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Good Morning

Shortly before opening the Inquiry to hear evidence in relation to the application made by the Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company to increase ferry tolls, a consortium of Councils (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, Dorset Council and Swanage Town Council) submitted an alternative toll regime for consideration. The National Trust also submitted its own counter proposal in evidence to Inquiry. The Inspector is content, having regard to the provisions of Section 6(2) of the Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1954, that the documents can be accepted to the Inquiry. In order to ensure that those with an interest in the eventual decision of the Secretary of State have a chance to review the alternatives and any implications of them before giving evidence, the Inspector adjourned the Inquiry to allow for a period of consultation.

Both documents are attached. One is the proposal from the Consortium, the other two documents are the National Trust's proposal (spread sheet plus explanatory note).

Any comments you may have on the suggested alternatives will need to be submitted in writing to the Planning Inspectorate **no later than close of business on 9 December 2020**. It is important that any responses are submitted by that date in order to allow the applicant, the Inspector and others the time to fully assess and understand them before the Inquiry resumes. As the Inspector confirmed at the Inquiry, it is important that any responses are confined to your views on the alternative regime – the adjournment is not an opportunity for you to submit any other evidence.

You should note that the Inquiry will resume at 09.30 on Tuesday 5 January.

Please submit your comments by email to ETC@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Kind Regards

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