGATION LAND

- 2.1. National Highways has offered to enter into an agreement with RBT under section 253 of the Highways Act 1980 in relation the future temporary management of this land. A draft has been provided to RBT ("**the S253 Agreement**").
- 2.2. RBT in principle agrees to the proposed S253 Agreement subject to final contract.

3. SITE 1 – DRAINAGE PIPE

- 3.1. National Highways has provided RBT a draft agreement for section of the drainage pipe affecting RBT's land which would obviate the need for permanent rights and has agreed to include a 'lift and shift' clause in this agreement for the temporary section of pipe ("**the Drainage Pipe Agreement**").

3.2. RBT in principle agrees to the proposed Drainage Pipe Agreement subject to final contract..

4. SITE 2 – CHALK PARK

4.1. RBT maintains its position as set out in its Written Representations and the submissions of Mr Highwood at CAH4 in relation to Site 2 and in particular Chalk Park. It is considered that the matters raised by RBT cannot be resolved with National Highways, and are therefore for the Examining Authority to determine.

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