

# Lower Thames Crossing Response form

## Project's impacts and mitigation

...ion materials, the origin of the impacts of the project, such as construction, as well as the proposed mitigation measures to address impacts. To respond to the information, please refer to the Development Consent Order Impacts Register, the Construction updates, Operations updates and Ward-level updates in the Consultation guide for further details.

1. Do you support or oppose how we plan to build the Lower Thames Crossing?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support	<input type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
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Q1b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q1a and any other comments you have on how we plan to build the Lower Thames Crossing, including the impacts of building the project. If your comment relates to a particular document, specific ward or location, please refer to it in your response.



## Introduction

In July 2020, we carried out a non-statutory design refinement consultation on our proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing, which would connect Kent, Thurrock, Havering and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. The design refinement consultation sought views on changes to our proposals presented during our supplementary consultation held earlier in January 2020, and updates to the project where further information had become available.

After the design refinement consultation, we submitted our Development Consent Order (DCO) application in October 2020, but subsequently withdrew it based on early feedback from the Planning Inspectorate.

This consultation explains the impacts of the project and how we plan to reduce them, as well as the changes we have made to the project since the design refinement consultation. These have been informed by feedback received from our stakeholders and ongoing design work.

We want to get all aspects of the design, construction and operation of the Lower Thames Crossing right. We are seeking your views to help us shape our proposals further before we submit our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate later this year.

We are asking you a series of questions on the project's impacts and our proposed mitigations, changes since the design refinement consultation, and our summary of how we have listened to and considered feedback on previous consultations. You are welcome to answer all or only some of the questions in this response form, depending on the issues that are most important to you. There is also an opportunity to comment generally on the project and this consultation. We suggest you read all the questions before responding, as this will help you provide feedback in the appropriate parts of the response form.

If you provided feedback during our statutory consultation in 2018, or our supplementary and design refinement consultations in 2020, your comments will be summarised anonymously in our Consultation report. This will include an explanation of how we have considered each point raised by respondents.

The Consultation report will also form part of our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate later this year. If you would like to refer to points made in earlier consultations, please copy them into this response form. Any further feedback we receive during this consultation will also be included and responded to in the Consultation report.

We have produced a set of consultation documents to explain project impacts and proposed mitigation, along with updates to the project and the changes we are proposing.

These include the:

- Guide to community impacts consultation
- Map books
- Operations update
- Construction update
- Ward impact summaries
- You said, we did document
- Response form

We have also produced a selection of draft DCO documents that are available as part of this consultation. These include the:

- Development Consent Order (DCO) schedule 2 & explanatory note
- Outline site waste management plan
- Outline Traffic Management Plan for Construction (OTMPfC)
- Materials handling plan
- Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC)
- Code of Construction Practice (CoCP)
- Design principles
- Wider network impacts – management and monitoring plan
- Outline landscape & ecology management plan
- Framework travel plan

All the documents listed above are available on the community impacts consultation website: [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/ltcconsultation](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/ltcconsultation)

Full details of how you can respond to this community impacts consultation can be found on the back of this form.

**Please submit your response by 23.59 on 8 September 2021.**

Any responses sent after this point may not be included in our analysis.

## Data privacy notice

We are committed to protecting your personal information. Whenever you provide such information, we are legally obliged to use it in line with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

### How will Highways England use the information we collect about you?

We will use your personal data collected via this consultation for a number of purposes, including to:

- analyse your feedback to the consultation
- produce a Consultation report, based on our analysis of responses (individuals will not be identified in the report)
- write to you with updates about the results of the consultation and other developments
- keep up-to-date records of our communications with individuals and organisations

Any personal information you include in this form will be handled and used by (or made available to) the following recipients to record, analyse and report on the feedback we receive:

- Highways England
- Traverse (an independent company we are using to analyse feedback to the consultation)
- The Planning Inspectorate (which will consider our application for permission to build the Lower Thames Crossing)
- The Secretary of State for Transport (who will take the decision on our application)
- our legal advisers
- consultants working on the Lower Thames Crossing project

It is also possible that trusted third-party providers, for example construction companies, may later use the contact details provided in your responses to communicate with you about the project.

