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I thank you for your response and the escalation of my proposal. I am amused by the idea that it is a 'late' representation but at least it will now be in the public domain and available for the Select Committee inquiry which is inevitable, whether or not the LTC is ever built.

In the latter part of my working life I made many visits to the EC and Parliament in Brussels (and Strasburg) and to Lisbon on maritime safety matters, was the IACS permanent representative at the ILO (re MLC 2006) and also attended the IMO. I also led the response to IACS being raided by the EU Competition authorities; it took us two years to get them off the hook they had put themselves on without any findings against us. However, this has been one of the harder struggles to get something into the system!

regards and good luck for the new year

Colin Wright

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Sent: Monday, December 23rd 2024, 12:05
Subject: The reply to your correspondence, ref TO-00027768 is attached
Dear Colin Wright,

Please find attached the response to your recent correspondence to the Department for Transport.

Thank you,

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Colin Wright

20 December 2024

Dear Colin Wright,

Thank you for your correspondence of the 21 November regarding the Lower Thames Crossing (LTC). We acknowledge receipt of your earlier correspondence on this matter and can confirm that it was directed to the Roads and Project Infrastructure Delivery Directorate for consideration. The Secretary of State for Transport receives a large amount of correspondence, and I hope you will appreciate that it is not possible for them to personally review or reply to each one individually.

As stated in our earlier responses, the Department and National Highways have been through a lengthy selection process to identify and assess potential locations for LTC. The proposed route was considered the best balance between meeting the scheme objectives and impacting the environment and local communities.

The total amount spent on the planning process for LTC is £295.1 million, covering the period from April 2017 to December 2023. This includes the development of LTC's first Development Consent Order (DCO) application through to the end of the examination period.

As you are aware, the application from National Highways for a DCO for the LTC is a live planning application currently with the Department for a decision.

A report and recommendation were submitted by the Examining Authority to the Department on 20 March 2024. Following a Written Ministerial Statement issued on 7 October 2024, the deadline for a decision on this application has been extended to 23 May 2025. This is to allow more time for the application to be considered further, including any decisions made as part of the spending review. All information and updates on this application can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website here: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/TR010032>

Your email, and previous correspondence, will be treated as a late representation and full consideration will be given to it before a final decision is made. It will be published along with your name on the Planning Inspectorate's website when the decision is issued. This is to comply with our legal obligations under the Planning Act 2008. We would also draw your attention on how the Department will process your correspondence which is set out in the Department's Personal Information Charter here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport/about/personal-information-charter>

Given this planning application will be determined by the Department, it would not be appropriate to comment further on elements of a live application.

Thank you for your continued engagement with this matter. We hope that you will find this reply helpful.

Yours sincerely,

The Roads and Project Infrastructure Delivery Directorate