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By E-mail

Dear Sirs and Madam,

National Highways' (Lower Thames Crossing Project) Deadline 4 response in respect of the Norwich to Tilbury Project

This letter constitutes a Deadline 4 submission on behalf of the National Highways Lower Thames Crossing (“NH LTC”) team. The submission consists of:

- an update on matters referred to in NH LTC’s Deadline 3 submission;
- an update on the SoCG between the Applicant and NH LTC;
- and a summary of oral submissions made at the ISH2 held on 28 April 2026 and the CAH2 held on 30 April 2026: these are provided in a separate document, and include a post meeting note relating to the data that NTT has shared with NH LTC.

NH LTC’s Deadline 3 submission

In its Deadline 3 response [REP3-125], NH LTC made the Examining Authority aware of its proposal to realign Brentwood Road, as part of the normal course of the detailed design of the LTC scheme. For that same Deadline, Thurrock Council were asked to respond to the Examining Authority’s written question DES1.13 to provide a view on the effectiveness of mitigation in relation to the Tilbury substation. The effectiveness of mitigation is something that will evidently be affected by the realignment of Brentwood Road and so NH LTC committed to commenting further on this matter at Deadline 4, once it had reviewed Thurrock’s response to question DES1.13.

Having regard to Thurrock’s response [REP3-088], NH LTC can confirm that it has had an initial meeting with the Applicant to address concerns relating to the ancient woodland and nitrogen deposition compensation in the vicinity of the proposed Tilbury substation. Discussions are ongoing in order to understand the suitability of the alternative compensatory proposals being put forward by the Applicant and further updates will be provided by the Applicant and NH LTC once they are available.

SOCG

In line with the examination timetable, NH LTC has worked cooperatively with the Applicant in order to agree an updated SoCG for submission at Deadline 4. NH LTC will continue to engage with the Applicant with a view to reaching a resolution on the matters that remain outstanding.

Yours sincerely,



Lower Thames Crossing Roads North Project Director (Delivery)