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Subject: ExA commentary of the DCO - Deadline 8 response to Question QD23 - for the attention of the Case Manager, Lower Thames Crossing Examination [BROWNEJ-LEGAL.FID4228308]
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For the attention of the Case Manager, Lower Thames Crossing Examination

Dear Sirs

We are instructed by the Emergency Services and Safety Partnership Steering Group (ESSP SG) in relation to the above.

Emergency Services have been asked by the ExA to respond to Question QD23 in the ExA commentary of the DCO (included below for ease of reference):

Subject to the prior notice to and consent of the relevant traffic authority and to prior notice to the relevant Chief Officer of Police, the undertaker may extensively amend the operating conditions of local roads. The power provided in this Article includes substantial requirement for prior notification by the undertaker. However, if the relevant traffic authority does not determine an application before it within 28 days (A17(11)) then consent is deemed to be granted.

QD23: Traffic authorities and emergency services bodies (consultees) are asked whether the deemed consent period of 28 days in A17(11) is appropriate and, if not, to propose and justify an appropriate alternative provision.

The ESSP SG are content with the 28 day consent period, although request that provision is made for this to be extended to 42 days by written agreement between the parties in exceptional circumstances.

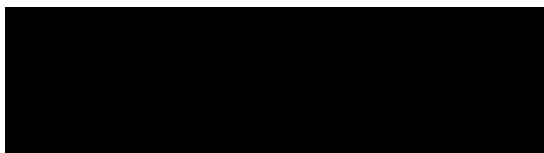
We would be grateful if you could please acknowledge receipt of this response.

Kind regards

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