

Lower Thames Crossing

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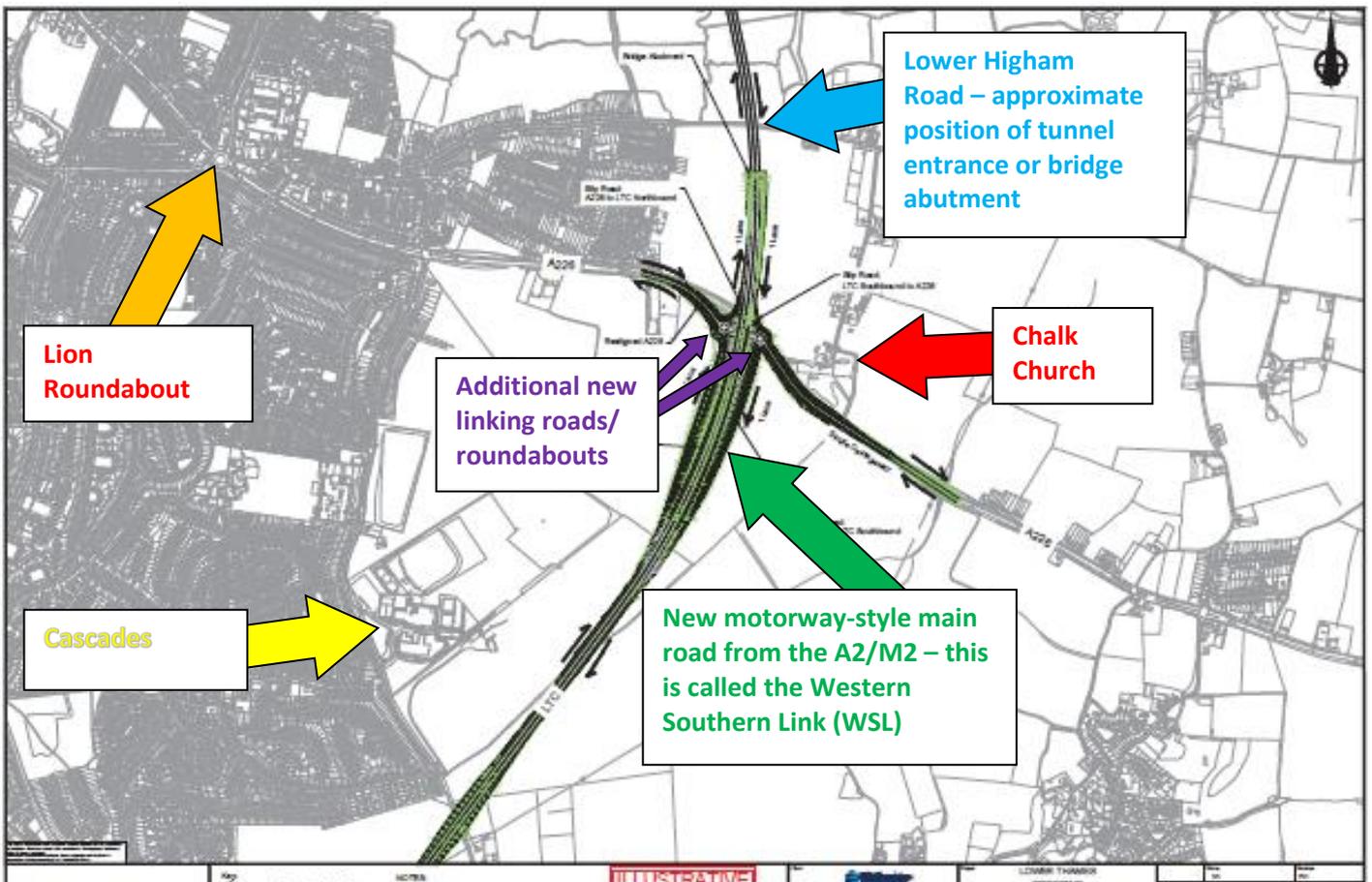
Option C

use the official questionnaire

via:

www.lower-thames-crossing.co.uk

(or use the printed version)



