

Our updated plans for the Lower Thames Crossing

What do you think?



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Introduction



Highways England is thinking of building a new road between Kent, Essex and Thurrock.



This would help traffic move between Kent, Essex and Thurrock and around the South East of England.



In 2018 we asked people what they thought of the plans.

We listened to people and made some changes to the plans.



We asked people what they thought about these changes in early 2020.



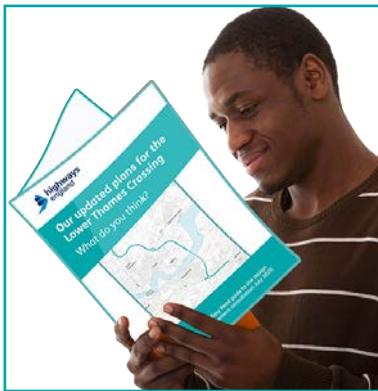
Highways England is a government company that looks after England's motorways and many main roads.



After listening to people and finding out new information, we now suggest a few more changes to our plans.



But before we decide to make any of these new changes, we want to know what you think.



Please read this guide and tell us what you think.

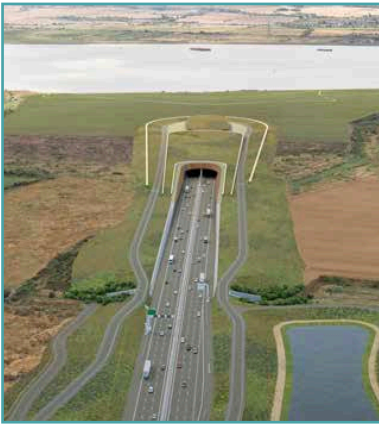


You can find out how to let us know what you think on page 14.



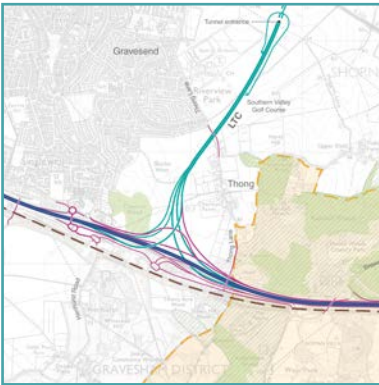
We need to know what you think by 11:59pm on Wednesday, 12 August 2020.

Our plans



The 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 and Thurrock

We plan the new road to go from the tunnel, under the A13 and over 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.

We suggest these updates to the plans



1. South of the River Thames in Kent

The junction between the M2, A2 and the new road

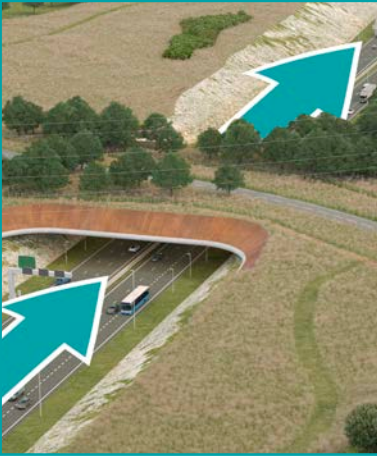
We suggest some small changes to the plans for this junction.



We want to move the **green bridge** which takes Thong Lane over the A2 about 5 metres to the west. This would help wildlife.



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



We want to move the planned green bridge on the road between Thong and Gravesend about 20 metres north.

This would mean there is more green space on the bridge.



We need to build a new electricity switching station at Thong Lane.

An electricity switching station helps to make sure that electricity gets to local people.



We would be planting fewer new trees in Claylane Wood.

So we plan to plant more trees to the north on the edge of Gravesend.



More planting

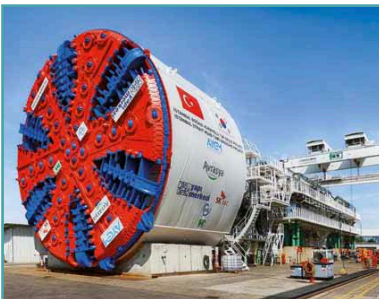
Around the M2/A2 junction we want to plant more trees and bushes.



2. North of the River Thames in Thurrock and Essex

Entrance to the new road tunnel

We need to change our plans so:



- we have more land to bring water and electricity to the machines that we use to dig the tunnel



- people would have views over the River Thames.



Footpaths near Tilbury

We suggest slightly changing the route of the 2 new footpaths.



The new junction with the A13 near Chadwell St Mary



We now suggest:

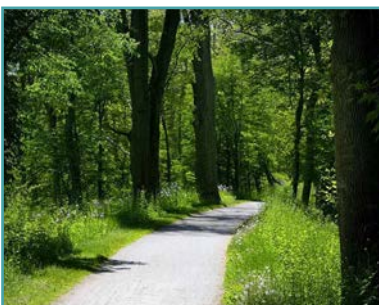
- a new place for the traveller site off Gammonfields Way



- a new building for gas works at Stanford Road



- making 2 separate areas of woodland open to the public near Baker Street.



Near Mardyke

We suggest building a track off Green Lane so our workers can repair the electricity works in the future.



The junction between the new road and the M25

We need to change some of the plans for sewers and overhead electricity cables in this area.



We suggest building a new track north of the Thames Chase Forest Centre.

This is so our workers can repair the new road in the future.



Junction 29 on the M25

We suggest building a new footbridge over the A127 road.



We also need to move some of the underground gas pipes and overhead electricity cables.

Property and landowners



If these suggestions are accepted, we would not need to use as much land.

Fewer homes and businesses would be affected.

We now think that only 150 homes and businesses would be affected.

Of these:



- 70 would only be affected by work to existing electricity cables. We would not have to buy these buildings or land



- 40 would be affected by building the new road or would need a new way to get to the building or land

- 40 would need to be knocked down.



Before, we thought that 270 buildings would be affected.

The environment



The environment is:

- green places
- wildlife
- the air that we breathe
- peace and quiet.



We have more information on how the new road would affect the environment.



We have thought about how the new road would affect:

- the quality of the air we breathe
- the noise from traffic



- important historic buildings



- wildlife



- how water drains away after heavy rain



- the soil we need to grow things



- people and communities



- how the world is getting warmer because of the pollution we put into the air.

What do you think?



We want to know what you think about these changes to the plans.

You can tell us what you think by:



- Filling in our online survey:
www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/design-consultation



- Booking an appointment to speak to someone to fill out a form over the phone:
0300 123 5000



- Filling in our paper form or writing your comments down and emailing them to us:
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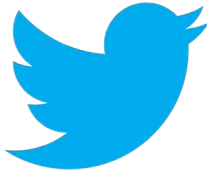
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