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Submitted to **Lower Thames Crossing Statutory Consultation**

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1. The need for the Lower Thames Crossing

Q1a. Do you agree or disagree that the Lower Thames Crossing is needed?

Strongly agree

Q1b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q1a and any other views you have on the case for the Lower Thames Crossing.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q1a and any other views you have on the case for the Lower Thames Crossing.:

We believe the new Lower Thames Crossing will generate significant economic benefits, delivering new homes and jobs and increased productivity. Early analysis undertaken by KPMG in 2010 for Essex County Council suggests that the Lower Thames Crossing could contribute £12.7 billion to the local economy.

The crossing will ease congestion at the existing Dartford Crossing, reduce journey times and provide network resilience on the strategic road network (SRN) between the East, Midlands and North of England and mainland Europe.

2. Our preferred route for the Lower Thames Crossing

Q2a. Do you support or oppose our selection of the preferred route for the Lower Thames Crossing?

Support

Q2b. Do you support or oppose the changes we have made to the route since our preferred route announcement in 2017?

Neutral

Q2c. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q2a-Q2b and any other views you have on our selection of a preferred route for the Lower Thames Crossing.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q2a-Q2b and any other views you have on the selection of a preferred route for the Lower Thames Crossing.:

Transport East supports proposed scheme as it generally balances Highway's England's objectives of delivering value for money, moving traffic effectively and reducing the impact on local communities and the environment: however, Transport East is aware that there is local concern about the design of specific junctions where alternative options might provide more opportunity to support local economic growth. Transport East requests that Highways England works with local highways and planning authorities to establish if they can address these local concerns.

3. Sections of the route

Q3a. Do you support or oppose the proposed route south of the river?

Neutral

Q3b. Please give us your comments or any other views you have on the proposed route south of the river, including structures such as bridges, embankments and viaducts.

Please provide the reasons for your response:

no comment

3.1 Sections of the route: The crossing

Q3c. Please give us your comments on the tunnel, the north and the south tunnel entrances and any other feedback you have on this part of the proposed route.

Please provide the reasons for your response:

no comment

3.2 Sections of the route: North of the river in Thurrock, Essex and Havering

Q3d. Do you support or oppose the proposed route north of the crossing?

Support

Q3e. Please give us your comments or any other views you have on the proposed route north of the river, including structures such as bridges, embankments and viaducts.

Please provide the reasons for your response:

While generally supportive of the route north of the river and the provision of junctions at Tilbury, with the A13, and with the M25, Transport East is aware that there is local concern about the design of these junctions as currently proposed and alternative options might provide more opportunity to support local economic growth. Transport East requests that Highways England re-examine their proposals to establish if they can address the local concerns.

4. Connections

Q4a. Do you support or oppose the proposed junction between the Lower Thames Crossing and the M2/A2?

Neutral

Q4b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q4a and any other views you have on the relationship between the Lower Thames Crossing and the existing road network south of the crossing, including new bridges, underpasses and diversions.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q4a and any other views you have on the proposed connections to the section of the route south of the Lower Thames Crossing.:

no comment

4.1 Connections: North of the crossing

Q4c. Do you support or oppose the proposed Tilbury junction?

Support

Q4d. Do you support or oppose the proposed junction between the Lower Thames Crossing and the A13/A1089?

Support

4e. Do you support or oppose the proposed junction between the Lower Thames Crossing and the M25?

Support

Q4f. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q4c-Q4e, indicating which junction or junctions you are referring to, and any other comments you have on the proposed connections of the route north of the crossing.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q4c-Q4e, indicating which junction or junctions you are referring to, and any other comments you have on the proposed connections of the route north of the crossing.:

4c - Transport East supports the provision of a junction at Tilbury to provide growth opportunities in the local area; however, Transport East is aware that there is local concern about the design of the junction as currently proposed and alternative options might provide more opportunity to support local economic growth. Transport East requests that Highways England re-examine their proposals to establish if they can address the local concerns.

4d - Transport East supports the provision of a junction between the Lower Thames Crossing and the A13/A1089 to provide port access and support growth opportunities in the local area; however, Transport East is aware that there is local concern about the design of the junction as currently proposed and alternative options might provide more opportunity to support local economic growth. Transport East requests that Highways England re-examine their proposals to establish if they can address the local concerns.

4e - While generally supportive of the provision of junctions at Tilbury, with the A13, and with the M25, Transport East is aware that there is local concern about the design of these junctions as currently proposed and alternative options might provide more opportunity to support local economic growth. Transport East requests that Highways England re-examine their proposals to establish if they can address the local concerns.

5. Walkers, cyclists and horse riders

Q5a. Do you support or oppose our proposals in relation to public rights of way?

Neutral

Q5b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q5a and any other views you have on our plans in relation to public rights of way, including the new routes we have proposed.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q5a and any other views you have on the proposal affecting public rights of way.:

no comment

6. Environmental impacts and how we plan to reduce them

Q6a. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed measures to reduce the impacts of the project?

Neutral

Q6b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q6a and any other views you have on the environmental impacts of the Lower Thames Crossing as set out in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, including our approach to assessing and reducing the impacts of the project.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q6a and any other views you have on the Lower Thames Crossing's environmental impacts and any other views you have on our PEIR, including our approach to assessing and reducing impacts.:

no comment

7. Development Boundary

Q7a. Do you support or oppose the proposed area of land we require to build the Lower Thames Crossing?

