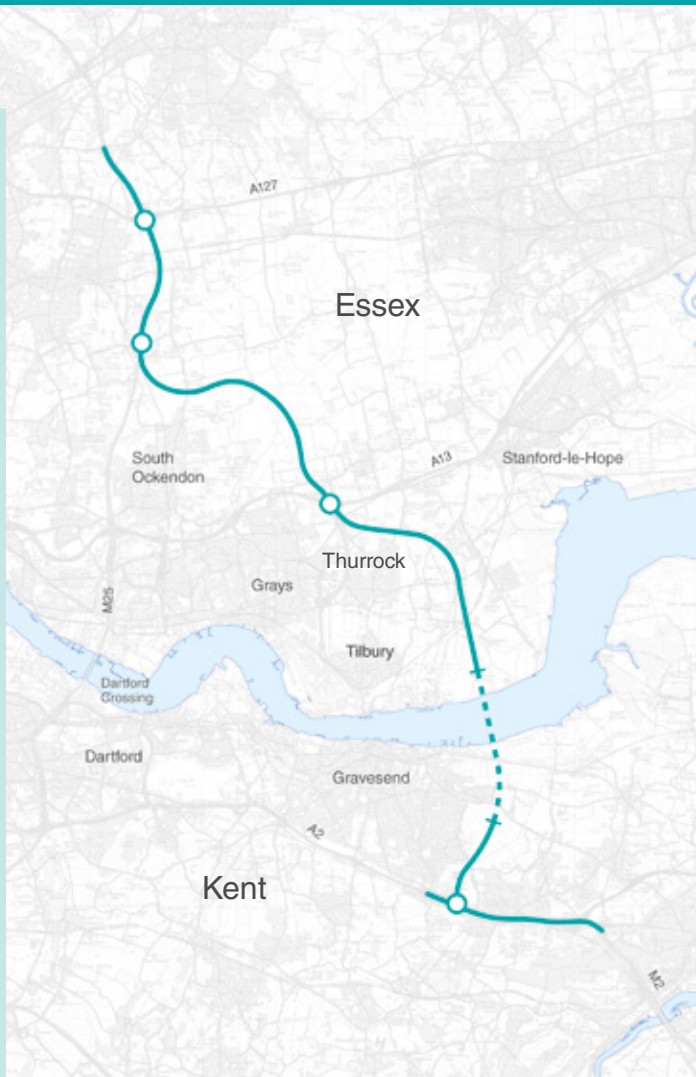


Lower Thames Crossing Supplementary consultation

At the end of 2018 almost 29,000 people shared their views on our proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing, a new road connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

We are now proposing a number of design changes based on your feedback and where further information has become available. This is your opportunity to view and comment on these changes.



Summary of changes

Key changes to the design of the road:

- **M2/A2, including the junction with the Lower Thames Crossing:** Following feedback from our statutory consultation, we have looked at the junction configuration. We have provided more direct connectivity between Gravesend and the M2/A2 eastbound, and redesigned the Gravesend East junction and link roads to improve journey times.
- **Southern tunnel entrance:** We have moved the entrance 350 metres to the south to reduce the impact on the Thames Estuary and Marshes Ramsar site.
- **Removal of the rest and service area and Tilbury junction:** After further investigation and consideration of the feedback from statutory consultation, we have decided not to progress with the rest and service area. We have relocated the maintenance depot to existing Highways England facilities, which means the junction at Tilbury is no longer required.
- **Route between Tilbury and A13 junction:** We have moved the route approximately 60 metres north-east to avoid the need for major overhead cable diversion works.
- **A13/A1089 junction:** We have redesigned some slip roads at the junction between the Lower Thames Crossing, A13, A1089 and A1013 to reduce the visual impact, move roads away from properties, and improve safety and connectivity at the junctions.
- **Number of lanes:** We have removed one lane southbound between the M25 and A13 junction to reduce the route's impact, while still providing sufficient long-term vehicle capacity.
- **Route through the Mardyke:** We have changed the structures over the Mardyke River, Golden Bridge Sewer and the Orsett Fen Sewer to reduce the visual impact and the volume of flood compensation needed. The route has moved approximately 200 metres south-west to reduce the work required to move an existing gas main. It also reduces the impact on a nearby landfill site.

- **M25 junction:** We have redesigned the southbound link from the M25 to the Lower Thames Crossing to avoid demolition and reconstruction of the existing Ockendon Road bridge over the M25.
- **M25 junction 29:** We have changed the layout of junction 29 to reduce the amount of overhead cable diversion works.

Property and landowners

We have revised the development boundary as a result of the design changes, proposed utility diversions and additional land required for environmental mitigation.

Facilities for walking, cycling and horse riding

We have developed a detailed set of proposals for maintaining, improving and upgrading the walking, cycling and horse-riding network in the vicinity of the project.

