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To: [Lower Thames Crossing](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Lower Thames Crossing Development Consent Order Submission and Request for Comments from Interested Parties on the Applicants Response to the SoS's Consultation letter
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Interested Party Reference number: LTC-SP102

Dear PINS Casework Team

On the 28 November you kindly sent across a letter from the Department of Transport, as dated 28 November 2024, and as I have attached here:

[TR010032-006501-SoS Consultation 8 letter.pdf](#)

In the same you ask if we have any comments, firstly on the applicant National Highways (NH) response as dated 26 November 2024, and secondly on comments as received from Gravesham Council, and an interested third party, on the Secretary of States consultation letter as dated 12 November 2024. You have asked for comments by the 12/12/2024 and are asked to note that this response meets the as requested deadline.

Turning firstly to the response by NH this covers three main topics, these being climate change and emissions; enhancement of public transport initiatives linked to the DCO scheme, and to minimise the impact on local communities as may be caused by the development.

Clearly a development of the size and scale proposed would be both carbon heavy to construct and, without adequate control or mitigation, result in additional emission within an area which is not currently impacted by a proposal of this size. However it appears to Essex County Council that the measures to be put in place by the applicant to seek to reach close to carbon neutrality in the construction phase, with additional measures to control emissions during the operational phase of the proposal, are comprehensive.

ECC raises no specific objection or comment to the climate change implications of the proposal and considers that NH has done what it can to address these points.

For Active Travel and improvement to the Public Transport Network and for Non-Motorised Users ECC can confirm that NH remain engaged with ourselves to seek to secure the best opportunities for the same.

For the additional comment from third parties ECC has looked at the same and has no additional comments to make on the same.

Kind Regards

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