### What rights do I have over my personal data?

Under the terms of the GDPR, you have certain rights over how your personal data is retained and used by Highways England. For more information, see our full data privacy statement: [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/about-us/privacy-notice](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/about-us/privacy-notice)

# 1. The project's impacts and mitigation

In our consultation materials, we explain the impacts of the project during operation and construction, as well as our proposed mitigation measures to reduce those impacts. To respond to the following questions, please refer to the Construction update, Operations update, Ward impact summaries and our draft Development Consent Order application documents, as well as chapters 'Construction update', 'Operations update' and 'Ward impact summaries' in the Guide to consultation for further details.

## Q1a. Do you support or oppose how we plan to build the Lower Thames Crossing?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know

## Q1b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q1a and any other comments you have on how we plan to build the Lower Thames Crossing, including the impacts of building the project. If your comment relates to a particular document, specific ward or location, please refer to it in your response.

**Q1c.** Do you support or oppose how we propose to mitigate the impacts of building the Lower Thames Crossing?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know

**Q1d.** Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q1c and any other comments you have on how we propose to mitigate the impacts of building the Lower Thames Crossing. If your comment relates to a particular document, specific ward or location, please refer to it in your response.

**Q1e.** Do you support or oppose how we plan to operate the Lower Thames Crossing?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know

**Q1f.** Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q1e and any other comments you have on how we plan to operate the Lower Thames Crossing, including the impacts of operating the project. If your comment relates to a particular document, specific ward or location, please refer to it in your response.

**Q1g.** Do you support or oppose our proposed mitigation for the operational impacts of the Lower Thames Crossing?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know

**Q1h.** Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q1g and any other comments you have on our proposed mitigation for the operational impacts of the Lower Thames Crossing. If your comment relates to a particular document, specific ward or location, please refer to it in your response.

