

I Strongly Oppose the Building of the LTC

1. Continued rising Cost of LTC is formidable. 14.5 miles of road costing Â£10 Billion is not value for money. The cost far outweighs any possible benefits.
2. Will not meet its original purpose to resolve the problem at the Dartford River Crossing
3. Will add to the frequent congestion issues on the M25 both directions between Junctions 27 & 30
4. Will add to local area congestion during construction particularly if there are road traffic accidents on A127 or A13.
5. Stanford le Hope Detour North of Thames unrealistic.
6. Cyclists will be unable to use the LTC
7. There will be substantially increased noise levels during construction and beyond. 24 hour working will severely impact the health and well being of local communities.
8. Air Pollution won't meet required standards. It will get worse over 6 years of construction, increasing health risks and harm to the Environment.
9. Loss of Greenbelt land and wildlife habitats. Thurrock is becoming a Concrete mass with minimal recreational spaces and green belt land, much of which will be swallowed up if the LTC goes ahead.
- 10) The LTC will not meet Net Zero Targets for carbon emissions. It will probably run over-budget. It will not increase long-term employment options. It will not solve the problem at the Dartford River Crossing as was originally intended. What it will do and has done is have a negative impact on the health and well-being of residents along or near its route, and would continue to do so for many years to come if it were given the go ahead.

The money would be better spent on improving Public Transport including possible tram routes, rail freight alternatives in an effort to reduce traffic on roads and reduce carbon emissions. Money would be better spent on bringing our existing roads up to a standard fit for the volume and size of vehicles currently using the roads.