Above: One of the detailed maps showing a possible route of the Western Southern Link (WSL), for the proposed Lower Thames Crossing - if Option C is finally chosen. The possibility above links to a bridge. (A tunnel is probably more likely but not definite.) All the current Option C ideas have approach and access roads which are similarly close to the church and, in the tunnel options, the tunnel entrance comes essentially at the Lower Higham Road. The alternative (eastern) road (ESL) goes through Shorne and is, if possible, even more damaging generally but, again, the route still goes by Chalk Church much as above but probably worse, with the main road coming close to us over a longer distance.

Opposite: A possible tunnel route with the Eastern Southern Link. The tunnel and bridge approach roads are similar; what changes is whether the route also goes through Shorne (ESL) or Thong (WSL). There are also variations in the positioning of the damaging and unnecessary additional access roads and roundabouts to/from the A226 Rochester Road.

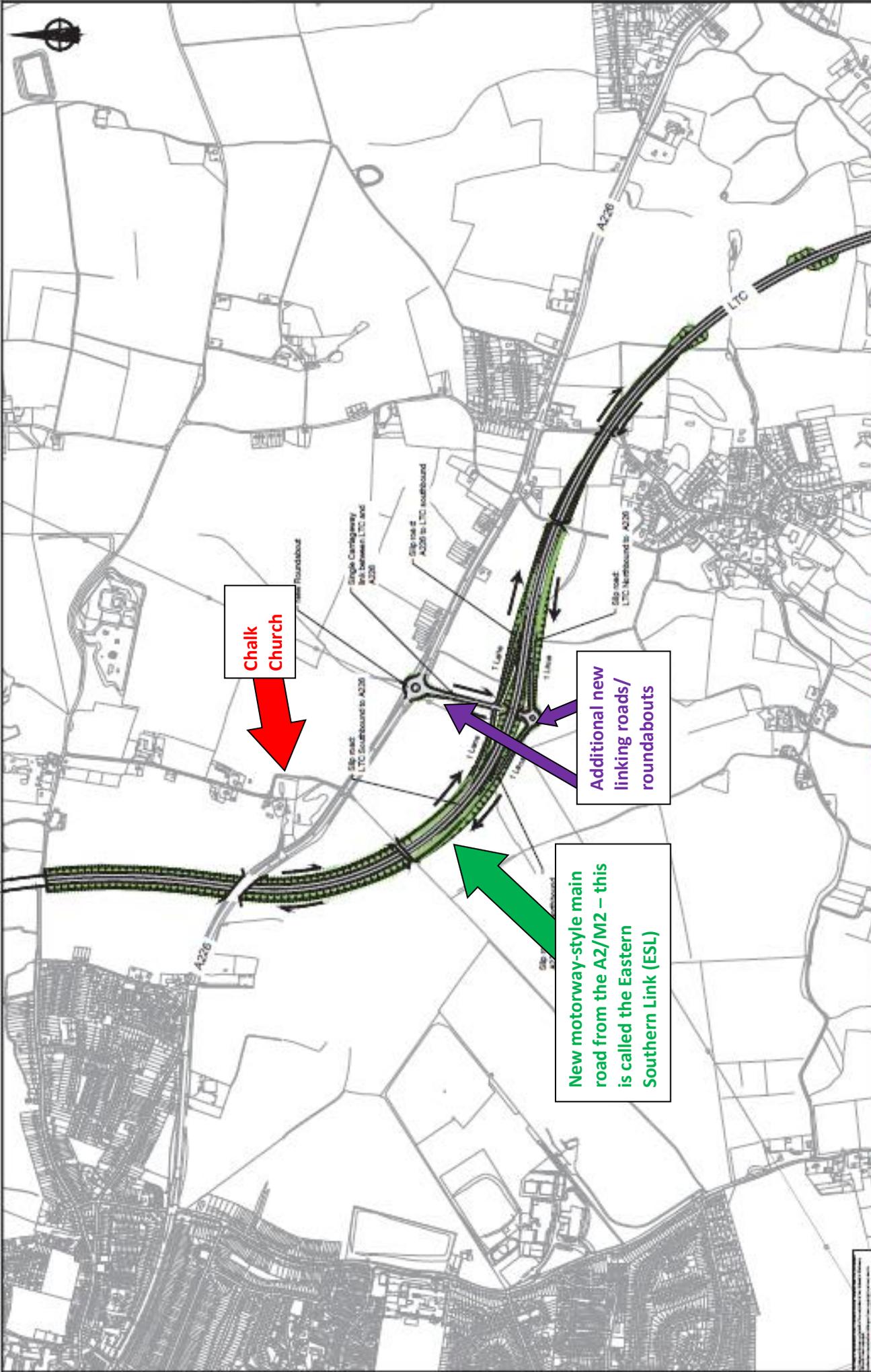
Possible ideas for your response:

