

## TRO10032 LOWER THAMES CROSSING

### RESPONSE TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS AT ExQ3 (14<sup>th</sup> November 2023) For Deadline 8 (5<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

#### SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL (IP ref 20035603)

#### Introduction:

We have reviewed all the written questions at ExQ3. There are several questions in which we have an interest but we will need to review the responses from expert IP's and the Applicant before making comments at a future Deadline. For some questions we have made comments in other submissions.

Thank you very much for considering our representations.

Shorne Parish Council,  
5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### Question directed specifically to Shorne Parish Council:

<b>Question:</b>	
<b>ExQ(3) 11.1.9</b>	<p><b><i>Shorne Woods SSSI and Car Park</i></b> <i>Clarification is requested in relation to the proposed car park retention question at Shorne Woods SSSI. The matter was raised at ISH9 and the decision appears to be, as referenced in the transcript [EV-074], and submission [REP6-090], that no carpark is to be retained.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• Are those bodies listed content that this is the position?</i></li><li><i>• The Applicant should also confirm how the land is proposed to be restored after removal of the construction compound and where the restoration proposals are secured.</i></li></ul> <p>-----</p> <p><b><u>Shorne PC Response:</u></b></p> <p>Please also see the detailed comments in our separate submission following the November hearings. This <u>summary response</u> aims to answer the specific questions posed.</p>

Is Shorne Parish Council content that this (removal of the car park proposal) is the position?:

- It does appear to be the case, as most of the relevant wording in documents plus various plans (please see below) have been revised and all show the car parking layout has been removed.
- However, we have some remaining concerns about the detail of what the plans do now show, which merges with the second part of the question (to the Applicant) so we have commented below as follows.

Question to the Applicant concerning restoration:

The erstwhile car park area features in different ways in several different plans:

- In REP7-008 sheet 4 (and REP7-185, page 34, Plate 5.1):
  - An area of land for temporary possession is now shown at plot 04-276.
  - This means that the new footpath passes between that plot and other land to the north that was also temporary possession.
  - We assume that these parcels are being returned to their landowners after remediation and are (only) to be used as they were previously which would be coppiced woodland and/or grazing land.
  - We would like assurance about constraints on future use.
- In REP7-032 Sheet 4 (and REP7-141 page 50 labelled 45, discussion):
  - There are two electrical substations located some distance from the new roadway that they will ultimately serve.
  - Do there really need to be two?
  - They should anyway be located as close to the roadway they relate to as is physically possible.
  - They of themselves are said to take up 25sqm of land, is that great an amount really necessary?
- In REP7-116 there are a number of features of relevance:
  - The electrical substations are not shown but the gated road access to them is, and some travel distance away, which is wasteful of land and also seems to be poorly landscaped with straight lines.
  - The access roadway should if possible be “grasscrete” or similar rather than tarmac.
  - The electrical substations and their persisting access (also access to plot 04-276?) should be co-located, on as little land as possible, and as far south as possible.
  - Incomplete fencing is shown around an area that is larger than plot 04-276, and includes the substations and access roadway, which needs additional explanation.