

Notice is hereby given that **Highways England Company Limited** ("Highways England") of Bridge House, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ has published a Statement of Community Consultation ("SoCC") for the Lower Thames Crossing in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. Under section 47, Highways England has a duty to consult the local community about its proposals in accordance with a SoCC.

The Lower Thames Crossing ("the Project") is a proposed new road connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. The Project's main proposals include:

- Approximately 14.5 miles (23km) of new road, with a maximum speed limit of 70mph, connecting to the existing road network from the A2/M2 to the M25
 - Two tunnels, one southbound and one northbound
 - Improvements to the M25, A2 and A13, where the Lower Thames Crossing connects to the road network
 - New structures and changes to existing ones (including bridges, buildings, tunnel entrances, viaducts, and utilities such as electricity pylons) along the length of the new road
 - A free-flow charging system, where drivers do not need to stop but pay remotely, similar to that at the Dartford Crossing.
- In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Project, including compulsory acquisition.

Highways England are proposing to submit an application to the Secretary of State under section 37 of The Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to authorise the Project.

The SoCC sets out how Highways England will consult on the Project and how to get involved.

This notice contains a summary of the consultation details. However, full details of the consultation can be found in the SoCC. This can be inspected along with our consultation materials, online at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay or at the deposit locations during the consultation period from **10 October 2016 to 20 December 2016**. Please note that consultation materials will be available from the start of the consultation date on the website and at the deposit locations, but not in advance.

You can also view the SoCC and the other consultation materials at our public information events, where you can speak with members of the Project Team and share your views. Events will be held at the venues listed below during the consultation period.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development, which means a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) has been produced and is being consulted on alongside the other consultation documents. It also means that an environmental statement, which will outline the likely significant environmental effects of the Project, will be produced and submitted with the DCO application in due course.

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(Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm)

Public Information Events in Kent

Bluewater Shopping Centre, Bluewater Parkway, Greenhithe, DA9 9ST
Saturday 20 October, 9am – 9pm
Sunday 21 October, 11am – 5pm

Cascades Leisure Centre, Thong Lane, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 4LG
Thursday 1 November, 2pm – 9pm

Chalk Parish Hall, Pirrip Close, Gravesend, DA12 2ND
Monday 22 October, 2pm – 9pm

Dover Town Hall, Biggin Street, Dover, Kent, CT16 1DL
Tuesday 4 December, 2pm – 9pm

Mick Jagger Centre, Shepherds Lane, Dartford, DA1 2JZ
Tuesday 23 October, 2pm – 9pm

Doubletree Dartford Bridge, Masthead Close, Crossways Business Park, Dartford, DA2 6QF
Monday 3 December, 2pm – 9pm

Gravesham Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1AU
Wednesday 21 November, 2pm – 9pm

Rochester Corn Exchange, Northgate, Rochester, ME1 1LS
Wednesday 5 December, 2pm – 9pm

Shorne Village Hall, 16 The Street, Shorne, DA12 3EA
Saturday 3 November, midday – 6pm

Public Information Events in Essex

Holiday Inn Basildon, Cranes Farm Road, Waterfront Walk, Festival Leisure Park, Basildon, SS14 3DG
Monday 19 November, 2pm – 9pm

Brandon Groves Community Club, Brandon Groves Avenue, South Ockendon, RM15 6TD
Friday 16 November, 2pm – 9pm

HOW TO RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION

Consultation responses can be submitted by:

- Filling in the online response form at www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay
- Emailing comments or electronic copies of the response form to: LTC.CONSLTATION@TRAVERSE.LTD
- Posting comments or paper response forms to: Freepost LTC CONSULTATION
- Filling in a paper response form at one of our public information events

Responses may be submitted up to 11.59pm on 20 December 2016.

Deposit locations

Brentwood Library, New Road, Brentwood, CM14 4BP
Monday 9am – 6pm
Tuesday 9am – 6pm
Wednesday 9am – 1pm
Thursday 9am – 6pm
Friday 9am – 6pm
Saturday 9am – 5pm

Grays Library, Thameside Complex, Orsett Road, Grays, RM17 5DX
Monday 9am – 7pm
Tuesday 9am – 5pm
Wednesday 9am – 5pm
Thursday 9am – 7pm
Friday 9am – 5pm
Saturday 9am – 1pm

Romford Central Library, St Edwards Way, Romford, RM1 3AR
Monday 10am – 8pm
Tuesday 9am – 5pm
Wednesday 9am – 5pm
Thursday 10am – 8pm
Friday 9am – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 4pm

Tilbury Hub, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AD
Monday 10am – 5pm
Wednesday 10am – 5pm
Friday 10am – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 1pm

Dartford Library, Central Park, Market Street, Dartford, DA1 1EU
Monday – Wednesday 8.30am – 6pm
Thursday 8.30am – 8pm
Friday 8.30am – 6pm
Saturday 9am – 5pm

Gravesend Library, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BE
Monday – Friday 9am – 6pm
Saturday 9am – 5pm

Maidstone Library, Kent History and Library Centre, James Whatman Way, Maidstone, ME14 1LQ
Monday – Wednesday 9am – 6pm
Thursday 9am – 8pm
Friday 9am – 6pm
Saturday 9am – 5pm

Rochester Library, Rochester Community Hub, Eastgate, Rochester, ME1 1EW
Monday – Friday 9am – 6pm
Saturday 9am – 4pm

Chadwell Village Hall, Waterson Road, Chadwell St Mary, RM16 4NX
Friday 7 December, 2pm – 9pm

Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, RM16 2JU
Tuesday 6 November 2pm – 9pm

Havering College of Further and Higher Education, 42 Ardeleigh Green Road, Hornchurch, RM11 2LL
Monday 26 November, 2pm – 9pm

Havering Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, RM1 3BD
Friday 30 November, 2pm – 9pm

Holiday Inn Brentwood M25 J28, Brook Street, Brentwood, CM14 5NF
Wednesday 28 November, 2pm – 9pm

Lakeside Shopping Centre, West Thurrock Way, Grays, RM20 2ZP
Saturday 27 October, 9am – 9pm
Sunday 28 October, 11am – 5pm

Linford Methodist Church, East Tilbury Road, Linford, SS17 0QQ
Wednesday 14 November, 2pm – 9pm

Orsett Hall Hotel, Prince Charles Avenue, Orsett, RM16 3HS
Tuesday 16 October, 2pm – 9pm

St Mary Magdalene Church, Church Lane, North Ockendon, RM14 3QH
Thursday 22 November, 2pm – 9pm

The New Windmill Hotel, St Mary's Lane, Upminster RM14 2QH
Saturday 17 November midday – 6pm

Tilbury Community Association, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AA
Tuesday 30 October, 2pm – 9pm

West Horndon Village Hall, Thorndon Avenue, West Horndon, CM13 3TP
Wednesday 24 October, 2pm – 9pm