

Lower Thames Crossing TR010032

Submission on Applicant's Proposed Accompanied Site Inspection Itinerary

Thames Crossing Action Group
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Introduction

1. Thames Crossing Action Group are a community action group representing thousands of people from all areas opposed to the proposed Lower Thames Crossing (LTC).

Comments

2. Having viewed the Applicant's Proposed Accompanied Site Inspection Itinerary (PDB-001)¹ we wish to comment that we feel it would be beneficial for there to also be provision for those north of the river to be able to join without needing to travel to Ebbsfleet International train station, particularly for the inspections north of the river.

3. We would suggest additional potential pick up points of CycloPark or Cascades to the south of the river, and/or Lakeside or the LTC Compound north of the river.

4. Additional pick up points for the accompanied site inspections would make them more accessible and affordable (both financially and in time) for those who may wish to request to join the visits. It would also reduce vehicle movements, and associated congestion and pollution.

5. We would also like to see the addition of a site inspection of The Wilderness in South Ockendon, as we feel it important for the Examining Authority (ExA) to visit this important privately owned ancient/long established woodland.

6. This is important not only because of it being a special woodland and also having historic importance as part of the estate once owned by Sir Richard Saltonstall, but also because the Applicant (National Highways) are proposing avoiding a nearby landfill with the proposed route and instead destroying this special woodland.

¹ [https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010032/TR010032-002194-National%20Highways%20-%20Applicant%E2%80%99s%20proposed%20Accompanied%20Site%20Inspection%20\(ASI\)%20itinerary.pdf](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010032/TR010032-002194-National%20Highways%20-%20Applicant%E2%80%99s%20proposed%20Accompanied%20Site%20Inspection%20(ASI)%20itinerary.pdf)