

Our ref: S42(1)(a)-(c)

Epping Forest District Council
The Chief Executive
Civic Offices
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Highways England
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4 October 2018

Dear Derek Macnab,

Lower Thames Crossing: Statutory pre-application consultation between 10 October 2018 and 20 December 2018

Planning Act 2008 Section 42: Duty to consult on a proposed application

Highways England ("the Applicant") is proposing to construct the Lower Thames Crossing, a new road with a tunnel crossing beneath the River Thames, between Kent, Thurrock and Essex, which will create a new link between the A2 and the M25 and reduce the burden on the busy A282 Dartford Crossing. The planned route will run from the M25 near North Ockendon, cross the A13 at Orsett, before crossing under the River Thames east of Tilbury and Gravesend. A new link road will then take traffic to the A2 near Shorne, close to where the route becomes the M2.

The Lower Thames Crossing project ('the project') is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. In order to obtain powers of compulsory acquisition and to gain consent to build and operate the project, Highways England is required to make an application for a Development Consent Order. The application will be made to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), which will examine the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will ultimately decide whether the application is granted and whether the Applicant is authorised to use compulsory acquisition powers. The Applicant intends to make the application in 2019.

During the pre-application process, the Applicant must consult with a variety of persons and organisations about the proposed application in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008.

In accordance with Section 42 of the Act, we are consulting with you about this proposed application. More specifically, we are writing to you because you are a statutory consultee under section 42(1)(a)-(c) of the Act. This statutory pre-

application consultation period will take place between 10 October 2018 and 20 December 2018.

The project proposals constitute Environmental Impact Assessment development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ("the 2017 Regulations"), and so in accordance with regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations I enclose with this letter a copy of our "Section 48 notice", providing details of our consultation. The "Section 48 notice" has been published in local and national newspapers, in accordance with section 48(1) of the Act.

Further consultation material, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), the Traffic Forecasting Report, the proposed scheme drawings, and the response form can be found on our project webpage at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk, from the launch of consultation.

A printed copy of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, can be purchased on request by emailing Highways England at info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk, phoning 0300 123 5000, or by writing to Lower Thames Crossing, Woodlands, Manton Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW. Due to the size of the paper documents, a charge of £175 (plus VAT and P&P) will be made for each set of consultation documents. The consultation materials will also be available at deposit locations in the area around our proposed scheme.

Highways England will also be holding a number of public information events in the area local to the project, where members of the project team will be available to discuss the proposals and answer questions. The dates and locations of these public information events, as well as our deposit locations, are listed on the "Section 48 notice" enclosed with this letter.

We encourage you to provide any comments on the project by completing a response form and sending it to one of the three dedicated response channels that are advertised on our consultation webpage and the "Section 48 notice". **The deadline for all responses is 11:59pm on Thursday 20 December 2018.**

Please note that Highways England may be required to make copies of representations available to the Secretary of State. We refer you to the response form for more information on how Highways England handles personal data.

Yours sincerely



David Manning

Development Director

Lower Thames Crossing

Notice is hereby given that HIGHWAYS ENGLAND COMPANY LIMITED of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ ("Highways England") proposes to make an application ("the Application") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order. The Application is for the proposed Lower Thames Crossing ("the Project"), which is a proposed new road connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. The Project's main proposals include:

- Approximately 14.5 miles (23km) of new road, with a maximum speed limit of 70mph, connecting to the existing road network from the A2/M2 to the M25
 - Two new tunnels, one southbound and one northbound
 - Improvements to the M25, A2 and A13, where the Lower Thames Crossing connects to the road network
 - New structures and changes to existing ones (including bridges, buildings, tunnel entrances, viaducts, and utilities such as electricity pylons) along the length of the new road
 - A free-flow charging system, where drivers do not need to stop but pay remotely, similar to that at the Dartford Crossing
- In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Project, including compulsory acquisition of land and interests/rights in land.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development"), as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment will be required. An Environmental Statement containing information about the likely significant environmental effects of the Project will therefore be submitted as part of the Application. Separately, preliminary environmental information will be included in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which forms part of the consultation materials.

Consultation on the Project proposals will take place from 10 October 2018 to 20 December 2018. Copies of the consultation materials (including documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development and the PEIR) will be available for inspection free of charge during the consultation period at the deposit locations and times listed in this notice.

Copies of the consultation materials also will be available online free of charge during consultation at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay. The documents that comprise the consultation materials are listed separately in this notice.

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Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between 10 October 2018 and 20 December 2018. Responses to the consultation can be made either electronically or by filling in a paper response form. Paper response forms can be printed out from www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay, picked up free of charge from public information events (see accompanying list), information points and deposit locations; or by phoning 0300 123 5000. Responses can be submitted by:

- Filling in the online response form at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay
- Emailing comments or electronic copies of the response form to: LTC.CONULTATION@TRAVERSE.LTD
- Posting comments or paper response forms to: FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION
- Filling in a paper response form at one of our public information events

Responses must be received no later than 11.59pm on 20 December 2018.

Highways England will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application for a Development Consent Order, once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Project, please contact the project team by emailing Highways England at info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk, phoning 0300 123 5000, or by writing to Lower Thames Crossing, Woodlands, Manton Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW.

Highways England's policy on managing personal data can be found at <http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/terms-and-conditions>.

