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Lower Thames Crossing



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In this easy read document, difficult words are in **bold**. We explain what these words mean in the sentence after they have been used.



Some words are [blue and underlined](#). These are links which will go to another website which has more information.

Introduction



Highways England is planning to build a new road between Kent, Thurrock, Havering and Essex.



The new road is called the Lower Thames Crossing. It will go through a new tunnel under the River Thames.



We are planning the new road because there is too much traffic on the **Dartford Crossing**.

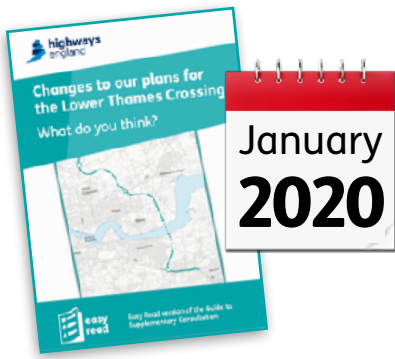
The **Dartford Crossing** is a bridge and a tunnel across the River Thames between Dartford in Kent and Thurrock in Essex.



At each stage of our plans, we have been asking people what they think.



Firstly we asked people what they thought in 2018. We then made some changes to the plans.



We then asked people what they thought about these second plans between January and April 2020.



We listened to what people said and made some more changes to our plans.



We asked people what they thought about these third plans in July and August 2020.

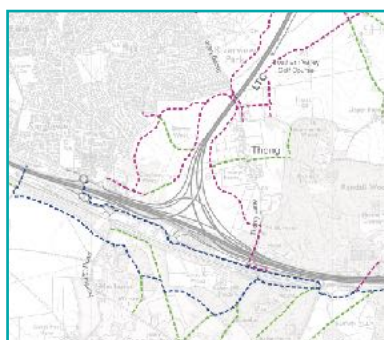


This document explains what people said and the changes we have made to the plans.

The plans for a Lower Thames Crossing



The Lower Thames Crossing is a planned new road between the M2 and A2 junction in Kent, through a new tunnel under the River Thames to join the M25 in Essex.



South of the river in Kent

There would be a new junction that links the M2, A2 and the Lower Thames Crossing close to Thong and Gravesend.



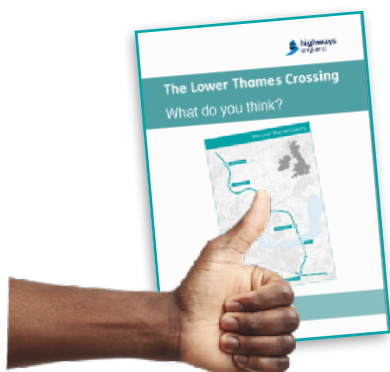
North of the river in Essex , Havering and Thurrock

We plan the new road to go from the tunnel, under the A13 and the Mardyke river, to join the M25 near North Ockendon.



We plan to build a new junction with the A13 near Chadwell St Mary so people can get on and off the new road.

What people said about the first set of plans



Most people said they agreed with the plans for the Lower Thames Crossing.



But people also said they were worried about:

- too much traffic on local roads



- how the new road would affect the countryside and woodland



- how the new road would affect local wildlife



- pollution caused by more traffic



- how local communities would be affected



- the noise while the new road and tunnel is being built



- being able to cross the new road safely



- the plan for a service station at Tilbury



- the charges to use the tunnel.



We said...

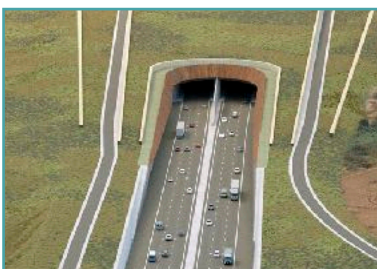
- we will change the plans so that local roads aren't affected too much
- we will lower the new road and move the southern entrance to the tunnel so that it is better for the countryside and woodland
- we think that there will be less pollution in the future as more people start using electric cars
- we have been working with local communities so that the new road and tunnel affects people as little as possible
- we would put electricity wires underground as much as we can so they don't spoil the countryside
- the government says there will be a charge to use the tunnel.





