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I have for the last decade (or so) taken time to give my opinions (in the faint hope that someone in Government listened) to these consultations. There have been far too many and have always been a very difficult read for an amateur, but needs must.

I have now read through Gravesham Councils latest objections and I agree with the objections but disagree with their ordering of those objections. Whilst preparing for this round of 'comments from Interested parties' I fell upon the 'Thames Estuary 2100 (TE2100)' proposals and it occurred to me that there are many issues around the 'Thames delta' that should be solved with one holistic approach and create a lasting solution to the communities either side of the Estuary.

There was a plan some years ago that proposed a new Thames barrier which encapsulated a crossing, wave energy collection and a local transport tram service between Essex & Kent. I believe it also included the KentEx tram proposals. But more importantly the whole scheme would solve a multitude of issues including the lower Thames crossing.

The Lower Thames Crossing is a very expensive 'country road level' bypass of a motorway (a first I believe) which somehow designs in motorway style road interchanges so complex that will ultimately lead to drivers being so confused, that chaos and accidents will surely take place. Ultimately the Lower Thames Crossing is not worth the money already spent on it, let alone the crazy amount of money estimated to complete the project. It is in the wrong place, carbon emission rich, damaging to the natural environment and won't actually solve the problem but spread out the problem to a bigger area, (there are many more issues beside these).

Kill the crossing plan now and go back to the drawing board and plan a fully integrated transport and community plan that will last a lifetime. After all, The Lower Thames Crossing is a very expensive sticking plaster over a gaping wound that needs stitches. This is a chance for the new Government to really make a change.

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