








Application by National Highways for the Lower Thames Crossing

Procedural Decision number 2 '*Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary (PADS) and Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)*' in the procedural decision letter of 19 December 2022 [\[PD-005\]](#), requested a PADS from parties engaged in the SoCG process.

The following parties have informed PINS that they do not intend to submit a PADS at this time.

1. Natural England
2. Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council
3. High Speed 1 Ltd
4. Southern Gas Networks
5. Kent Downs AONB Unit
6. Dartford Borough Council
7. Forestry England
8. Thames Chase Trust
9. Forestry Commission
10. Medway Borough Council

Natural England Principal Areas of Disagreement for the Lower Thames Crossing

 SM-NE-LTC (NE) @naturalengland.org.uk>
To:  Lower Thames Crossing
Cc:  Hanna, Sean;  Bustard, Jonathan;  Phillips, Wendy;  sam.ireland

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Thu 02/03/2023 16:51

Dear Eleanor Church

I am writing regarding the Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement (PADS) for the Lower Thames Crossing Project to confirm that Natural England will not be submitting a PADS at this stage. We are satisfied that the Statement of Common Ground jointly signed by National Highways and Natural England in October 2022 (Examination document APP-099) appropriately captures the relevant matters including those outstanding at present which we expanded upon within our recent relevant representations.

Kind regards,
Sean

Sean Hanna
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Lower Thames Crossing DCO - PADS Tracker



Bartholomew Wren [REDACTED]@tmbc.gov.uk>
To: Lower Thames Crossing
Cc: [REDACTED]@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk; Gudrun Andrews

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Tue 28/02/2023 10:03

Dear Sir/madam

I write to confirm that TMBC does not consider that it is necessary to prepare a Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary (PADS) tracker. We are content that our SoCG with National Highways adequately captures our principal areas of disagreement, given the scope and extent of this document a PADS Tracker would not add any value for TMBC.

Kind regards

Bartholomew Wren [REDACTED]
Principal Planning Officer
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council



RE: Lower Thames Crossing - HS1 Limited Relevant Representation and PAD Tracker [DLAP-UKMATTERS.FID62...



Alicia Merricks [REDACTED]@dlapiper.com>
To: Lower Thames Crossing
Cc: Ian Graves; [REDACTED]@dbpitmans.com; [REDACTED]@dbpitmans.com

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Thu 23/02/2023 17:06

Dear Sir / Madam,

Further to the below, we have discussed with National Highways the completion of a tracker table to set out principal areas of disagreement ("PAD") between the parties arising out of the Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") process. We are content that the SoCG adequately covers the PADs between the parties and, given the limited number of issues, do not intend to submit a PADs tracker as well. We trust that this approach will be acceptable to the Examining Authority.

We have copied in the promoter's solicitor for information.

Please let us know if you require anything further.

Kind regards,

Alicia Merricks
Associate



DLA Piper UK LLP

Lower Thames Crossing Project DCO - Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary tracker - Southern Gas Netw...



Jones, Charlotte <[redacted]@addleshawgoddard.com>

To: Lower Thames Crossing
Cc: Sector, Gary; Meers, Edward

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Tue 21/02/2023 16:08

Dear Sir or Madam

National Highways (Promoter)

Application for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Lower Thames Crossing project located east of Gravesend and Tilbury (Order).

Planning Inspectorate Reference: TR010032

Submission on behalf of Southern Gas Networks Plc (SGN)

In a procedural decision letter dated 19 December 2022, the Examining Authority noted that the Promoter and parties participating in the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) process should utilise a tracker recording Principal Areas of Disagreement in Summary (PADS Tracker).

A relevant representation has just been submitted by SGN to register it as an interested party and confirm its objection to the Order. As an interested party, SGN will participate in the SoCG process.

We understand that if parties have a manageable number of open matters and are content that the SoCG adequately captures their principal areas of disagreement, there is no need to produce a PADS Tracker. As this is the case for SGN and the Promoter, SGN does not intend to submit a PADS tracker on 10 March 2023.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm receipt of this email and confirm that this approach is acceptable.

Kind regards

Charlotte

Charlotte Jones
Associate

Addleshaw Goddard LLP



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PADS KENT DOWNS AONB UNIT



Katie Miller <[redacted]@kentdowns.org.uk>

To: Lower Thames Crossing
Cc: Sam Ireland

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Tue 21/02/2023 12:16

Dear Eleanor Church,

I write with respect to the Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement (PADS) to confirm that Kent Downs AONB Unit will not be submitting a PADS as we are satisfied that the Statement of Common Ground jointly signed off by National Highways and Kent Downs AONB Unit in October 2022 adequately captures the relevant matters including those outstanding.