David Manning, Highways England, 4 October 2018

Deposit locations

Brentwood Library, New Road, Brentwood, CM14 4BP

Monday 9am – 6pm
Tuesday 9am – 6pm
Wednesday 9am – 1pm
Thursday 9am – 6pm
Friday 9am – 6pm
Saturday 9am – 5pm

Grays Library, Thameside Complex, Orsett Road, Grays, RM17 5DX

Monday 9am – 7pm
Tuesday 9am – 5pm
Wednesday 9am – 5pm
Thursday 9am – 7pm
Friday 9am – 5pm
Saturday 9am – 1pm

Romford Central Library, St Edwards Way, Romford, RM1 3AR

Monday 10am – 6pm
Tuesday 9am – 5pm
Wednesday 9am – 5pm
Thursday 10am – 6pm
Friday 9am – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 4pm

Tilbury Hub, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AD

Monday 10am – 5pm
Wednesday 10am – 5pm
Friday 10am – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 1pm

Dartford Library, Central Park, Market Street, Dartford, DA1 1EU

Monday – Wednesday 8.30am – 6pm
Thursday 8.30am – 6pm
Friday 8.30am – 6pm
Saturday 9am – 5pm

Gravesend Library, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BE

Monday – Friday 9am – 6pm
Saturday 9am – 5pm

Maldstone Library, Kent History and Library Centre, James Whatman Way, Maldstone, ME14 1LD

Monday – Wednesday 9am – 6pm
Thursday 9am – 6pm
Friday 9am – 6pm
Saturday 9am – 5pm

Rochester Library, Rochester Community Hub, Eastgate, Rochester, ME1 1EW

Monday – Friday 9am – 6pm
Saturday 9am – 4pm

Chadwell Village Hall, Waterson Road, Chadwell St Mary, RM16 4NX

Friday 7 December, 2pm – 9pm

Civic Hall, Blackehots Lane, Grays, RM16 2JU

Tuesday 6 November 2pm – 9pm

Halvering College of Further and Higher Education, 42 Ardleigh Green Road, Hornchurch, RM11 2LL

Monday 26 November, 2pm – 8pm

Halvering Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, RM1 3BD

Friday 30 November, 2pm – 9pm

Holiday Inn Brentwood M25 J26, Brook Street, Brentwood, CM14 5NF

Wednesday 28 November, 2pm – 8pm

Lakeside Shopping Centre, West Thurrock Way, Grays, RM20 2ZP

Saturday 27 October, 9am – 9pm

Sunday 28 October, 11am – 5pm

Linford Methodist Church, East Tilbury Road, Linford, SS17 0QQ

Wednesday 14 November, 2pm – 9pm

Orsett Hall Hotel, Prince Charles Avenue, Orsett, RM16 3HS

Tuesday 16 October, 2pm – 9pm

St Mary Magdalene Church, Church Lane, North Ockendon, RM14 3QH

Thursday 22 November, 2pm – 9pm

The New Windmill Hotel, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QH

Saturday 17 November midday – 6pm

Tilbury Community Association, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AA

Tuesday 30 October, 2pm – 9pm

West Hamdon Village Hall, Thorndon Avenue, West Hamdon, CM15 3TP

Wednesday 24 October, 2pm – 9pm

Public Information Events in Kent

Bluewater Shopping Centre, Bluewater Parkway, Greenhithe, DA9 8ST

Saturday 20 October, 9am – 9pm

Sunday 21 October, 11am – 5pm

Cascades Leisure Centre, Thong Lane, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 4LG

Thursday 1 November, 2pm – 9pm

Chalk Parish Hall, Pirip Close, Gravesend, DA12 2ND

Monday 22 October, 2pm – 9pm

Dover Town Hall, Biggin Street, Dover, Kent, CT16 1DL

Tuesday 4 December, 2pm – 9pm

Mick Jagger Centre, Shepherds Lane, Dartford, DA1 2JZ

Tuesday 23 October, 2pm – 9pm

Doubletree Dartford Bridge, Masthead Close, Crossways Business Park, Dartford, DA2 60F

Monday 3 December, 2pm – 9pm

Gravesham Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1AU

Wednesday 21 November, 2pm – 9pm

Rochester Corn Exchange, Northgate, Rochester, ME1 1LS

Wednesday 5 December, 2pm – 9pm

Shorne Village Hall, 16 The Street, Shorne, DA12 3EA

Saturday 3 November, midday – 6pm

Public Information Events in Essex

Holiday Inn Basildon, Cranes Farm Road, Waterfront Walk, Festival Leisure Park, Basildon, SS14 3DG

Monday 19 November, 2pm – 9pm

Brandon Groves Community Club, Brandon Groves Avenue, South Ockendon, RM15 6TD

Friday 16 November, 2pm – 9pm

List of consultation documents:

- LTC Guide to Consultation
- Consultation leaflets
- Response form
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
- LTC Response to Consultation 2017

- Case for the Project
- Approach to Design, Construction and Operation
- Map books
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
- Preliminary Environmental Information Summary
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report
- Traffic Forecasting Report

- Traffic Forecasts Non-Technical Summary
- Section 47 Notice
- Section 48 Notice
- Your Property and Blight
- Your Property and Compulsory Purchase
- Your Property and Discretionary Purchase

