

Dear Residents

Third Thames Crossing

It is no longer A Bridge Too Far - it is now a Tunnel Too Near

You will know by now that Highways England have published their preferred route for the Crossing-a tunnel. Although, I suppose, this is a slightly better alternative to a bridge, it will still destroy a beautiful part of our area from Shorne to Chalk, Higham and the Thames. Development of this kind can only result in further development in our historic landscape .

I have been concerned that there is no information day for Higham and have been in contact with the person leading this for Highways England who merely replies that there are events in Shorne and Rochester and residents can go there. This is not good enough. The people of Higham deserve better than this. Higham is the largest village to be affected. If, like me, you think that Higham should have its own information day, where you can make your views known, then please write, email, phone:

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and let him know what you think about the decision not to include Higham in the information events. Please tell your friends and neighbours about this.

Looking to the future we must organise our response to the proposal and in the next few days I will be writing again with proposals after I have had meetings with the Parish Council and others affected by this. A small group has been formed to organise a Borough wide response.

It is interesting to know that the Roads Minister has said that a crossing at Dartford has not been ruled out. It is also interesting to know that Highways England had not been intending to release details until the end of the week (Friday a good day to bury news).

In the meantime please do let Mr Potts know your thoughts on the lack of information for Higham.

Best wishes

Harold Craske
Borough Councillor