People also said...

- instead of building more roads there should be better trains and buses
- we should build a bridge rather than a tunnel
- we should give money to people if they are badly affected by the new road or tunnel
- we should manage the traffic better over the Dartford Crossing instead of building a new crossing
- the roads around the Lower Thames Crossing will have to be improved to cope with more traffic
- we should find ways to reduce traffic, instead of building new roads
- the tunnel should be big enough to cope with the amount of traffic we would expect in the future.





We said...

- if there were more trains, there would still be too much traffic wanting to cross the River Thames. We need another road and tunnel



- a tunnel is better for the environment than a bridge



- we will have a scheme to give money to people who are badly affected by the new road and tunnel



- we looked at different ways to improve the Dartford Crossing before we realised that we needed a new crossing



- we will carry on looking at how other local roads are affected by the new road and tunnel



- we would like to reduce the amount of traffic on the roads, but we would still have to do something about the amount of traffic that is wanting to cross the River Thames between Kent and Essex



- we looked at different designs for the tunnel. We decided that having 3 lanes of traffic each way was best.

The second set of plans

We listened to what people said about the first set of plans and made some changes.



- We explained how walkers, cyclists, and horse riders would be able to get around the whole area.
- The junction between the A2 and the M2 was made smaller, so it would be better for the environment.
- We made some changes to local roads so that it was easier to make local journeys.
- We moved the entrance to the tunnel on the south side again to help birds on the marshes.
- We made it easier for emergency vehicles to get into the tunnel.
- We removed the service station and junction at Tilbury.



- We planned more **green bridges**.

Green bridges allow wildlife, like hedgehogs to cross the road as well as walkers, cyclists and horse riders.



- We moved where the road would be built, so that some electricity pylons didn't have to be so close to people's houses.



- We improved the junction between the new road and the A13.



- We reduced the number of lanes between the M25 and A13. This would use less land and be better for the environment.



- We changed the road where it crosses the Mardyke River and Golden Bridge Sewer.



- We lowered the road between North Ockenden and South Ockenden, so that it wouldn't spoil the view.

In January 2020 we asked people what they thought.

People said they were worried about:

- the amount of traffic on other local roads
- how the new road would affect local communities
- removing the service station and junction at Tilbury
- how to get on and off the new road
- how the building work would affect local communities
- how much land would be needed to build the new road and tunnel
- how the new road would affect the environment
- whether footpaths and cycle paths would be lost.



What people said about the second set of plans

People said they were concerned about:



- traffic on local roads



- whether there really would be less traffic on the Dartford Crossing after the new road was built



- disruption to local communities



- removing the service area and the Tilbury junction



- all the complicated road junctions



- how much the building will affect local communities



- removing one of the lanes on the new road between the M25 and A13



- how much more in land was going to be used to build the road and tunnel



- the changes to the gas pipes near the A2/M2 and in Orsett



- how the new road and tunnel would affect the quality of the air, wildlife and the climate



- footpaths, cycleways and tracks for horse riding.

The third set of plans

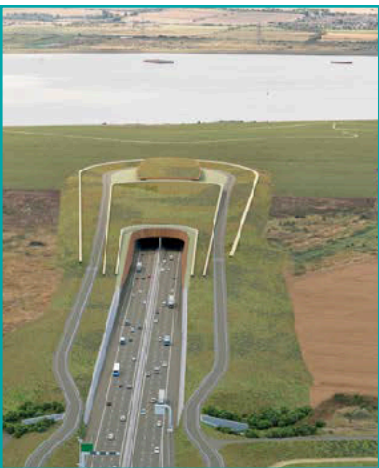


We listened to what people said between January and April 2020 and made some more changes to the plans.

- We changed the plans so that fewer homes would be affected.



- We changed the plans so that less land would be used.



- We changed the tunnel entrances so they would look better.

- We changed the northern tunnel entrance so it would be better for the environment.