I can confirm that I have completed the Relevant Representation Form and have submitted our Representation by email earlier today.

Kind regards

Katie Miller MRTPI
Planning Manager



Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit
West Barn, Penstock Hall Farm, Canterbury Road, East Brabourne, Ashford, Kent, TN25 5LL



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Dartford Borough Council - LTC PADS tracker for PINS



Lukman Agboola [redacted]@dartford.gov.uk>

To: Lower Thames Crossing

Cc: Sonia Collins; Mark Aplin; Matthew Moore; Heather Hegarty

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Fri 03/02/2023 17:24

Dear Eleanor Church,

I write with respect to the Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement (PADS) to confirm that Dartford Borough Council (DBC) will not be submitting a PADS as we are satisfied that the Statement of Common Grounds jointly signed off by National Highways and DBC in October 2022 adequately captures the relevant matters including those outstanding. In addition, we will be submitting our Relevant Representation in due course.

Regards,

Lukman Agboola

Principal Transport Planner, Planning Services

MSc MCIHT MTPS



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FW: LTC: Statement of Common Grounds - PADS Tracker



Robinson, Sally [redacted]

To: Lower Thames Crossing

Cc: [redacted]@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk; Ashley, Charles

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Thu 02/02/2023 11:48

Dear Rynd,

As below – this email is to confirm that Forestry England are not seeking for a PADS tracker to be created.

Kind regards,

Sally

Sally Robinson

Community Woodland Manager

Thames Beat

Forestry England



Forestry England

F.A.O: Rynd Smith - Statement of Common Grounds - PADS Tracker



Dave Bigden [REDACTED]@thameschase.org.uk>

To: Lower Thames Crossing
Cc: Evelyn Ismail; Nina Shah

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Mon 23/01/2023 12:25

Dear Rynd

I am contacting you on behalf of Thames Chase Trust and at the request of Evelyn Ismail and Nina Shah of the Lower Thames Crossing team.

After considering the information provided by Evelyn and Nina, I believe that Thames Chase Trust falls into the category of 'one of the parties with a manageable number of open matters' and as such, there is no need to produce a PADS Tracker.

I trust this is in order. Your acknowledgement and confirmation of receipt would be appreciated.

All the best

Dave

Dave Bigden | Director | Thames Chase Community Forest
CEnv MCIEEM & Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters



RE: Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary (PADS)- Request for tracker



Pearce, Richard [REDACTED]@forestrycommission.gov.uk>

To: Lower Thames Crossing

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Fri 10/03/2023 13:58

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Thank you for the form.

Having discussed with the Lower Thames Crossing team this morning we had decided that the Forestry Commission will not be submitting a PADS.

If we had submitted a PADS it would have been:

the brief concern held by the party

The proposed impacts and loss of ancient woodland within the scheme proposals.

what in the view of the party needs to change/ be amended/ included, so as to overcome the disagreement;

The Forestry Commission would like to see alternatives to the utility diversion options considered in the Shorne Wood and Brewers Road area as well as Claylane Wood.

If other options are not visible then as per the statement in the NPPF suitable compensation strategy exists. The extension and linking of existing ancient woodland meets the Standing advice produced by the Forestry Commission and Natural England. The FC identified that there was the potential to explore more substantial planting near Claylane between the new road and Gravesend.

in the opinion of that party, the likelihood of the concern being addressed during the Examination stage

It would be hoped with design alterations, additional planting and more trenchless utilities consideration could reduce the impact on ancient woodland.

However all the above is visible and clear within the SoCG and therefore we do not require an additional PADS.

Many thanks
Richard

Richard Pearce
Partnerships & Expertise Manager: London, Thames and Chilterns

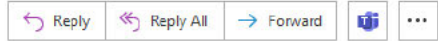


PADS Tracker



bull, andrew [redacted]@medway.gov.uk>

To: [redacted] Lower Thames Crossing
Cc: [redacted] Matthew Moore



Fri 13/01/2023 11:32

Good morning

This is to confirm that the SoCG between National Highways and Medway Council adequately captures our principal areas of disagreement.

There is no need to produce a PADS tracker.

Kind regards
Andrew

Andrew Bull MRTPI | Strategic Infrastructure Planner | Planning Service | Medway Council | [redacted] | Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham,
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