

Lower Thames Crossing

Supplementary consultation response form

7. Using the crossing

Since statutory consultation we have updated elements of our traffic modelling plan of our ongoing work to create for our DCO application. We have also updated traffic flow diagrams. Please refer to chapters 4 of the guidance which are supported by an updated Traffic Modelling Update.

- Q7a.** Taking into account the updated traffic information included within the supplementary consultation, do you support or oppose the way it is the Lower Thames Crossing would improve traffic conditions on the surrounding road network?
- Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose Don't know
- Q7b.** Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q7a and any other comments on how the changes to the Lower Thames Crossing would affect traffic conditions on the surrounding road network.



Introduction

In 2018 we consulted on our proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing, which will connect Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. Since the close of that statutory consultation, we have been carefully analysing the feedback received and carrying out further technical assessments, which have helped us to develop the project.

The information being presented during this supplementary consultation includes changes to the proposals presented during our statutory consultation and updates to the project where further information has become available. We consider our proposed changes along the route to be an appropriate response to the feedback received and the results of our assessments.

We would value your views on the changes to our proposals since statutory consultation. You are welcome to answer all or some of the questions in this response form, depending on the issues that are most important to you.

If you provided feedback during the statutory consultation your comments will be anonymously summarised in our Consultation Report, including an explanation of how we have considered each point raised by respondents. If you wish to refer to points made in response to our last consultation, please copy them into this response form rather than referring to them. Any further feedback we receive during supplementary consultation will also be included and responded to within the report. This will be included in our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, which we intend to submit in summer 2020.

We have produced a set of consultation documents to explain the updates to the project and the changes we are proposing to make. These include a Guide to Supplementary Consultation (the guide), Map Books, Traffic Modelling Update, Environmental Impacts Update and Utilities Update. All of these documents, and an online version of this response form, are available on the supplementary consultation website: www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/consultation-2020

Full details of how you can respond to this supplementary consultation can be found at the back of this form.

Consultation on the proposed changes runs until 23:59 on 25 March 2020.

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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
- To produce a consultation report, based on our analysis of responses (individuals will not be identified in the report)
- To write to you with updates about the results of the consultation and other developments
- To 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 (which has been contracted by us 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 (who will take the decision on our application)
- Our legal advisers
- Consultants working on the Lower Thames Crossing project

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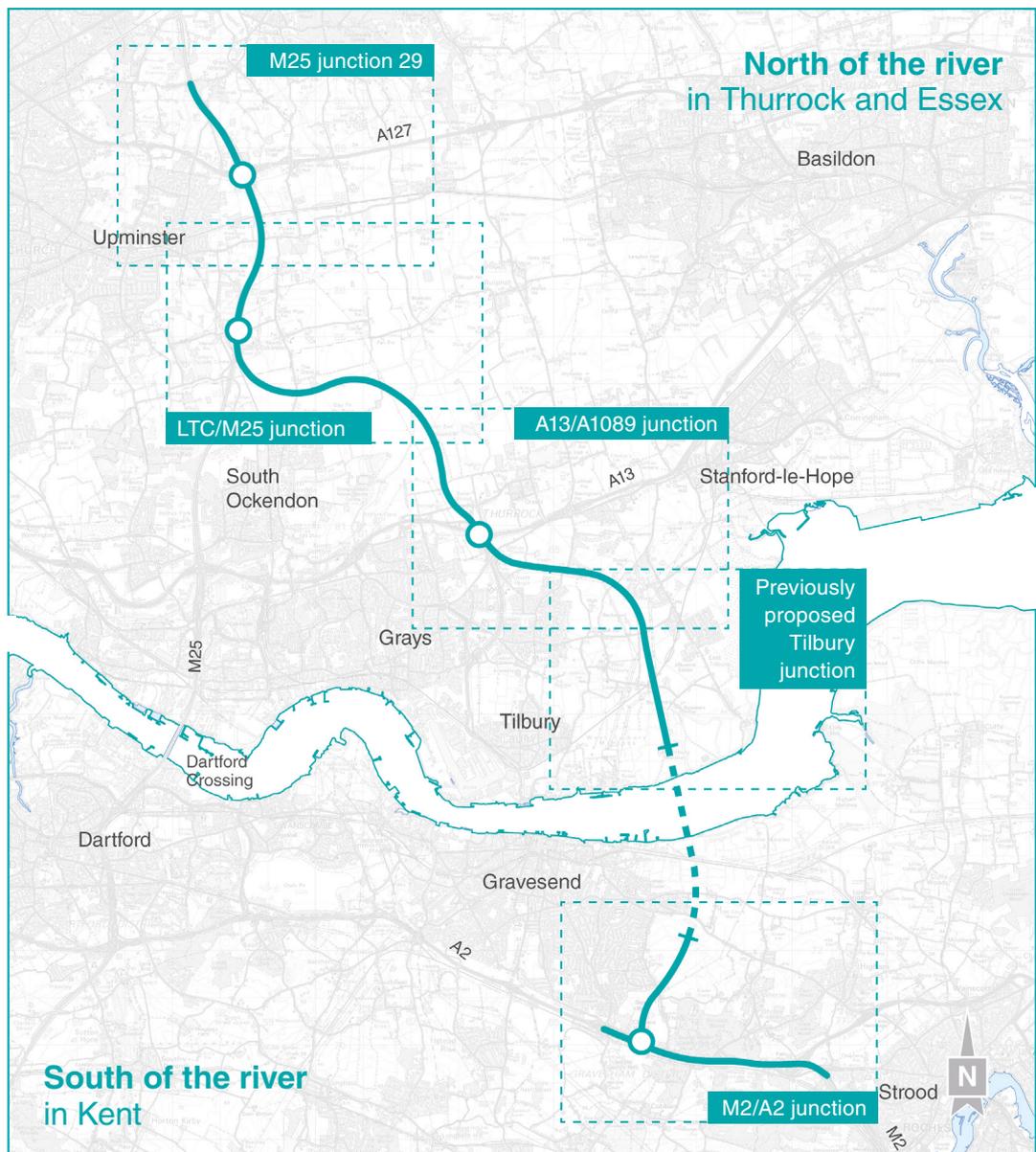
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1 Changes to the route

