

Lower Thames Crossing Consultation questionnaire

Highways England is consulting on proposals for a Lower Thames Crossing – a new road crossing of the River Thames connecting Kent and Essex.

A new crossing is needed to reduce congestion at the existing Dartford crossing and to provide free-flowing north-south capacity. Unlocking economic growth and supporting the development of new homes and jobs in the region is also a priority.

Following a series of studies and a public consultation in 2013, the Government commissioned Highways England to carry out a more detailed assessment of two location options. These are shown on the map, at the site of the current crossing, known as Location A, or a new crossing further east, known as Location C.

We have completed our assessment and are seeking your views on our proposals. Route options are shown on the map to the right.



Have your say

Please get involved and tell us your views before consultation closes on **24 March 2016**. We will review the responses and report our final recommendation to the Department for Transport. The Government is expected to decide on the location, route and type of crossing later this year.

Further information and how to respond

We recommend that you read our booklet *Lower Thames Crossing, Route Consultation 2016* before completing this questionnaire. We are also holding a series of events where our team will be available to answer your questions.

You can complete this questionnaire online at www.lower-thames-crossing.co.uk You can also complete this questionnaire online at our events.

Please tick the box(es) as appropriate and write your responses clearly in black ink within the appropriate sections. If your response is too large to fit into the boxes, please attach additional evidence. If you do so, please make it clear which questions you are answering and number any additional pages you send. Send your completed questionnaire free of charge to our address below:

Lower Thames Crossing Consultation, Freepost RTTH-GRYG-SCXZ, PO Box 1188, Harrow, HA1 9NU

We cannot accept responsibility for responses that are sent to any address other than the one stated above. Thank you for your participation.

About you

The following questions will help us to understand the range of people and organisations who have responded to this consultation and to identify local issues. The information you provide will not be used for any purpose other than assessing responses to this consultation and for other reasons explained in this questionnaire.

1. Name (optional)

2. Postcode

3. Email address or postal address

This is optional but providing your email or postal address will allow us to update you with any news on this consultation.

4. Are you responding on your own behalf or on behalf of an organisation or group?

- Providing my own response
- Providing a response on behalf of an organisation or group

Crossing location

5. Our proposal is a crossing at Location C, east of Gravesend and Tilbury.

For more information see pages 16 – 17 of our booklet

On balance, do you agree or disagree with our proposal for the location of a crossing, at Location C?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Please provide the reasons for your response to question 5.

Routes north of the river

6. There are three route options north of the river in Essex – Routes 2, 3 and 4.

For more information see pages 19 – 22 of our booklet

Where do you think the route should be located north of the river?

- Route 2
- Route 3
- Route 4
- Another route
- None of these
- Don't know

Please provide the reasons for your response to question 6.

7. Thinking about the three route options north of the river, on balance do you agree or disagree with our proposal for each of these?

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Route 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Route 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Route 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Routes south of the river

8. There are two route options south of the river in Kent – the Western Southern Link and the Eastern Southern Link.

For more information see pages 20 – 22 of our booklet

Where do you think the route should be located south of the river?

- Western Southern Link
- Eastern Southern Link
- Another route
- None of these
- Don't know

Please provide the reasons for your response to question 8.

9. Thinking about the two route options south of the river, on balance do you agree or disagree with our proposal for each of these?

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Western Southern Link	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eastern Southern Link	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



The proposed scheme

10. Having evaluated the options, our proposed scheme is a new bored tunnel road crossing at Location C, following Route 3 north of the river and the Eastern Southern Link south of the river.

For more information see [page 24 of our booklet](#)

On balance, do you agree or disagree with our proposed scheme?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know

Please provide the reasons for your response to question 10.

Additional junctions

11. We are proposing to create junctions with existing roads including the M2/A2, A226, A13 and M25. We would like to hear your views on whether you believe additional junctions would be beneficial.

We would welcome any comments you may have on our proposals for junctions.



Any other comments

We would welcome any other comments you may have on our proposals. (Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

Feedback on this consultation

13. How did you hear about this consultation? (Please select all that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received a letter or a leaflet from Highways England | <input type="checkbox"/> TV or radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received an email | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media (e.g. Facebook or Twitter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received an email as a Dart Charge account holder | <input type="checkbox"/> Other online/website source(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Posters or other outdoor advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Word-of-mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers or magazines | <input type="checkbox"/> Local authority |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other source (please specify) |

14. Do you have any feedback on this consultation – events, information provided, advertising, etc.?

More about you

15. If you represent an organisation please complete all questions in this section. If you are a member of the public please answer question 17 only.

Position in the organisation

Name of the group or organisation

Please use the space below to provide further detail about your role or organisation

16. What category of organisation or group are you representing?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Action group | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport, infrastructure or utility organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Other category of organisation or group (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment, heritage, amenity or community group | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

17. How often, if at all, do you use the Dartford Crossing, either by driving or being driven?

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input type="checkbox"/> Several times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> About once a week |
| <input type="checkbox"/> About once a fortnight | <input type="checkbox"/> About once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> About once every three months |
| <input type="checkbox"/> About once every six months | <input type="checkbox"/> About once a year or less | <input type="checkbox"/> Never |

Equality and Diversity

To help ensure that we are meeting our obligations under the Equality Act 2010 we would be grateful if you could fill in the following diversity survey. Completing the survey is voluntary and is not a requirement for your response to be accepted. The survey will not be linked to the information you have provided in your response and we will not share the information with anyone else. We will use the survey results to provide a summary of the types of people and organisations who responded to this consultation. It will not identify individuals.

18. What is your gender?

Male Female Prefer not to say

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

Yes No Prefer not to say

20. Please describe your ethnic background

Asian/Asian British White Black/Black British
 Chinese Mixed Ethnic background Gypsy or Irish Traveller
 Other ethnic group Prefer not to say

21. Age Under 25 25-45 46-60 61+ Prefer not to say

If you need help accessing this or any other Highways England information, please call 0300 123 5000

Website www.lower-thames-crossing.co.uk

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for this consultation in compliance with the Equality Act 2010.

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