

Lower Thames Crossing Response Form Draft – Cobham Parish Council Response

Q1a Agree

Q1b Crossing is needed

Q2a Strongly oppose route chosen

Q2b Support

Q2c Our preference is an additional crossing using the existing Dartford M25 infrastructure

We support the closure of the Gravesend Road junction & extending length of tunnel to bring the new southern tunnel mouth to the south side of the A226 Gravesend Road

Q3a Strongly oppose route south of the river

Q3b Route preference to come from M2 junction 1 Crutches Farm, Great Crabbies Wood, under Pear Tree Lane, crossing A226 via tunnels and cuttings east of Shorne & west of Higham

Q3c We support the extension of the tunnel length south of the A226

Q3d Neutral

Q3e n/a

Q4a Strongly oppose

Q4b This junction layout is incredibly confusing, has been commented on by Tim Jones as the most complex junction he has ever worked on. The restrictions of the CTRL cause tight bends. The space available does not lend itself to smooth traffic flows. The complex layout must add to the overall cost of this project

Q4c/d/e/f Neutral

Q5a Support

Q5b We support any opportunities that enhance the plans to retain and improve the public rights of way through this scheme. Although routes are maintained east to west they are less direct. Any additional opportunities to provide rights of way along the scheme and links into local quiet lanes should be taken into account

Q6a Agree

Q6b We are supportive of all measures to protect the environment

Q7a Neutral

Q7b The majority of the boundaries put in place seem sensible

Q8a Neutral

Q8b Neutral

Q8c No comment

Q9a Strongly disagree

Q9b The Traffic forecast non-technical summary shows increased volumes of traffic along Henhurst Road, but does not show any additional traffic along Sole Street. We wish to challenge the analysis on this, and would like an independent survey of Cobham, Sole Street and Meopham to be conducted

Q10 We agree that charging should be in line with the existing Dartford crossings, and a local residents discount scheme similar to the Dartford one should be put in place

Q11a Support

Q11b The use of quiet road surfaces should be used to reduce noise to all residences close to the LTC. Removal of spoils by river where ever possible should be used on both sides of the river

Q12 Any pylon moves we would like to see kept away from properties. The scheme will have a significant negative visual impact on the current vistas of predominantly farm land, therefore where possible we would like to see power cables go underground to reduce visual impact

Q13 Other Comments

- Traffic calming measures needed in Sole Street to prevent this becoming a rat run
- Increased traffic along Henhurst Road will be a serious problem. This is a very narrow and windy country lane not wide enough for a lorry and a car to pass safely at many points. This small lane was never designed to cope with present traffic volumes, let alone the increased volumes indicated in the Traffic forecast. The sharp 90 degree bend on Henhurst Road is often subject to serious accidents with a recent fatality.
- Sole Street is subject to regular flooding near the shop which causes traffic problems and is a danger to motorists and pedestrians.
- The Street in Cobham is a narrow road and already has traffic issues regularly when the A2 has problems. What will be done to protect this road from increased traffic and damage to the listed buildings close to the road.