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Subject: DPI/G1250/20/9 Bournemouth & Swanage Ferry fees consultation

Good morning

I refer to your email dated 18 November (from Sarah Tudor) advising that objectors to the proposed increase in tolls for the Bournemouth and Swanage Ferry have the opportunity of commenting on the alternative toll proposals submitted by the Bournemouth/Poole/Swanage Councils Consortium (Consortium) and by the National Trust.

My comments are:

Consortium proposal: I OBJECT to their proposal because it fails to offer any benefit whatsoever over and above the limited benefits proposed by the Applicant for local resident car users (their Council Taxpayers) who, as stated in my "Objection" already submitted (11 October 2020) deserve more favourable treatment, for the reasons given therein. I wish to point out that in order to obtain the maximum 30% discount by purchasing a book of 50 tickets, local resident car users will have to pay £170, rising to £230, IN ADVANCE of using the ferry. This is a cost which many will be unable to afford at all or, if they do find the money, they will only be able to do so by credit card purchase incurring likely interest charges, which will significantly reduce any benefit from a cheaper ferry crossing cost.

The National Trust proposal: I believe that the Trust has presented a well-argued case and I support their proposal.

Regards – John South