From:
Lower Thames Crossing

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I applaud the Chancellor's pledge to scrutinise every pound spent, and eliminate waste.

An additional Lower Thames crossing would be desirable, but not the proposal currently being considered. Reducing congestion and pollution is the aim, but other proposals have been put forward in the past which reduce congestion by a much higher percentage, and also offer non-polluting additional transport options, with further advantages of using hydroelectricity produced by tidal means, built into the proposal.

Unfortunately, the best options for the route were discarded early in this scheme's timeline, and this slightly cheaper short-term but extremely disruptive option was chosen instead.

Even more unfortunately, much time and money has been wasted following the current proposal. Abandonment of this option is very overdue: please don't delay any longer, and let's get going on the much better option.

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