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Dear Mr Weaver

**Your client: National Highways Limited**  
**A122 Lower Thames Crossing - Application for consent pursuant to section 135 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Application”)**

I understand that National Highways has applied for a Development Consent Order (“**the DCO**”) under the Planning Act 2008 (“**the Act**”) for the Lower Thames Crossing (“**the Application**”), which is being examined by the Planning Inspectorate under reference TR010032 (“**the Project**”).

I am instructed to respond on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport (“**SoST**”) in respect of the Application. I understand that the Application concerns the following requirements and the following interests:-

Crown Authority	Land requirement	Crown land plot(s)
The Secretary of State for Transport	All interests and rights	03-100, 03-104, 03-11, 03-111, 03-121, 03-15, 03-152, 03-22, 03-26, 03-27, 03-30, 03-31, 03-32, 03-34, 03-35, 03-37, 03-47, 03-51, 03-55, 03-58, 03-60, 03-64, 03-69, 03-70, 03-73, 03-75, 03-78, 03-82, 03-83, 03-90, 03-99, 04-05, 04-09, 04-105, 04-111, 04-112, 04-117, 04-120, 04-124, 04-126, 04-127, 04-130, 04-132, 04-139, 04-158, 04-160, 04-169, 04-175, 04-178, 04-179, 04-191, 04-196, 04-198, 04-199, 04-201, 04-202, 04-203, 04-205, 04-206, 04-207, 04-208, 04-210, 04-213, 04-230, 04-239, 04-26, 04-260, 04-272, 04-273, 04-275, 04-277, 04-30, 04-32, 04-36, 04-43, 04-53, 04-64, 04-81, 04-83, 04-91, 06-04, 06-06, 06-14, 06-141, 06-15, 06-155, 06-156, 06-165, 06-166, 06-169, 06-171, 06-173, 06-176, 06-178, 06-181, 06-184, 06-193, 06-198, 06-199, 06-206, 06-21, 06-28, 06-48, 06-53, 06-57, 06-62, 06-65, 06-68, 06-74, 06-76, 06-79, 06-81, 06-82, 07-03, 07-12, 07-16, 07-18, 07-21, 07-25, 07-31, 40-05, 40-09, 40-10,
The Secretary of State for Transport	All interests and rights (continued)	

		40-13, 40-19, 42-20, 42-35, 42-37, 42-39, 42-51, 42-90, 43-11, 43-12, 43-42, 43-44
The Secretary of State for Transport	Acquisition of rights	03-07, 03-33, 03-87, 04-07, 04-08, 04-101, 04-109, 04-12, 04-122, 04-128, 04-138, 04-140, 04-154, 04-16, 04-17, 04-215, 04-229, 04-243, 04-259, 04-42, 04-45, 04-61, 04-72, 04-89, 04-99, 06-03, 06-117, 06-121, 06-182, 06-187, 06-188, 06-204, 06-205, 06-54, 06-55, 06-56, 06-64, 06-67, 07-01, 07-02, 07-04, 07-05, 07-09, 07-11, 07-15, 07-27, 07-29, 07-41, 08-06, 08-07, 08-12, 08-13, 08-14, 08-15
The Secretary of State for Transport	Temporary Possession	03-04, 03-08, 03-36, 03-80, 04-108, 04-123, 04-137, 04-141, 04-200, 04-233, 04-25, 04-257, 04-258, 04-276, 04-28, 04-37, 04-46, 05-01, 05-02, 05-03, 05-04, 05-06, 06-08, 06-09, 06-11, 06-116, 06-135, 06-153, 06-75, 17-02

The land required for the DCO includes property in which the SoST has an interest (as listed above) and therefore constitutes Crown land as defined in section 227 of the Act.

It is understood that National Highways is seeking to exercise rights of acquisition over land included within the Application.

I confirm that the appropriate Crown authority (as defined in section 227 of the Act) is the SoST.

The Project does involve interaction with the High Speed rail network and it will be essential to ensure that the safety and operation of the network is protected at all times. Consent is being given on the understanding that appropriate commitments will be entered into between the parties to safeguard the network.

On the basis of the above, I am authorised to confirm the following:

1. The SoST hereby gives consent pursuant to section 135 (1) and 135(2) of the Act and Article 43 of the DCO as drafted to the inclusion of provisions within the DCO which would apply to the plots above (to the extent that they relate to the detail specified in the Application); and
2. The SoST hereby agrees to the wording of Article 43 of the DCO as drafted.

Yours sincerely,



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**Authorised signatory for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport**