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To: HAIGH, Louise <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Lower Thames Crossing - support

Dear Louise Haigh

I am contacting you as SoS for Transport.
I note you have recognised a gap in funding for many proposed government infrastructure projects.

I am writing for implore you to consider carefully the point at which to bring in any delay to projects.

I know you have a decision to make about Lower Thames Crossing. An incredibly huge amount of public money has been spent over many years to reach this critical point. If consent is not given now, a huge amount of money will have been wasted. To start the DCO process again in the future will incur a huge amount of money and re survey and re assessment.

In addition to this, please consider that a delay to commencing this project will also result in a huge waste of public money already spent. The contractors are lined up, money has already been spent on so many aspects of compensation for the scheme and getting things ready to go.

Please also consider how important it is, what a weak point the Dartford Crossing is in the import and export of goods from the UK, economic growth and the rest of the case for this scheme.

I'm an environmentalist, and I don't promote development lightly. But knowing what a huge amount has already been invested in this scheme it would break me to think all that public money will have been for nothing and go to waste. So much work would have to be repeated, so much cost to un do what has already started. I absolutely support investing in rail too and believe it's the future. but with cancellation of HS2 i wonder if the country really is ready to support these key projects.

Thank you for listening. I am aware this isn't an email which you are required to respond to and so I don't expect one.

Best wishes

Jane

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