

Rt. Hon. Patrick McLoughlin MP
Secretary of State for Transport
Department for Transport,
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Dear Minister,

Lower Thames Crossing “Option C”

I want to register my objection to the whole of “Option C” in its entirety for the following reasons:-

- Option C is by far the most expensive Option. It will devastate the environment and the community, blighting the lives of thousands of people in Kent and Essex. Causing untold gridlock on rural routes, unbearable pollution and noise. It will not solve the fundamental problem of congestion at Dartford.
- Option C is poorly designed and inadequate. Without further improvements to Major Roads Infra Structure, it will not solve the fundamental problem of relieving congestion at Dartford.
- Option C will invite further development of business and housing inside the green belt, put pressure on SSSI's, AONB's and RAMSAR Protected Sites. It will extend The Greater London Conurbation seamlessly from Dartford to The Medway Towns.
- The Highways England Consultation Document figures are unsubstantiated, dubious, based on out of date data and extremely biased.
- The problem at Dartford needs solving NOW, where the congestion currently exists and where existing major roads infra- structure is already in place. Option C is expensive, will take longer to build, will need significant upgrading of existing roads (not planned or mentioned in the consultation) and will only relieve congestion at Dartford by 14% (Highways England Figures).
- SPEND THE MONEY AND DO THE JOB PROPERLY – OPTION C WILL NEVER BE COST EFFECTIVE OR SOLVE THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM!