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By E-mail

Dear Sirs and Madam,

National Highways' (Lower Thames Crossing Project) Deadline 5 response in respect of the Norwich to Tilbury Project

This letter constitutes a Deadline 5 submission on behalf of the National Highways Lower Thames Crossing (“NH LTC”) team.

NH LTC can confirm it does not have any responses to the Examining Authority’s second written questions but would like to provide the Examining Authority with an update on the progress of other matters previously raised.

Protective provisions

In previous examination submissions, NH LTC confirmed to the Examining Authority that it was actively engaging with the Applicant in relation to the interface between the consented LTC project and NGET’s proposals. This engagement is continuing but it is becoming apparent that a detailed agreement between the parties may not be reached before the end of examination.

As a result, NH LTC is now contemplating submitting into the examination protective provisions in favour of the Lower Thames Crossing Project which, in order to safeguard its position, it would invite the Examining Authority to include in its recommended DCO should the Norwich to Tilbury project be consented. NH LTC has made the Applicant aware of this and, if it proceeds with this course of action, it anticipates being able to share a draft of the protective provisions with the Examining Authority at Deadline 6 on 7 July 2026. Either way a further update will be provided at that time.

NH LTC is also discussing with the Applicant amendments to the Norwich to Tilbury DCO which, again, NH LTC expects will be communicated to the Examining Authority at Deadline 6.

Request to attend hearings

Further to the Examining Authority's letter dated 22 May 2026, NH LTC confirms that it proposes to attend and be heard orally at the following hearings:

- Issue Specific Hearing 3 (Development Consent Order) on Wednesday 24 June; and
- Issue Specific Hearing 4 (Environmental Matters) on Thursday 25 June and Friday 26 June.

NH LTC confirms that it has completed the event participation form in relation to these two hearings.

Yours sincerely,



Lower Thames Crossing Roads North Project Director (Delivery)