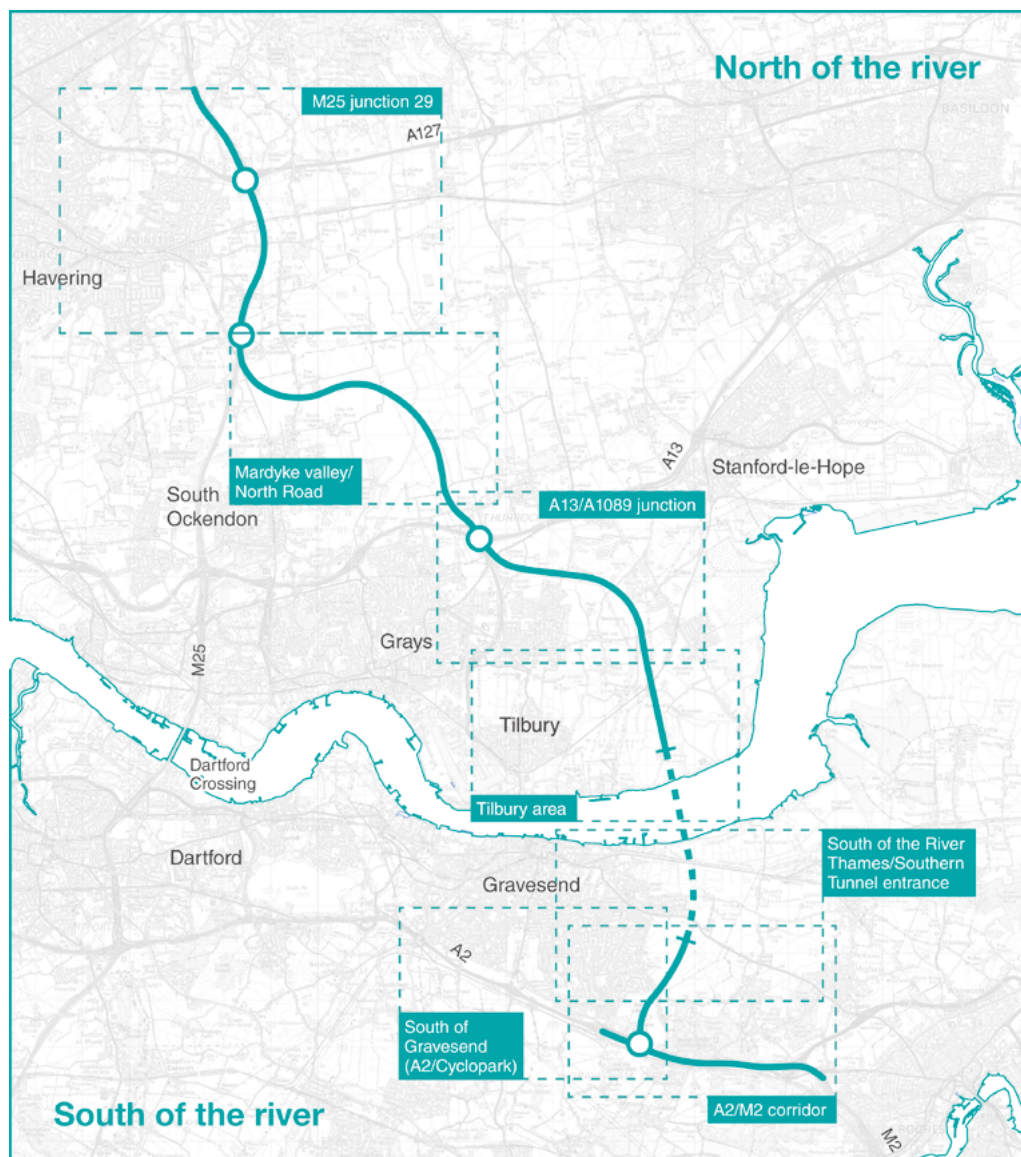


## 2. Changes since the design refinement consultation

We have made some changes to the project since our design refinement consultation last summer. These are as a result of continued engagement with stakeholders, ongoing design work and assessments, and a greater understanding of the technical constraints associated with building and operating the project.

To describe these changes, we have divided our proposed route for the Lower Thames Crossing into seven sections, as shown in the map below. Three sections are shown south of the river in Kent, with four sections to the north of the river in Thurrock and Essex. There have been no changes to the tunnel since our last consultation.

Please refer to the 'Project updates' chapter in the Guide to consultation and Chapter 3 of the Operations update for more details. The proposed route for the Lower Thames Crossing is also presented in the Map books.



## South of the river in Kent

This refers to the section of the proposed route south of the river, including the following sub sections: the A2/M2 corridor, south of Gravesend (A2/Cyclopark), and south of the River Thames/tunnel entrance.

Please refer to the 'Project updates' chapter in the Guide to consultation and Chapter 3 of the Operations update for more details.

### Q2a. Do you support or oppose the proposed changes south of the river?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know

### Q2b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q2a and any other comments you have on the proposed changes south of the river.

## North of the river in Thurrock, Havering and Essex

This refers to the section of the proposed route north of the river, including the following sub sections: the Tilbury area, A13/A1089 junction, Mardyke Valley/North Road, and junction 29 of the M25.

Please refer to the 'Project updates' chapter of the Guide to consultation and Chapter 3 of the Operations update for more details.

### Q2c. Do you support or oppose the proposed changes north of the river?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know

### Q2d. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q2c and any other comments you have on the proposed changes north of the river.

