

National Infrastructure  
The Planning Inspectorate

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**Your ref:** Lower Thames Crossing

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Dear The Planning Inspectorate

**An application for two non-material changes to the made Lower Thames Crossing Order 2025, as follows:**

1. an application to modify the wording of a mitigation commitment in the DCO relating to a 60mph speed limit in the westbound direction between junctions 26 and 27 of the M25, which was imposed by the SoS to ensure that there is no Adverse Effect on Integrity on Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation (SAC) as a consequence of traffic emissions leading to increases in nitrogen deposition, NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub>, and to implement air quality monitoring in this location.
2. an application to modify article 65 of the DCO, to change the timing associated with reaching agreement over the quantum of an enhancement fund for Kent Downs National Landscape (KDNL) Unit, and to allow for a payment schedule to be agreed.

### **Lower Thames Crossing**

Thank you for consulting us on the above non-material changes to the made Lower Thames Crossing Order 2025 which we received on 18 September 2025.

We have reviewed the submitted information and respond as follows:

#### **Environment Agency position**

We have **no objection** to the above proposed non-material changes to the made Lower Thames Crossing Order 2025. This is because the proposed changes do not affect our functions or remit.

We hope you find our response useful. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

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**Planning Specialist**

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