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#### Introduction

- 1.1.1 This document is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State in relation to an application made by National Highways (the Applicant) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008.
- 1.1.2 The application is for the grant of development consent for the A122 Lower Thames Crossing. Should development consent be granted, the draft A122 (Lower Thames Crossing) Development Consent Order (Application Document 3.1) (the draft Order) will be made by the Secretary of State (subject to any modifications considered appropriate).
- 1.1.3 This document comprises part of the suite of application documentation and is included in the application to comply with Regulations 5(2)(o) and 5(4) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009, which require:
  - 5(2)(o) 'any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the proposals for which development consent is sought, showing details of design, external appearance, and the preferred layout of buildings or structures, drainage, surface water management, means of vehicular and pedestrian access, any car parking to be provided, and means of landscaping.
  - 5(4) Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets a key plan must be provided showing the relationship between the different sheets.'
- 1.1.4 The purpose of the General Arrangement Plans is to illustrate:
  - a. the proposed highway works, including embankment and cutting earthworks and structures, including new or modified bridges and retaining walls;
  - the routes proposed for new or improved rights of way; the location of new lighting, traffic signs and gantries;
  - c. proposed above ground drainage features, including the location of culverts and wetlands and infiltration basins;
  - d. the tunnels and the tunnel cross passages;
  - e. areas of environmental works that show ecological habitat creation and receptor sites for protected species;
  - f. areas for open space provision and replacement land;
  - g. the location and extent of proposed new hedgerows, highways and ecological fencing and acoustic barriers;
  - h. the location of grassland and woodland planting areas;
  - the location and extent of utilities diversions for overhead powerlines, underground multiutility works, high pressure gas pipelines, those other gas pipelines with a diameter of 800mm or greater and the location of permanent utility facilities or substation.

- 1.1.5 The information shown on the plans is commensurate with the preliminary design status of the Project and the detailed design will be in accordance with the extent of the defined limits of deviation provided and any approval required under the DCO requirements set out in Schedule 2 of the draft Order (Application Document 3.1).
- 1.1.6 The lateral limits of deviation for the works are shown in the Works Plans (Application Document 2.6) and in the Tunnel Limits of Deviation (Application Document 2.15); article 6 of the draft Order establishes the vertical limits of deviation. Further information about the limits of deviation is provided in the Introduction to the Application (Application Document 1.3).
- 1.1.7 Further details on the height of proposed bridges, structures and embankments and the depth of proposed cuttings, together with cross-sections of structures, longitudinal profiles and typical details for specific design features are provided in the Engineering Drawings and Sections (Application Document 2.9) and in the Structures Plans (Application Document 2.13).
- 1.1.8 To ensure sufficient detail and clarity of information, the General Arrangement Plans (sheets 1 to 49) have been prepared at a scale of 1:2500. The key plan uses a smaller scale than that prescribed in Regulation 5(3) of the 2009 Regulations so that the Project can be represented on a single sheet plan.
- 1.1.9 The Applicant has adopted the same approach for the General Arrangement Plans as has been used for the following:
  - a. Land Plans (Application Document 2.2)
  - b. Crown Land Plans (Application Document 2.3)
  - c. Special Category Land Plans (Application Document 2.4)
  - d. Works Plans (Application Document 2.6)
  - e. Rights of Way and Access Plans (Application Document 2.7)
  - f. Streets Subject to Temporary Restrictions of Use Plans (Application Document 2.8)
  - g. Traffic Regulation Measures Plans (Application Document 2.10)
  - h. Drainage Plans (Application Document 2.16)
  - i. Temporary Works Plans (Application Document 2.17)
  - j. Hedgerow And Tree Preservation Order Plans (Application Document 2.18)
- 1.1.10 The information contained on each sheet of the General Arrangement Plans corresponds with the information shown on each sheet of the aforementioned sets. This is intended to help interested parties understand the inter-relationship between the different sets of plans and to help illustrate the design of the Project more clearly.

- 1.1.11 This plan set uses a consistent key applicable to the plan set as a whole, rather than being tailored to each individual sheet. This means that there may be some items shown in the key that are not on a given sheet.
- 1.1.12 The General Arrangement Plans show the Order Limits and the relevant local authority boundaries for clarity. In this plan set, 'the Order Limits' mean the limits of lands to be acquired or used, permanently or temporarily, within which the authorised development may be carried out (see article 2 of the draft Order (Application 3.1)).
- 1.1.13 As this document has been informed by and is part of the application documentation it should be read alongside the other application documents. In particular, the plans should be read alongside Schedule 1 of the draft Order (Application Document 3.1).
- 1.1.14 To ensure that the file size of this document does not exceed the 50MB limit prescribed by the Planning Inspectorate, the set has been split into three volumes: volume A contains the key plan, volume B the initial sheets 1 to 20 and volume C contains the following sheets, 21 to 49.
- 1.1.15 These plans have been updated for Deadline 3 to include the minor amendments as advised by the Examining Authority in Rule 9 [PD-022].
- 1.1.16 These plans have been updated for Deadline 4 to include the proposed changes MRC01, MRC02 and MRC03 following the procedural decision made by the Examining Authority [PD-031].
- 1.1.17 These plans have been updated for Deadline 7 to include the proposed amendment EA07, as detailed in Deadline 5 cover letter [REP5-001], and proposed amendments EA08 and EA10, as explained in the Applicant's Amendment Letter\_([REP6A-023]).
- 1.1.18 These plans have been updated for Deadline 9 to include all agreed proposed changes and amendments throughout Examination.

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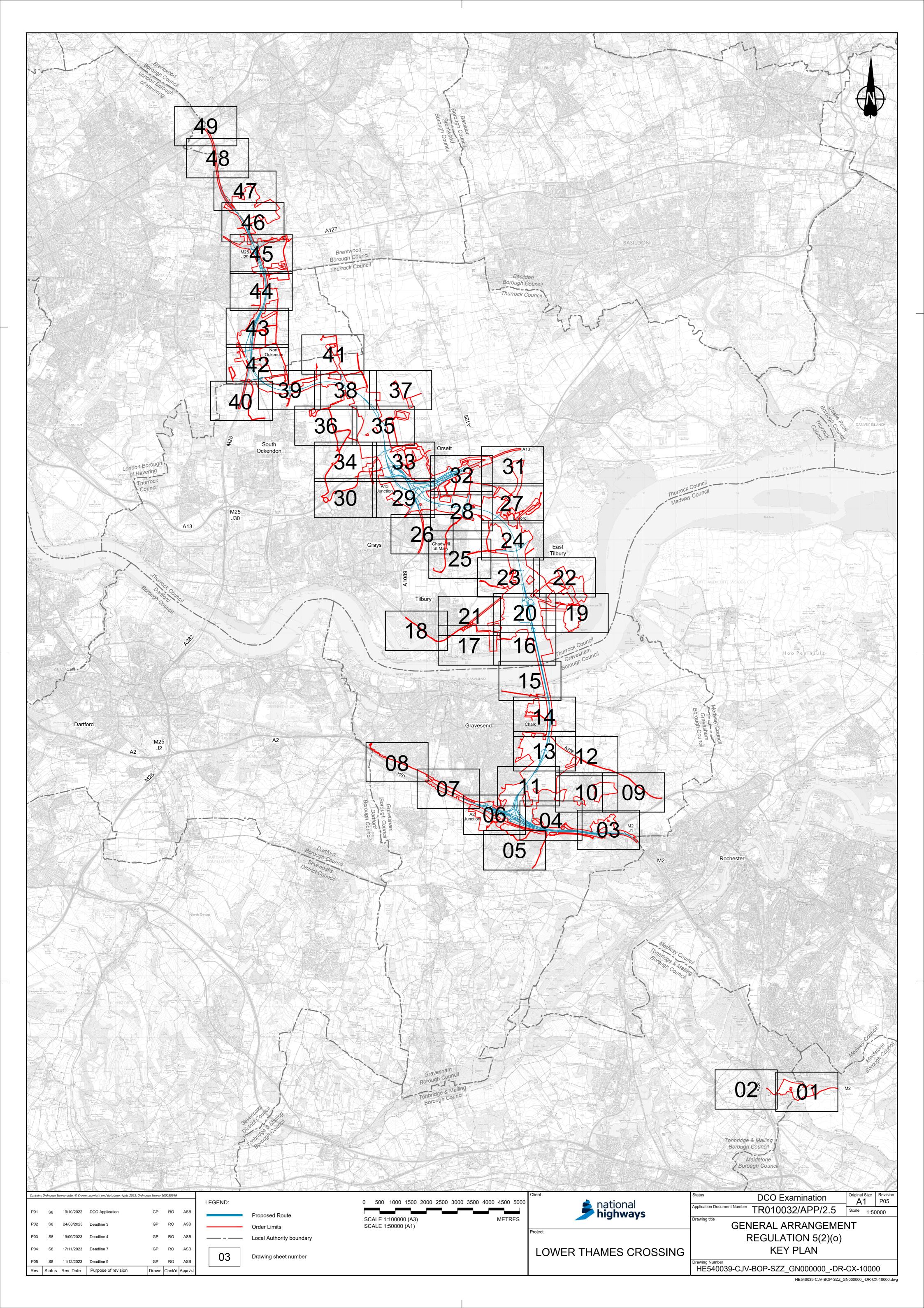
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