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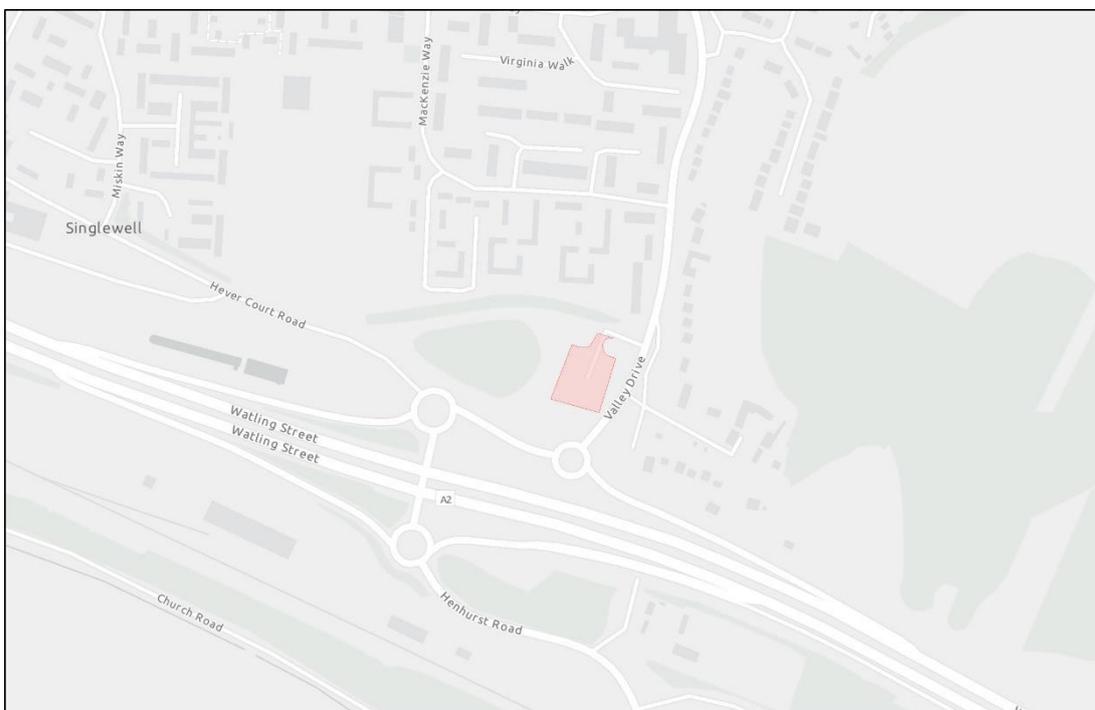
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Dear Local Resident

### **Lower Thames Crossing: securing Marling Cross site compound in early April**

We are writing to let you know about a compound we are setting up in the next few weeks in Marling Cross opposite Nell's Café. The compound is part of our work to develop plans for the Lower Thames Crossing. We are working closely with Gravesham Borough Council to discuss the planning requirements.



We will start putting up fences at this location from early April. These will be 2 metres high and cover the entire boundary of the site. We expect to complete the fencing by the end of April.

This compound will be used by our ground investigation engineers and survey teams who will study the ground conditions in the area. These are preparatory activities to help us better understand the geology of the area and will be vital in reducing our impact on the environment and wildlife around your area.

Knowing the ground conditions is also critical to developing our design for structures and construction methods – including the type of machine we will need to bore the tunnels. We will only start constructing the Lower Thames Crossing if we have received permission from the Government to build the scheme.

After the fencing is set up we will ensure suitable security measures are in place such as CCTV and/or 24/7 security. We anticipate the site being fully operational in the summer when it will be used for storing equipment, temporary offices, welfare facilities and parking for staff.

In addition, there is a smaller, satellite compound at Queen's Farm Road located to the north east of the Marling Cross site that will be temporarily used for similar purposes.

If you have any questions or concerns about these preparatory works, please contact the Highways England Customer Contact Centre by calling 0300 123 5000 or email [info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk](mailto:info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk).

To find out more about the Lower Thames Crossing visit: [lowerthamescrossing.co.uk](http://lowerthamescrossing.co.uk)

Regards,

Kind regards



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## **What will we use it for?**

It will be used as a base for our staff members who will carry out surveys, ground investigations along the proposed route of the Lower Thames Crossing. We will be using the site for storing equipment, temporary offices, welfare facilities and parking for staff.

It will be a small logistics facility with security measures to store equipment needed for ground investigations.

Initially, it will be powered by a super silent generator while we put a permanent power supply in place. We will have lights on the compound however these will be turned off at night.

There will be no construction activity on this site.

## **What's happening now?**

We are setting up perimeter fencing around the entire site to secure it from early April. We may start setting up the staff compound from the end of April.

You will see some HGVs carrying the materials for set up in the next few weeks. Once the fence is set up, we will put security in place to keep the site secure.

## **What happens next?**

From late April we will start setting up the compound for use by our staff who will work on investigating the ground conditions in the area. We will be touch again to give you an update before we begin our programme of investigations.

Initially during the first few days of the set-up, there may be 5-10 lorries bringing the units to build the facilities.

## **Will it impact traffic in the area?**

No, there will be no traffic impact.

## **What will the hours of work for the site be (when operational)?**

- Weekdays: 7am – 5pm
- Saturdays: 8am – 4pm