For the purposes of this supplementary consultation, we have divided our proposed route for the Lower Thames Crossing into two sections, starting with the section south of the river in Kent, then the section to the north of the river in Thurrock and Essex.

A detailed description of our proposed route for the Lower Thames Crossing is in chapter 3 of the guide and is presented in the Map Books.



South of the river in Kent

This refers to the section of the proposed route starting at the M2/A2 and ending at the southern tunnel entrance.

The guide describes the proposed changes to sections of the M2/A2 around the junction with the Lower Thames Crossing. Changes include removing the M2/A2 link at M2 junction 1, which is replaced with a new link road connecting Valley Drive to the A2 eastbound; M2/A2 narrowing; changes to the M2/A2 junction; A2 local connections and the southern tunnel entrance move and redesign.

Q1a. Do you support or oppose the proposed changes south of the river?

Please refer to chapter 3 of the guide.

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| <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 the proposed changes south of the river.

North of the river in Thurrock and Essex

This refers to the section of the proposed route starting at the northern tunnel entrance and ending at the connection with the M25 at junction 29.

As presented in the guide, we have split this into four sub-sections:

- The area around the previously proposed Tilbury junction (changes include: the northern tunnel entrance redesign, removal of the rest and service area and maintenance depot, and reducing the length of the Tilbury viaduct).
- The area around the A13/A1089 junction (changes include: moving slip roads and connecting roads away from properties, moving the Lower Thames Crossing route 60 metres closer to Linford, retaining the existing Rectory Road and closing part of Hornsby Lane).
- The area around the Lower Thames Crossing junction with the M25 (changes include: removal of one lane southbound between the M25 to A13, the routing and structures through the Mardyke and reducing the height of the LTC where it crosses North Road).
- The area around the A127 with the M25 junction 29 (changes include: moving and shortening some lanes around the junction and raising Franks Farm bridge).

Previously proposed Tilbury junction

Q1c. Do you support or oppose the removal of a dedicated rest and service area and maintenance depot for the Lower Thames Crossing, the junction at Tilbury and changes that result from this? Please refer to chapter 3 of the guide.

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| 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 the removal of a dedicated rest and service area and maintenance depot for the Lower Thames Crossing, the junction at Tilbury and the changes that result from this.

A13/A1089 junction

Q1e. Do you support or oppose the proposed changes in the area around the A13/A1089 junction? Please refer to chapter 3 of the guide.

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| 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 the proposed changes in the area around the A13/A1089 junction.

Lower Thames Crossing and its junction with the M25

Q1g. Do you support or oppose the proposed changes in the area around the Lower Thames Crossing and its junction with the M25? Please refer to chapter 3 of the guide.

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| 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 on the proposed changes in the area around the Lower Thames Crossing and its junction with the M25.

M25 junction 29

Q1i. Do you support or oppose the proposed changes in the area around the M25 junction 29? Please refer to chapter 3 of the guide.

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

Q1j. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q1i and any other comments on the proposed changes in the area around the M25 junction 29.

