

I am strongly opposed to the proposed Â£10billion+ Lower Thames Crossing. With the current climate this could well be a vast under estimated spend at a time when the country could spend the money elsewhere to improve more sustainable schemes with do not have such a vastly damaging footprint.

In Thurrock this would decimate our greenbelt and agricultural land, this project seems to go against everything the Government is trying to improve in relation to air quality and carbon emissions. It is not compliant with Net Zero. Thurrock has some of the worst air quality outside of London, putting a 'motorway' through an area would mean no levels of mitigation would improve this situation.

Not only greenbelt but it would destroy ancient and other woodlands, wildlife and habitats. The negative affects would also be an impact to people's homes, businesses, leisure, heritage, schools, communities and more.

I am concerned about safety since it would be a 'smart' motorway by stealth. The Government have paused smart motorways for good reason, and although LTC is not being classed as a motorway, it is clear to see it has all of the attributes of one.

What is being proposed would not solve the problems at the Dartford Crossing, which would remain over capacity. Not only that but there would not be adequate connections, and the LTC traffic would negatively impact the existing road network. There would be an increase of 50% or more traffic if the LTC goes ahead. I do see the need for another Thames crossing but this project is out of date and does not seem aligned to meet its goals.

What is being proposed makes no provision for more sustainable travel options. The proposed LTC fails to meet the scheme objectives, and would be a huge waste of money, and a huge cost to our environment and health and well-being. It would just bring negative impacts and no benefits. We need and deserve better. The proposed LTC is not fit for purpose and should be scrapped.

I have concerns on the proposed 'benefits' of LTC, the employment aims are not structured enough to mitigate the communities directly impacted, and the huge influx of an imported workforce would damage communities and services in the areas affected.

The construction of this project would devastate Thurrock at a time when so many other large projects are also in various stages, this would have a negative impact on everyone's day to days lives with road closures, rights of way severed, HGV movements, 24/7 boring to name a few.

It is time to put this project off the table and bring a modern solution to the problems at Dartford, this is outdated, overpriced, damaging to all around it.