Environmental impact

As a result of our proposed design changes to the route, revised development boundary and utility diversions, we have set out our current understanding of how these affect the information that was presented in our 2018 Preliminary Environmental Information Report.

Building the Lower Thames Crossing

We have progressed our plans for how we will build the scheme.

Utilities (gas, electricity, water, sewers and communications)

The volume of utility diversions we are planning has increased. Therefore, we have progressed our plans to divert utilities in a way that is necessary to build the Lower Thames Crossing safely, protect existing supplies and enable future maintenance.

Using the Lower Thames Crossing

We have updated elements of our traffic model as part of our ongoing work to prepare for our Development Consent Order application.

Our consultation events

You can find out more and have your say online, or we've listed our events that give you the opportunity to meet the team and ask them questions.

This information is correct at the time of going to print but may change. For the latest updates, please check

www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/consultation-2020

Public information events

Locations south of the River Thames

Date and time

Cascades Leisure Centre, Thong Lane,
Gravesend, DA12 4LG

Thursday 27 February
2pm-8pm

Gravesham Civic Centre, Windmill Street,
Gravesend, DA12 1AU

Saturday 14 March
midday-6pm

Locations north of the River Thames

Date and time

Thurrock Civic Centre, Blackshots Lane,
Grays, RM16 2JU

Friday 21 February
2pm-8pm

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

Saturday 22 February
midday-6pm

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

Tuesday 3 March
2pm-8pm

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

Monday 9 March
2pm-8pm

Linford Methodist Church, East Tilbury Road,
Linford, SS17 0QS

Wednesday 11 March
2pm-8pm

Brandon Groves Community Club, Brandon
Groves Avenue, South Ockendon, RM15 6TD

Tuesday 17 March
2pm-8pm

Mobile information events

Locations south of the River Thames	Date and time
Chalk Parish Hall, Pirrip Close, Gravesend, DA12 2ND	Wednesday 4 March 10am-7pm
Higham Library Car Park, Villa Road, Higham, ME3 7BS	Friday 6 March 10am-3pm
Higham Train Station Car Park, ME3 7JQ	Friday 6 March 4pm-7pm
Gravesend Town Centre, King Street, DA12 2XX	Saturday 7 March 10am-5pm
Shorne Woods Country Park, Brewers Road, Shorne, Gravesend, DA12 3HX	Sunday 8 March 11am-4pm
Meadow Rooms, The Street, Cobham, DA12 3BZ	Thursday 12 March 10am-3pm
Sole Street Station Car Park, Cobham, DA13 0XY	Thursday 12 March 4pm-7pm
Shorne Village Hall Car Park, 16 The Street, Shorne, DA12 3EA	Wednesday 18 March 10am-7pm

Locations north of the River Thames	Date and time
Defoe Parade, Grays, RM16 4QR	Wednesday 26 February 10am-7pm
Thames Chase Forest Centre, Broadfields, Pike Lane, Upminster, RM14 3NS	Friday 28 February 12pm-5pm
Homesteads Village Hall Car Park, Dunstable Road, Stanford-Le-Hope, Essex, SS17 8QT	Tuesday 10 March 11am-7pm
Upminster Library, 26 Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, RM14 2BB	Thursday 19 March 10am-7pm
Grays Town Centre, High St, RM17 6NP	Saturday 21 March 10am-5pm

Information points and deposit locations

Our Guide to Supplementary Consultation contains further information about the proposed changes to the Lower Thames Crossing.

You can pick up copies of the Guide to Supplementary Consultation and the response form from one of our information points:

- Belhus Library, South Ockendon, RM15 5DX
- Blackshots Library, Grays, RM16 2JU
- Chadwell Library, Chadwell St Mary, RM16 4JP
- East Tilbury Library, East Tilbury, RM18 8ST
- Marling Cross Library, Gravesend, DA12 5TY
- Meopham Library, Meopham, DA13 0AH
- Riverview Park Library, Gravesend, DA12 4NG
- Shorne Woods Country Park Visitor Centre, Shorne, DA12 3HX
- Thurrock Council Civic Offices, Grays, RM17 6SL
- Upminster Library, Upminster, RM14 2BB

You can pick up a copy of the guide and response form, as well as view other consultation documents including Map Books, the Traffic Modelling Update, the Utilities Update, and the Environmental Impacts Update, plus an Easy Read version of the guide at our deposit locations:

- Brentwood Library, Brentwood, CM14 4BP
- Dartford Central Library, Dartford, DA1 1EU
- Gravesend Library, Gravesend, DA12 1BE
- Grays Library, Grays, RM17 5DX
- Maidstone Library, Maidstone, ME14 1LQ
- Rochester Library, Rochester, ME1 1EW
- Romford Central Library, Romford, RM1 3AR
- Tilbury Hub, Tilbury, RM18 8AD

How to have your say

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.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/consultation-2020

Or scan this QR code and go straight to the consultation



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Email

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Have your say

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Find out more

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All of the documents from our 2018 statutory consultation are still available online at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay

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