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**By Email only**

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Adequacy of Consultation Representation in relation to the Lower Thames Crossing project**

Thank you for requesting an Adequacy of Consultation Representation (AoCR) from Medway Council in relation to the Lower Thames Crossing (LTC) project.

Please accept this letter as an AoCR on behalf of Medway Council.

Having reviewed the application version of the Consultation Report, Medway Council considers that the applicant has complied with the following duties:

- Duty to consult – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – s42
- Duty to consult the local community – PA2008 – s47
- Duty to publicise – PA2008 – s48

The delivery of the pre-application consultation appears to have been carried out in accordance with the Statement of Community Consultation. The Consultation Report provides evidence of the ways in which compliance has been demonstrated.

However, the terms of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) have presented challenges, specifically in communicating impacts derived from the Lower Thames Area Model with Members. The project team considered that this would have put confidential information in the public domain. The project team subsequently disapplied the NDA. This matter has been included in a Statement of Common Ground.

In addition, as part of the 2021 'Community Impacts Consultation', local information was published on the potential adverse impacts for wards within the Order Limits and for other wards immediately north and south of the Dartford Crossing. This information was not provided for Medway, despite potential adverse impacts shown in the wider consultation documents, and this limited the ability to respond to the consultation. In a Statement of Common Ground, the project team have agreed to include four Medway wards in their Community Impact Report.



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Medway Council requested that local deposit locations and information points were made available during the 2021 consultation. The project team responded by making Cuxton Library a deposit location and Strood Library an information point.

I note that a decision whether or not to accept the application for Examination will be made by 28 November 2022.

Yours faithfully



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