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Dear Colleague,

Please find attached correspondence that does not fall within the remit of HM Treasury.

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Yours faithfully,

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From: Julia Lopez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 07 February 2025 10:19
To: Enquiries, CEU - HMT
Subject: (Case Ref: JL29970)

Dear team,

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Further to the Chancellor's announcement about the Lower Thames Crossing, Julia's constituent, Ms. Preston-Low, has asked us to pass on the below comments from the Lower Thames Crossing Action Group.

Therefore, may I take the opportunity again to draw attention to the 'blight of the project' as I anticipate the Chancellor's imminent funding announcement.

This proposal, 'The Lower Thames Crossing' is overwhelmingly flawed because of its negative impact on the environment and surrounding communities which I outlined in my previous email..

In allegiance with the Lower Thames Crossing Action Group, I also support their concerns as follows:

- *LTC will cause 7 years of construction misery and costs*
- *Will only provide 5 years of relief at Dartford (when it opens in 2032 or later)*
- *It will cost at least £10bn*
- *Latest DfT figures shows it would only bring £3bn of benefits - a huge drain on the economy*
- *If private finance is used, tolls at Dartford and LTC are likely to be higher as a result*
- *Even with private finance, the public will still have to pay for all the additional roads and road widenings (Blue Bell Hill, Orsett Cock, Tilbury Link Road etc) needed to make the LTC function (that National Highways stripped out of the original application)*
- *A public transport crossing and investment in rail freight would bring better benefits at lower cost*

We would be grateful for your comments on these issues which can be passed on to the constituent.

Best wishes,

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