

For several years now the proposed LTC has been a noose around the necks of all residents and businesses affected negatively by it.

NH have decided to call it the A122, an A-Road, whereas all aspects of it reflect Motorway standards except that without hard shoulders it would be classed as a Smart Motorway. And of course the building of new Smart Motorways has been cancelled by the Government.

The original estimated cost has escalated beyond control and will no doubt continue to do so over the expected Construction time. It is the wrong road in the wrong place.

It does not represent Value for Money. 14.3 miles of road at an estimated cost of Â£9+ Billion to date.

Benefits if any would be few. Negative impacts would be many during years of construction and beyond.

Air quality.

Noise and Light pollution.

Environmental issues.

Loss of green belt, agricultural land and open recreational spaces.

Traffic congestion through construction and beyond.

Would not solve the issues at Dartford Crossing and would create more traffic congestion issues further afield around its access points and beyond.

Will create potential increase of road traffic incidents at the major junctions due to poor design and the vast amount of road signage which will be required. The junctions are so complex that road users are very likely to be confused and take the wrong route. This does not promote safe driving skills as many drivers will end up frustrated at increased journey times and possible crossing charges incurred.

Having tried to keep up with the DCO process as far as possible, it just serves to re-establish my belief that NH have failed to carry out to a satisfactory level all the necessary assessments and solutions for such an enormous project.

Waste management, use of River transportation, Design of Junctions. Construction impacts overall, eg. the Whitecroft Nursing Home and The Wilderness to name just two. Resultant wider spread traffic congestion. The list goes on.

Focus on reducing road traffic by upgrading Public Transport Systems and ensuring they are an affordable option would be a far better solution than spending many billions of pounds on 14.3 miles of road which funnels traffic back on to the M25, notorious for being the biggest car park in the UK.