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Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit Department for Transport Sent by email to:

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Interested Party Reference number: LTC-AP1727/LTC-s59905

Date: 5 August 2024

Dear Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit

Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by National Highways ("the Applicant") Seeking Development Consent for the Proposed Lower Thames Crossing Scheme

**Request for comments from All Interested Parties** 

Thank you for your letter dated 26 July 2024 inviting comments from Interested Parties on a number of matters relating to the Lower Thames Crossing Scheme.

## Amendment of section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

As there are no Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) within Thurrock, this Council does not seek to comment on the responses provided by the Applicant, Natural England and the Kent Downs National Landscape Team in response to the Secretary of State's consultation letter of the 9 July 2024 or the proposed provision.

## Thames Estuary Marshes Special Protection Area (SPA) and Thames Estuary Marshes Ramsar

This Council does not wish to raise any comments on the response by Natural England to paragraph 7 of the Secretary of State's consultation letter of the 9 July 2024.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Hatter Strategic Planning Manager