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Dear Sirs

Application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to authorise the Proposed A122 Lower Thames Crossing Project (the Project) – TR010032

Update on Negotiations

We act for Southern Water Services Limited (Company Registration Number 02366670) of Southern House, Yeoman Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3NX (**SW**) in relation to the Project (with Unique Reference Number 20035389).

At Deadline 1 of the DCO examination of the Project, SW submitted a written representation confirming its objection to the Project, due to concerns that it would cause serious detriment to the carrying on of SW's statutory undertaking, absent suitable protections for SW's benefit.

SW has, however, been constructively engaging with National Highways throughout the DCO examination of the Project with a view to reaching agreement on suitable protective arrangements by way of a side agreement.

As a result of this engagement, we can confirm, on behalf of SW, that agreement has been reached on the terms of this agreement. However, it will not be possible to formally complete this agreement prior to the end of the examination. SW anticipates that completion will take place shortly after the end of the examination. Because of this, SW is not in a position to withdraw its objection to the Project at this time, absent a completed legal agreement being in place. However, SW will confirm to the Secretary of State when the legal agreement has completed and therefore the status of its outstanding objection to the Project as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

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