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As a resident of Thurrock, along with my family who are also life-long residents of Thurrock. We wish to express our deep concern at the proposed Lower Thames Crossing as a directly impacted party.

We have submitted multiple concerns with Highways England in numerous consultations in 2018, 2020, and 2022 - no response has ever been forthcoming to any of the matters or concerns raised. There is a direct lack of consideration for the impact this will have on residents - especially residents such as our family who are set to lose land/property to make way for the proposed development.

Specific concerns of which I feel are being ignored by Highways England and other stakeholders:

- The several years of construction, which will cause endless issues for local residents.
- The latest DfT figures show it would bring just £3bn benefits, despite a project cost of at least £10bn.
- Private financing is not the solution, as it will be the public who have to foot the bill for the additional roads and road widenings needed to make LTC function. Not forgetting any private financing will result in higher toll fees.
- The impact on the established businesses located at our family's land that use the site which are likely to result in job losses and more likely, business extinguishment. To date we have had no guarantee that they can continue to trade onsite post scheme or any offers from HE to mitigate the impact with transferring the businesses offsite. HE have failed to engage in any meaningful way, resulting in untold emotional and financial burden this will almost certainly get worse if the project gets the go ahead. Destroying the lives of many local residents. Not forgetting that livestock will have to be relocated, and there are no suitable similar parcels of land nearby within a suitable driving distance which will make this almost impossible

I ask you to look for more beneficial and less detrimentally impactful ways to boost the economy. An improved public transport crossing, or improved rail freight crossing would be far less costly, more beneficial, and have significantly less environmental concerns. Plus it would most likely be far more beneficial to residents.

Sincerely,

Susan Beiko-Cowlbeck

