



**Kent Downs
National
Landscape**

Interested party Ref no: 20035310

LOWER THAMES CROSSING

A122 (LOWER THAMES CROSSING) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 2025

RESPONSE TO NATIONAL HIGHWAY'S APPLICATION FOR A NON-MATERIAL CHANGE (NMC-2)

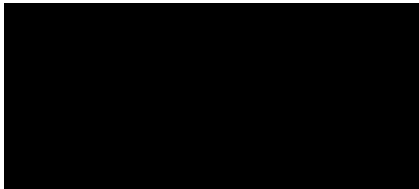
Emailed to : Lowerthamescrossing@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Thank you for your email of 18/09/2025, inviting comments on the request for a non-material change by National Highways to the above DCO.

The application seeks a modification of the wording of Article 65 of the made DCO, to amend the timing of the requirement for reaching agreement on the required financial contribution from prior to commencement of the Project to commencement of works south of the River Thames. This effectively means that the trigger for agreeing the financial contribution is therefore extended.

The KDNL team has been working positively with National Highways to try and reach agreement on the requirements of Article 65 of the DCO. Progress is being made and current indications are that agreement will be reached soon.

Therefore, in the interests of cooperativeness and not wishing to contribute to any unnecessary delay in the commencement of the Project, which National Highways advises is the case if the amendment is not approved, the Kent Downs National Landscape team does not raise an objection to the proposed amendment for agreement to be reached prior to the start of works south of the River Thames. It is understood that this is anticipated to be March/April next year and it is our expectation that an agreement will be reached before then.



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