## Order Limits

Some of the changes that we are now proposing mean that the area of land that would be needed to build and operate the Lower Thames Crossing, and to provide mitigation for some of the impacts of building it, has changed since the design refinement consultation. This is called the Order Limits, referred to in previous consultations as the development boundary. Some of the land, or rights over the land, would be needed permanently, while other areas would only be required temporarily. Since our last consultation, we have reduced the area within the Order Limits from 22.9km<sup>2</sup> to 22.2km<sup>2</sup>.

We have also updated our proposals in some locations where the Lower Thames Crossing impacts existing areas of special category land and private recreational facilities, including replacement land for these facilities where appropriate. In addition, we are proposing to build two new open space sites that would provide a wider benefit to the community – Tilbury Fields and Chalk Park.

Please refer to the 'Project updates' chapter of the Guide, Chapter 3 of the Operations update and Map Book 1: General Arrangements for more details.

**Q2e. Do you support or oppose the changes to the proposed area of land that would be needed to build the Lower Thames Crossing?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know

**Q2f. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q2e and any other comments you have on the proposed changes to land that would be needed to build the Lower Thames Crossing. This includes feedback on the impact the project would have on any land that you may own or have a legal interest in or right to use.**

**Q2g.** Do you support or oppose the changes proposed regarding special category land and private recreational facilities?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know

**Q2h.** Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q2g and any other comments you have on the changes proposed regarding special category land and private recreational facilities.

**Q2i.** Do you support or oppose our proposals for the inclusion of a new open space site, Tilbury Fields?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know

**Q2j.** Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q2i and any other comments you have on our proposals for the inclusion of a new open space site, Tilbury Fields.

**Q2k.** Of the two options presented for the height of the landform at Tilbury Fields, do you prefer the lower landform option or higher landform option?

<input type="checkbox"/> Lower landform option (up to 16.5 metres)	<input type="checkbox"/> Higher landform option (up to 22.5 metres)	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither	<input type="checkbox"/> No preference	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
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**Q2l.** Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q2k and any other comments you have on the options for the height of the landform at Tilbury Fields.

**Q2m.** Do you support or oppose our proposals for the inclusion of a new open space site, Chalk Park?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know

**Q2n.** Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q2m and any other comments you have on our proposals for the inclusion of a new open space site, Chalk Park.



### 3. You said, we did

In our You said, we did document, we provide a summary of the feedback received from statutory consultation in 2018, and the non-statutory supplementary and design refinement consultations in 2020, and detail some of the activities we have carried out in response to your comments. Please also refer to the 'You said, we did' chapter of the Guide to consultation for more details.

**Q3a. Do you support or oppose how issues and suggestions about the Lower Thames Crossing have been addressed following earlier rounds of public consultation?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know

**Q3b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q3a and any other comments you have on how issues and suggestions about the Lower Thames Crossing have been addressed, following earlier rounds of public consultation. If your comment relates to a particular consultation, please refer to it in your response.**

## 4. Other comments

We welcome any other comments you would like to make about the Lower Thames Crossing.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for users to enter their comments regarding the Lower Thames Crossing.

## 5. The consultation

Please let us know your views on the quality of our community impacts consultation materials, the accessibility of our online information and events, how we have notified people about our proposals, and anything else related to this consultation.

	Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very poor	Not applicable
<b>Q5a.</b> Was the information presented clearly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Q5b.</b> Was the website easy to navigate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Q5c.</b> Were the online webinars useful for understanding our latest proposals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Q5d.</b> Did the telephone surgery answer your questions about our latest proposals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Q5e.</b> Were the physical events of good quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Q5f.</b> Were the physical events suitably located?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Q5g.</b> Was the consultation promoted well and to the right people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q5h.** Please let us know the reasons for your responses to Q5a – Q5g and any other comments you have on the delivery of this consultation.

## Identification questions

We would be grateful if you could answer the following identification questions, which will help us to categorise responses and organise our Consultation report. Details and views of individuals will not be made public. You do not have to provide any personal information if you do not want to. However, postcode data can help us to better understand the views of different communities in relation to the proposals. To view our privacy notice, please see page 4 of this response form.

