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## Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

### Subject:

Lower Thames Crossing Pre- Examination Representation

The Lower Thames Crossing proposes a new road crossing connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex. This would be the longest road tunnel in the UK, stretching 2.6 miles. The route would include 14.3 miles of new road connecting the M2/A2, A13 and M25.

As a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, a Development Consent Order (DCO) has been submitted and is at pre-examination stage. At this stage, the DCO process allows for anyone to register as an interested party by submitting a written representation on their views.

### Details of Decision taken

To agree the wording and send the proposed response for the Lower Thames Crossing Pre- Examination Representation.

### Reason for Decision

To ensure that the Council's views are expressed which would then help to inform the Planning Inspectorate in their initial assessment of principal issues for examination.

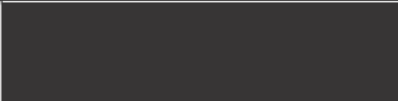
### All Documents considered:

The DCO application online information

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/lower-thames-crossing/what-is-the-lower-thames-crossing/guide-to-our-dco-application/>

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<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:</b>	
The Council could not have responded to the consultation.	
<b>Financial implications</b>	
There are no financial implications.	
<b>Legal Implications and Risk Assessment</b>	
There are no legal implications.	
Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and Chief Officer/Head of Service Consulted	
NA	
Details of any conflicts of interest	
a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker	
None	
b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict	
None	
Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holder for Development and Conservation
Signed by Portfolio Holder	
Date of Decision	23 February 2023

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Record made by:	Philip Magee
Date of record:	23 February 2023