- We changed the new road where it crosses Brentwood Road to help emergency vehicles get on and off.



- We gave more information about the trees we will be planting.
- We said we would build barriers to protect local communities from the noise.
- We gave more information about the look of the new road.
- We made some changes to the green bridges.
- We improved footpaths.
- We included better ways to cross the roads at the junctions.

We also looked at better ways to build the new road, so that local communities are affected less.

What people said about the third set of plans

We asked people what they thought about these third set of plans between July and August 2020.



People said they were worried about:



- the amount of traffic on other local roads



- how the new road would affect local communities



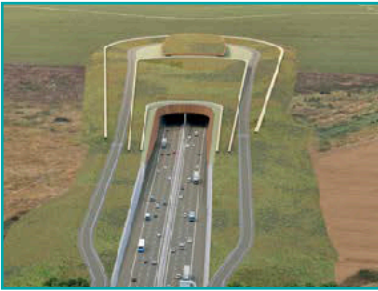
- how they would get on and off the new road



- whether the noise barriers would be good enough to stop the noise from the new road



- the building work affecting local communities



- how the tunnel entrances would look



- how much land would be needed to build the new road and tunnel



- how the new road would affect the environment



- removing the services station and junction at Tilbury.

What do you think?



We want to know what you think about these new plans.

Please tell us by:



- filling in our online questionnaire. You can find this at: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/ltcconsultation



- Writing to us at:
FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION

That's all you have to put on the envelope. You don't need a stamp.



- Email:
ltc.consultation@traverse.ltd



We need to know what you think by 11.59pm on Wednesday, 8 September 2021.

Have your say

Come and talk to us about these plans at one of these events.



Kent and Gravesham

Cascades Leisure Centre, Thong lane, Gravesend DA12 4LG



- Thursday 22 July 2pm to 8pm and



- Friday 3 September 2pm to 8pm



Chalk Parish Hall car park, Pirrip Close, Gravesend, DA12 2ND



- Wednesday 4 August 12noon to 5pm



Shorne Woods Country Park, Brewers Road, Shorne DA12 3HX



- Sunday 8 August 10am to 4pm



Gravesend Town Centre, King Street, Gravesend DA12 2XX



- Saturday 14 August 10am to 4pm and
- Saturday 21 August 10am to 4pm



Thurrock, Essex and Havering
The Civic, Blackshots Lane, Grays, RM16 2JU



- Saturday 24 July 12noon to 6pm



Orsett Hall Hotel, Prince Charles Avenue, Orsett, RM16 3HS



- Monday 26 July 2pm to 8pm



East Tilbury Village Hall, Princess Margaret Road, East Tilbury, RM18 8RB



- Thursday 29 July 2pm to 8pm and



- Thursday 26 August 2pm to 8pm



The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Ln, Upminster, RM14 2QH



- Saturday 31 July 12 noon to 6pm



Linford Methodist Church, East Tilbury Road, Linford, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 0QQ



- Friday 6 August 2pm to 8pm and



- Tuesday 24 August 2pm to 8pm



Brandon Groves Community Club, Brandon Groves Av, South Ockendon, Essex, RM15 6TD



- Wednesday 1 September 2pm to 8pm



Thames Chase Community Forest Centre, Broadfields Farm, Pike Ln, Upminster, RM14 3NS



- Friday 13 August 11am to 3pm



Grays Town Centre, High Street, RM17 6NP



- Saturday 7 August 10am to 4pm



Webinars

A webinar is a discussion online. Members of our project will explain our proposals. You can ask questions. There will be live captioning and a sign Language interpreter.

Webinar to talk about the work south of the River Thames



- Wednesday 28 July 7pm to 8pm



- Thursday 2 September 7pm to 8pm

Webinar to talk about the work north of the River Thames up to the A13



- Monday 2 August 7pm to 8pm and



- Wednesday 25 August 7pm to 8pm

Webinar to talk about the work north of the A13



- Tuesday 10 August 7pm to 8pm and



- Tuesday 17 August 7pm to 8pm

For more information

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