1. **Name:**

2. **Address:**   
  
 **Postcode:**

3. **Email address:**

If you provide an email address, we will use it to let you know about important developments in our proposals.

4. **If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, business or campaign group, please include the name below.** (This helps us to understand whether respondents can be categorised as ‘prescribed consultees’, as defined by the Planning Act 2008.)

**Organisation:**

**Type of organisation, business or campaign group:**

- Academic
- Business
- Campaign group
- Elected representative
- Environment, heritage, amenity or community group
- Local government
- Statutory agency
- Transport, infrastructure or utility organisation
- Other (please state):

5. **Do you own land or hold any interests or rights, such as private rights of way or sporting rights, within or close to the proposed Order Limits?**

- Yes     No

**If you have ticked yes, have you received a letter to notify you of the consultation?**

- Yes     No

**6. If you use the transport network in an area that may be affected by the Lower Thames Crossing, please tell us how you travel by ticking one or more of the following boxes:**

- As a pedestrian  
 Bus  
 Car  
 Cycle  
 Goods vehicle  
 Motorcycle  
 Train  
 Other (please state):

**7. Please let us know how you heard about this consultation by ticking one or more of the following boxes:**

- Received a letter from Highways England  
 Received a leaflet from Highways England  
 Received an email from Highways England  
 Received information from a local authority  
 Saw a Public Notice in local or national newspapers  
 Saw advertisements in local media  
 Saw social media coverage  
 Saw coverage in local and national media  
 Saw information at a deposit location or information point (where available due to COVID-19 restrictions)  
 Word of mouth  
 Other (please state):

## Equality and diversity

We would be grateful if you could answer the following equality and diversity questions. We will use the information we receive to help understand whether our consultation has been useful to people of different backgrounds and with different requirements. We may publish a summary of the results, but no information about an individual would be revealed.

The answers you provide to this question are defined as 'special category data'. If you agree to provide this information, you can withdraw your permission for us to use it at any time. To do that, please email

[DataProtectionAdvice@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:DataProtectionAdvice@highwaysengland.co.uk)

- I consent to Highways England processing my special category data for the purposes of understanding the accessibility of the Lower Thames Crossing consultation. I have read Highways England's privacy notice (on page 4) and understood how it will be processing this data.

### 1. How would you define your gender?

- Male  Female  Transgender  Other  Prefer not to say

### 2. Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

- Yes  No  Prefer not to say

### 3. Please describe your ethnic background:

- Asian or Asian British  
 White  
 Black, African, Caribbean or black British  
 Mixed or multiple ethnic groups  
 Gypsy or Irish Traveller  
 Other ethnic group  
 Prefer not to say

### 4. Age:

- Under 16  
 16-24  
 25-34  
 35-44  
 45-54  
 55-64  
 65+

## How to submit your response form

Please only use the following official response channels. We cannot guarantee that responses sent to any other address will be included in our analysis.



### Online response form

Fill in the online survey at:

[www.highwaysengland.co.uk/ltcconsultation](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/ltcconsultation)

Or scan this QR code and go straight to the consultation



### Email

Email your comments to: **LTC.CONSULTATION@TRAVERSE.LTD**



### Freepost

Post your response form or comments to:

#### **FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION**

The Freepost address is the only text needed on the envelope, and no stamp is required.



### Telephone

We are offering additional support to help you provide feedback over the phone. From 14 July 2021, call us on **0300 123 5000** (weekdays between 9am and 5pm) to book an appointment.

Or visit [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/ltcconsultation](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/ltcconsultation)

### How your response will be used

We will carefully consider all the responses we receive, before producing a report that explains how we have taken them into account to develop our project.



## Have your say

Please send your response before  
**23:59 on 8 September 2021**

If you need help accessing this or any other Highways England information, please call **0300 123 5000** and we will help you.

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