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Subject: Lower Thames Crossing

As required I am resending this message to provide my full personal details below.

Following your announcement of the further delay to 2025 in the decision regarding approval of the proposed new Thames Crossing may I respectfully suggest that this is the opportunity to recognise that this is an inappropriate development proposal that will introduce further transport and environmental problems in already very busy areas of south Essex and Kent.

Many residents and organisations have recognised and reported from the very start that the chosen location of this major development is misplaced. Whilst the need for further capacity in crossing the river may be important it should be in the correct location, not here. The proposed placement of this development has vast implications for the local area, residents and businesses but also, through its negative impact on traffic flows, for business users in other areas. This is particularly relevant to port traffic where the location will draw large volumes of traffic onto the A13 in Essex close to the Tilbury and London Gateway ports whose users will receive little or no benefit from this development (they tend not to cross the river) but will suffer from the resultant increased congestion on an already very busy route where the increased traffic will also face route restrictions as compared to the current usage. During rush hour this will become even more intense with large volumes of traffic passing through for their access to and from businesses in the west and north.

This is only one example of the potential negative impacts which have already been thoroughly reported through consultation processes.

From an early stage representations were made for the alternative location in the Canvey Island area to be used as a more user friendly and less problematic solution to the Thames Crossing problem as this would provide better access for the large volumes of traffic coming from the north of the area and heading for Dover, Eurostar etc. without causing such congestion problems.

I am putting forward nothing that has not been previously but it would be appropriate if your intended review of this project gives more serious consideration to this matter and avoids the mayhem that could otherwise ensue despite the enormous cost of the existing proposal.

Thank you

Regards

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