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 Lower Thames Crossing

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Dear sirs,

As a local resident, the plans so far for the proposed Lower Thames Crossing, are both wrong, ill conceived and ultimately a waste of public money.

The A13 can not cope with the current levels of traffic, at any point from the City of London, through to Tilbury and beyond.

One small incident causes huge tailbacks in both directions.

The Lower Thames Crossing, will add to the huge amounts of traffic in the area and will have a detrimental impact on the A13.

A better solution would be to improve capacity at the existing Dartford Crossing, by building two additional twin lane tunnels either side of the existing tunnels.

In this way traffic could use either the bridge or new tunnels southbound, and three tunnels northbound, varrying the use of the new tunnels as required by the amount of traffic. In addition, the new tunnels could be used instead of the bridge when it's not possible to use the bridge due to high winds or maintenance.

The increased capacity would instantly reduce the pressure on the existing bridge and tunnels, without the need of building the new bypass and tunnel at the Lower Thames Crossing.

The current scheme was a vanity project by the previous Government, and should be scrapped for a cheaper alternative as I have described.

Yours faithfully,

Tony Silver Local Resident