2. Revised development boundary

Since statutory consultation we have continued to develop our proposals and modify the area of land that may be required to enable construction of the Lower Thames Crossing, and to provide mitigation for some of the impacts of building it. This is called the revised development boundary. Some of this land would be required permanently, while other areas would only be required on a temporary basis. Please refer to chapter 4 of the guide.

Q2a. Do you support or oppose the changes to the proposed area of land that would be required to build the Lower Thames Crossing?

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| <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 to land that would be required to build the Lower Thames Crossing. This includes feedback on the impact the project would have on any land that you own or have another legal interest in.

3. Walkers, cyclists and horse riders

Since statutory consultation we have carried out further analysis on how we can maintain, improve and upgrade the walking, cycling and horse-riding network in the area affected by the Lower Thames Crossing. We have also been looking at improving access routes for pedestrians and cyclists to public transport. Please refer to chapter 5 of the guide and the Map Book1: General Arrangement.

Q3a. Do you support or oppose our proposals for walkers, cyclists and horse riders?

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| <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 our proposals for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

4. Environmental impacts and how we plan to reduce them

In the guide we have provided an overview of how the proposed changes affect the preliminary environmental information that was presented in our statutory consultation. Please refer to chapter 6 of the guide and our Environmental Impacts Update document.

Q4a. Do you support or oppose the change to the environmental impacts of the Lower Thames Crossing

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

Q4b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q4a and any other comments you have on the environmental impacts of the changes to the Lower Thames Crossing.

5. Building the Lower Thames Crossing

Following feedback from our statutory consultation and as our project design has developed, we have been updating our plans for how to build the Lower Thames Crossing. This includes our proposed working hours, plans for temporary road closures and traffic management, the proposed location of our construction sites and impacts on the roads leading to our construction sites. Please refer to chapter 7 of the guide.

Q5a. Do you support or oppose our revised proposals for how we plan to build the Lower Thames Crossing?

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| Strongly support | Support | Neutral | Oppose | Strongly oppose | Don't know |

Q5b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q5a and any other comments you have on our revised plans for how to build the Lower Thames Crossing.

6. Utilities

Since statutory consultation, we have been progressing our discussions with utilities companies and other stakeholders. We now have a more detailed understanding of the potential land requirements and utilities works that would need to be undertaken to ensure the Lower Thames Crossing can be built safely. Please refer to chapter 8 of the guide and our Utilities Update document.

Q6a. Do you support or oppose our revised proposals for the utility works required to build the Lower Thames Crossing?

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

Q6b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q6a and any other comments you have on changes to the utility works proposed for the Lower Thames Crossing. When responding to this question, please identify the section of utility works you are referring to.

7. Using the crossing

Since statutory consultation we have updated elements of our traffic model as part of our ongoing work to prepare for our DCO application. We have produced updated traffic flow diagrams (please refer to chapter 9 of the guide) and these are supported by a Traffic Modelling Update.

