

Transport East Forum

Date: 17th December 2018
Item: 6
Subject: Lower Thames Crossing consultation response
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Purpose

This paper sets out a proposed response to Highways England's Lower Thames Crossing consultation. The consultation is open until 20 Dec 2018.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- Transport East considers the draft response to Highways England's Lower Thames Crossing consultation attached at Appendix A.
 - The submission on behalf of Transport East of the response attached at Appendix A (with agreed amendments) is approved.
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1. Lower Thames Crossing Consultation Response

- 1.1 The Lower Thames Crossing is a proposed new motorway connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. On the north side of the Thames it will link to the A13 and junction 29 of the M25 and on the south side the new road will link to the A2 and M2 in Kent. It will provide much needed new road capacity across the river east of London and will provide quicker and more reliable journeys locally, regionally and nationally.
- 1.2 Following a presentation made by Highways England to Transport East at the meeting of the Forum on 14 September 2018 it was agreed that Transport East would submit a response to the current Lower Thames Crossing consultation.
- 1.3 At the forum meeting on 14 September 2018 members of the Transport East Forum were supportive of the Lower Thames Crossing proposal.
- 1.4 A draft consultation response for discussion and comment is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.5 The consultation was launched on 10 October 2018 and closes on 20 December 2018. <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation/>