Neutral

Q7b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q7a and any other views you have on the land we require to build the Lower Thames Crossing.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q7a and any other views you have on the development boundary for the Lower Thames Crossing.:

no comment

8. Proposed rest and service area, and maintenance depot

Q8a. Do you support or oppose our proposals for a rest and service area in this location?

Neutral

Q8b. Do you support or oppose our proposals for the maintenance depot in this location?

Neutral

Q8c. Please let us know the reasons for your responses to Q8a and Q8b, and any other views you have on our proposals for a rest and service area, and for the maintenance depot.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q8a and any other views you have on our plans for a rest and service area.:

no comment

9. Traffic

Q9a. Do you agree or disagree with the view that the Lower Thames Crossing would improve traffic conditions on the surrounding road network?

Neutral

Q9b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q9a and any other views you have on the Lower Thames Crossing's impact on traffic.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q9a and any other views you have on our traffic assessments and the proposed traffic management measures for the Lower Thames Crossing.:

As well as local modelling to fully understand the impacts on the local network, Transport East would wish to understand how the Lower Thames Crossing will impact traffic flows across the East of England, including but not limited to, the A127, A13, A130, A12 and M11.

It is essential that the designs adequately and safely accommodate forecast demands and that the forecasts cover not only forecast traffic flows but also environmental impact, including Air Quality, Noise and Vibration.

Reference is made to optimising road networks using the increased capacity and additional north/south route choice. Transport East would wish to ensure that Information is provided to road users to enable informed route choice; for example to A12 traffic prior to joining the M25.

10. Charges for using the crossing

Please give us your views on our proposed approach to charging users of the crossing.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q10a and Q10b and any other views you have on the plans to apply a user charge to the proposed crossing.:

Proposed charges for use of the crossing should be set at a level with respect to charges at the current Dartford Crossing and crossings to the east such as the Silvertown Tunnel so as not to have unintended influences over route choice.

11. Building Lower Thames Crossing

Q11a. Do you support or oppose our initial plans for how to build the Lower Thames Crossing?

Neutral

Q11b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q11a and any other views you have on our initial plans on how to build the Lower Thames Crossing.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q11a and any other views you have on the plans to build the Lower Thames Crossing.:

Wherever possible construction should minimise disruption to the current strategic and local road network. The construction programme should consider major works elsewhere in the highway network, and parallel rail networks, and other major civil engineering projects such as Sizewell C and Bradwell B, to ensure that access from and to the East of England is not detrimentally affected.

12. Utilities and pylons

Please let us know any views you have on the proposed changes to utilities infrastructure.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q12a and any other views you have on the proposed changes to utilities infrastructure.:

no comment

13. Other comments

We would like to know what is important to you. Please let us know if you have any other comments about the Lower Thames Crossing.

Please let us know if you have any other comments about our project.:

We are keen to ensure the project is resilient to future changes in the way in which people choose to travel as well as changing technologies including electric and connected and autonomous vehicles. We assume the new crossing will have robust digital connectivity to allow for the current and future needs of business to be met while on the move.

14. The consultation

Please let us know what you think about the quality of our consultation materials, our events, the way in which we have notified people about our plans, and anything else related to this consultation.

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Good

Please let us know what you think about the quality of our consultation materials, our events, the way in which we have notified people about our plans, and anything else related to this consultation. - Q14b. Events – were the events of good quality?:

Very Good

Please let us know what you think about the quality of our consultation materials, our events, the way in which we have notified people about our plans, and anything else related to this consultation. - Q14c. Events – were the events suitably located?:

Very Good

Please let us know what you think about the quality of our consultation materials, our events, the way in which we have notified people about our plans, and anything else related to this consultation. - Q14d. Promotion – was the consultation promoted well and to the right people?:

Very Good

Q14e. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q14a-Q14d and any other views you have on the delivery of this consultation.

Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q13a-Q13c and any other views you have on the delivery of this consultation.:

We have been happy with the level of engagement that has occurred across the east of England. Highway's England have attended several events locally including county level Chambers of Commerce, LEP Boards and Transport East

Identification questions

1. Name:

Name::

Alastair Southgate

2. Address:

Address:

Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford

Postcode

(Providing a postcode will help us to understand where interest in the project is highest and where there are differences of opinion in relation to our proposals.):

CM1 1HQ

3. Email address

(If you provide an email address we may use it to contact you to let you know about important developments in our proposals):

alastair.southgate@essex.gov.uk

4. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, business or campaign group, please answer question 4.(This helps us to understand whether respondents can be categorised as 'prescribed consultees', as defined by the Planning Act 2008.)

Name of organisation::

Transport East

Type of organisation, business or campaign group::

Other (please state)

Other (please state):

Submitted on behalf of Transport East, the emergent Sub-national Transport Body covering the east of England (Essex, Norfolk, Southend-on-Sea and Suffolk). This submission was formally approved by the Transport East Forum on 17th Dec 2018.

5. Do you own land or hold any interests or rights, such as private rights of way or sporting rights, covered by our proposal?

No

If you have ticked yes, have you received a 'Section 42' letter to notify you of the consultation?

Not Answered

6. If you use the transport network in the area that may be affected by the Lower Thames Crossing, please tell us how you do so by ticking one or more of the following boxes:

Other (please state):

7. Please let us know how you heard about this consultation:

Other (please state)

Other (please state):

ongoing engagement with Highways England