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To: All Interested Parties

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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 (“the Proposed Development”)

Funding Statement

1. Following the announcement made in the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s speech on 29 January 2025 regarding funding arrangements for the Proposed Development, the Applicant has submitted updated documentation outlining the effect of this announcement on the application for the Proposed Development.
2. The updated documentation can be found on The Planning Inspectorate’s website here – [Documents | Lower Thames Crossing](#)
3. The Secretary of State invites **all interested parties** to provide any comments that they may wish to make on this update.

Deadline for Response

The deadline for response is **13 March 2025**.

Submissions sent by post may be subject to delay therefore your response on the information requested above should be submitted to the Case Team, if possible, by email to LowerThamesCrossing@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

If you have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team.

Responses will be published as soon as possible after receipt on the Lower Thames Crossing project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/TR010032>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision on the Lower Thames Crossing Application, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully,

Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit