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From: **David Bowling**

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To: < transportinfrastructure@dft.gov.uk >

it would appear that whilst you have put the date in march for responses to this new development on this national infrastructure project, the lower thames crossing it is not allowing me to comment any further about this new development my registered interest number is 20035292. whilst i thank you for the update i would like to know how it is that at this late stage of a D.C.O. that all the financial ducks are not as it were in a row. Obviously the amount already spent is eye watering and the number of people whom have had their lives adversely affected is substantial .but i look at the sustainability of the project and the guarantee of some form of completion if and when this was to be picked up by the private sector. Something like a bond that ensures completion if the private funding was to cease. It is quoted as nationally important infrastructure but it would presumably become potentially a shareholder important infrastructure project. money could come from a foreign source and suggestions that this national project could be controlled from abroad in its entirety, again any financial benefit would not go to the local community but to bank accounts of shareholders . what comfort do the rate payers and residents have that many of the promises made by the project will be followed through, as the providers will not be the same . i have concerns that community proejcts and promises may be discontinued if it is possible could you voice my concern to the appropriate decision maker. i also have concerns that you will not have the necessary skills for completion as the timescale will coincide with the governments large scale housebuilding and supportive infrastructure programme. Can i ask if the D.C.O.has sourced enough skilled persons and resources to complete the project in the given time line