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Dear Sir/Madam

Local Impact Report (LIR) by Great Yarmouth Borough Council in response to Lake **Lothing Third Crossing, Lowestoft:**

Thank you for consulting Great Yarmouth Borough Council on the Lake Lothing Third Crossing. Please accept this officer level response on behalf of the Borough Council as a Local Impact Report (LIR) representation.

I would largely reiterate the comments submitted by the Borough Council in response to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Consultation. These sought to highlight the positive socio-economic impacts of the proposal upon Great Yarmouth; drawing attention to the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) which recognises both Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft as 'Growth' locations, particularly well placed to capitalise on the offshore energy sector as the main opportunity for growth. It is considered that the Lake Lothing Third Crossing will better enhance the connectivity between the Enterprise Zone (EZ) sites, particularly where this concerns the location of the two EZ sites south of Lake Lothing (Riverside Road & Lowestoft Industrial Estate).

It should be noted that connectivity will be further enhanced between the Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft Enterprise Zone sites through the future implementation of the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing, which will provide a more direct route between the Great Yarmouth 'deep water' Outer Harbour and South Denes Industrial Estate (important areas for the energy sector supply chain) to the A47 and Lowestoft.

The wider joint benefits that this infrastructure project (along with other projects) will bring to Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth are recognised. It is considered that the impacts upon local skilled employment, the wider economy and transport, in particular, will be largely positive. Overall, this proposal is supported by the Borough Council.

The Borough Council has no comments to make on the examining authority's written questions. The Borough Council does not intend to have a representative present at the Hearings, however would appreciate updates on the progress of the application.

If you would like to discuss these comments further please do not hesitate to contact me using the above contact details.

Yours faithfully,

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