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Lower Thames Crossing – (Deadline 1)

Written Representation Summary

- The proposed crossing at this location, East of Gravesend, is the wrong place and has the greatest impact on the environment.
- The proposed crossing will greatly increase traffic on narrow local rural roads.
- Safe accessible crossing of the roads around the development area for NMUs must be provided to link areas of public access and public rights of way.
- New routes with public access are welcomed but must be constructed to the proposed standard.
- New and upgraded existing routes must become Definitive Public Rights of Way.
- Resurfacing of Byways NS195/ 311 is welcome but change of use should not adversely affect it's status as a route open to ALL traffic.
- National Cycle Route NCR177 must remain open, usable and have a hard surface.
- Mitigation land should have public access.
- Legacy projects should include:

Creation/ upgrading of existing routes to allow safe equestrian access from Cyclopark through Shorne/ Jeskyn's.

NCR1 surfacing made up to a suitable standard and obstructions removed.

Improved access out to the England Coastal Path across the North Kent marshes.

The Kent Countryside Access Forum (KCAF) is a statutory, independent body made up of volunteers from the local community who represent landowners and land managers (both public and private), access users (such as walkers, cyclists, horse riders, carriage drivers, motorized vehicle users) and other interests (such as health and conservation, access for those with disabilities, the police, parish councils). The purpose of the KCAF is to advise KCC (in particular the Countryside Access Service - CAS) and other relevant organisations on the management, enhancement and promotion of Kent's Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and green spaces for the benefit of the people of Kent and visitors to the County.