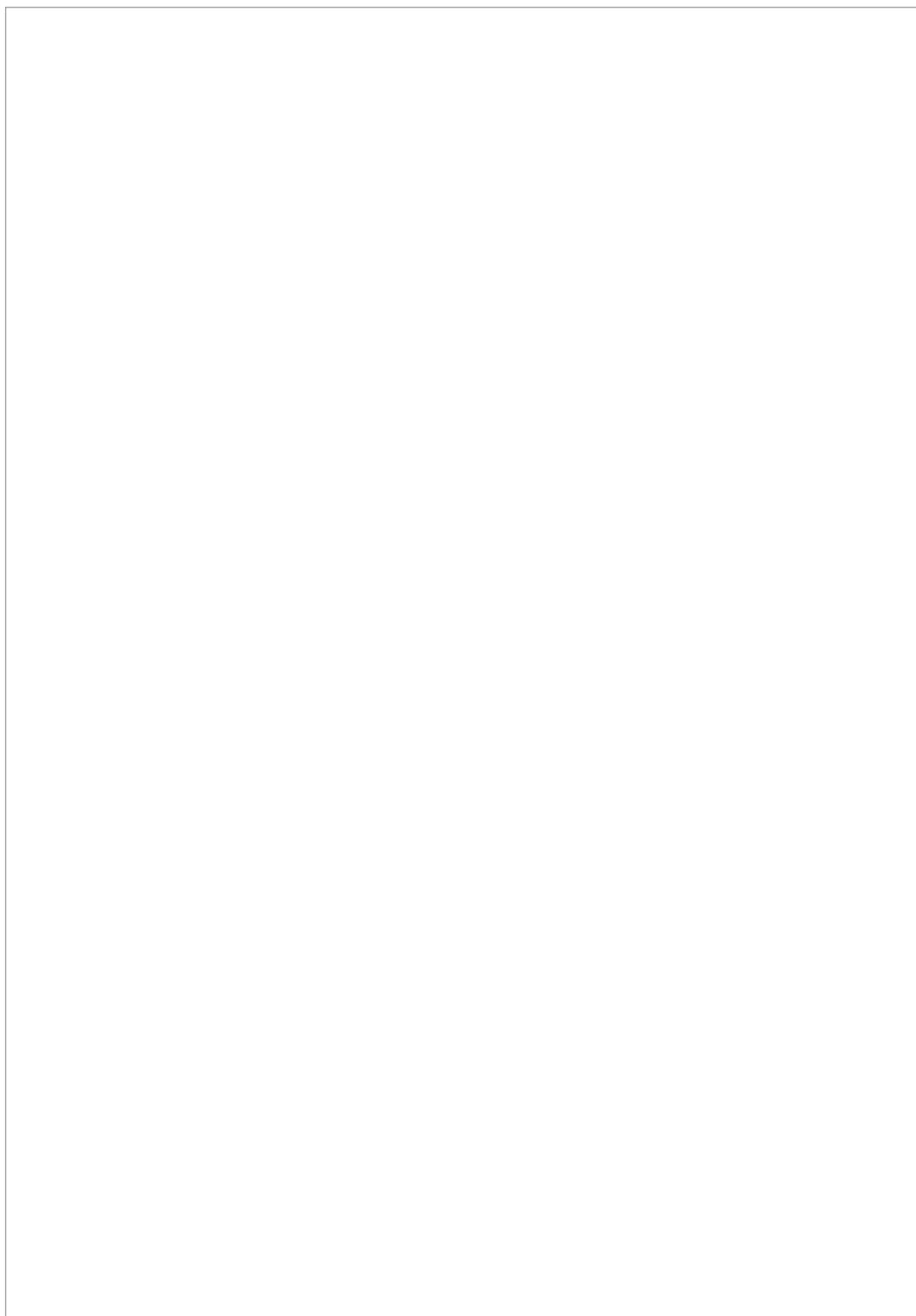
Q7a. Taking into account the updated traffic information included within the supplementary consultation, do you support or oppose the view that the Lower Thames Crossing would improve traffic conditions on the surrounding road network?

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

Q7b. Please let us know the reasons for your response to Q7a and any other comments on how the changes to the Lower Thames Crossing would affect traffic conditions on the surrounding road network.

8. Other comments

We would 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 provide their comments on the Lower Thames Crossing project.

9. The consultation

Please let us know your views on the quality of our supplementary consultation materials, our events, the way in which we have notified people about our plans, and anything else related to this consultation.

| | Very good | Good | Average | Poor | Very poor | Not applicable |
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| Q9a. Was the information presented clearly and easy to understand? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Q9b. Were the events of good quality? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Q9c. Were the events suitably located? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Q9d. Was the consultation promoted well and to the right people? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q9e. Please let us know the reasons for your responses to Q9a – Q9d 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. You can read our privacy statement on page 3 of this response form.

1. Name:

2. Address:

 Postcode:

3. Email address:

(If you provide an email address we may 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.)

Name of organisation:

Type of organisation, business or campaign group:

- Academic
- Campaign group
- Business
- Elected representative
- Environment, heritage, amenity or community group
- Local government
- Transport, infrastructure or utility organisation
- Statutory agency
- 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 revised red line boundary?

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 the 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
- Train
- Motorcycle
- Other (please state)

7. Please let us know how you heard about this consultation::

- Received a letter from Highways England
- Received a leaflet from Highways England
- Received an email from Highways England
- Received an email as a Dart Charge account holder
- 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 or information point
- Received information from a local authority
- 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 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

- 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 and understood how it will be processing this data.

1. What is your gender?

- Male Female Transgender Prefer not to say

2. Do you consider yourself as a person with a disability?

- Yes No Prefer not to say

3. Please describe your ethnic background:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed ethnic background |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy or Irish Traveller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/black British | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

4. Age:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 | |

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Please only use the following official response channels.

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Online response form

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Public information events

Fill in and submit a paper response form at one of our public information events. Please note that this may not be possible at other types of event. You can find the dates and locations of our events on our website, or you can contact us by phone or email.

How your response will be used

We will carefully consider all the responses we receive, before producing a report that explains how they have been taken into account in the development of our project.

Please send your response before
23:59 on 25 March 2020



Have your say

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