#### **Lower Thames Crossing TR010032**

# Further written submission on examination procedure

Thames Crossing Action Group Unique Reference: 20035660

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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).
- 2. Further to our comments in our Procedural Deadline B representation (PDB-025)<sup>1</sup> we would appreciate your consideration of the following extra comments please.

# Comments

- 3. It has become apparent in the LTC Minor Refinement Consultation that applicant, National Highways have made at least one change that we now know of to the LTC DCO application, without notification or further consultation.
- 4. There was an addition to the Order Limits following the Local Refinement Consultation and before the LTC DCO application was submitted.
- 5. There was no consultation or notification of this addition, as confirmed in the final paragraph on page 6 of the LTC Minor Refinement Consultation Booklet<sup>2</sup> (pdf page 10/43).
- 6. We are now left wondering and having little, if any, confidence in what else the applicant, National Highways, may or may not have changed in the DCO application without notification or consultation.
- 7. We would stress that this adds to our level of concern about the time we all have to review and prepare representations on for the examination if it goes ahead

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as proposed in the draft examination timetable, with such a complex and voluminous application.

### Note

**8.** We appreciate that links should be purely to official DCO documents, but as this relates to the LTC Minor Refinement Consultation it is not yet within the DCO documentation as the applicant, National Highways, has not submitted the changes to the ExA. We hope this will be deemed acceptable to reference.