

12 December 2024

Dear Sir/ Madam

**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 on the Applicant’s Response**

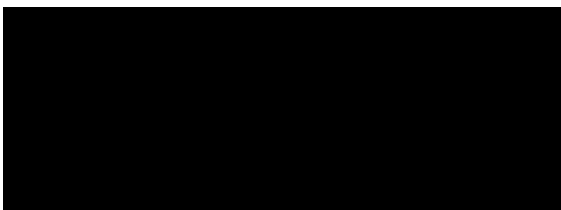
Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon the above request dated 28 November 2024.

After reviewing the submissions pertaining to the above, Thurrock Council reiterates its position made during the Examination in Public, and post examination of the Lower Thames Crossing DCO. Our position remains one of objection to the scheme and after reviewing the material provided by relevant parties, we strongly maintain this stance.

As previously highlighted the Council consider LTC should be cancelled and that there are greener forms of travel that can be invested in that provide suitable alternatives to LTC, which will inevitably encourage further car use, directly impacting Greenhouse gas emissions.

Many of the identified benefits of the development are also questionable in nature. In relation to the request for comments from interested parties, of relevance is National Highways’ claim that the LTC will tackle congestion and free up a lane of traffic at the Dartford Crossing. In actuality, the LTC will only provide relief at Dartford for five years – less time than the project will take to be built. Additionally, the crossing will do nothing to improve congestion locally or regionally, adding only little road capacity to the national strategic road network.

Yours faithfully,



Councillor John Kent

The Leader of Thurrock Council