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Dear Sirs,

DCO Scheme - Lower Thames Crossing Response to National Highways letter dated 30 January 2025

As a registered interested party with a continuing interest in the progress of the above project, I refer you to my last emailed letter dated 30 January 2025 sent to Mr Bartkowiak (further copy attached).

My letter referred to Paragraph 2.16 of the 7.5 Design Principles Consultation Letter and to issues relating to the land required for the project. My letter expressed concern that the SOST should avoid making a premature decision without having full information and knowledge about the likely consequences of the project proceeding at this time.

The National Highways letter dated 30 January coincides with members of the LTC stating there is a target of achieving a 70% reduction in its construction carbon emissions, up from the 50% reduction pledged in its DCO application. This statement appears to be made on the back of commitments made by the project's delivery partners and suppliers.

However, whist the ambitions are most impressive, what proposals are made for the removal of diesel vehicles from the roads and their replacement with electrical vehicles within a short time frame, particularly lorries that will be using the LTC. There are also issues connected to the design of the footbridge.

Under the circumstances, I would please request those who are involved to provide all interested parties and stake holders with answers to some of these central questions that need to be addressed.

Yours faithfully,

Farrukh Khan-Sherwani