1. **All Option C ideas bring unacceptable noise and damage to the village communities.**
2. **While a tunnel is less offensive than a bridge, the positioning of the tunnel southern portal so far from the A2/M2 connection makes the suggested tunnel a non-starter.**
3. **The inclusion of access roads to and from the A226 (requiring traffic use, eg to or from Grain), bringing extra noise, pollution and congestion, is particularly bad for residents.**

Also, these ideas may be worth a mention:

1. **Option A (Dartford) is cheaper, more effective with normal congestion and less environmentally damaging.**
2. **More freight on rail would be an even more strategic solution.**

More ideas on what we are doing and how to make a response can be found via the church's website www.chalkchurch.org.uk **NB: Chalk meeting on 3 March 7pm at the Church.**



Chalk Church

Additional new linking roads/roundabouts

New motorway-style main road from the A2/M2 – this is called the Eastern Southern Link (ESL)

<p>ILLUSTRATIVE DESIGN</p> <p>0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 METRES</p> <p>1:1000</p>		<p>KEY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direction of traffic flow Structure Existing road stopped up Local road diversion
<p>NOTES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The design shown on these drawings is illustrative and may be subject to change in later stages of the scheme development. 		<p>LOWER THAMES CROSSING</p> <p>Eastern Southern Link Tunnel</p> <p>A226 Grade Separated Junction</p>
<p>HAIRCROW HYDRO JOINT VENTURE</p> <p>HAIRCROW HYDRO JOINT VENTURE</p> <p>HAIRCROW HYDRO JOINT VENTURE</p>		<p>PROJECT INFORMATION</p> <p>Project No: 10118</p> <p>Client: Transport for London</p> <p>Contract: A226</p> <p>Scale: A1</p> <p>Drawn by: [Name]</p> <p>Checked by: [Name]</p> <p>Project Manager: [Name]</p> <p>Project Engineer: [Name]</p> <p>Project Surveyor: [Name]</p> <p>Project Designer: [Name]</p> <p>Project Draughtsman: [Name]</p> <p>Project Checker: [Name]</p> <p>Project Approver: [Name]</p> <p>Project Date: [Date]</p> <p>Project Location: [Location]</p> <p>Project Reference: [Reference]</p>

A joint letter from

Councillor Leslie Hills
Gravesham Borough Councillor for Chalk

&

The Revd Nigel Bourne
Vicar of Chalk

As you will now be aware, Highways England has announced its proposal for a Lower Thames Crossing. The plans have the most serious impact on residents of our local area.

Option A (a new crossing at Dartford) has not been recommended by Highways England. **If the Government accepts this recommendation, a new crossing with motorway-style approach roads will be built at Chalk and the surrounding areas. This is known as Option C.**

The Consultation that Highways England has begun is mostly about two versions of Option C; one version (the Western Southern Link) goes to the A2 by Thong and the other version (the Eastern Southern Link) goes to the M2 by Shorne. Both versions go by Chalk Church and include access roads linking the new motorway-style road to the A226 Rochester Road via new roundabouts etc near the church. These roads will cause even more congestion on the A226.

All Gravesham residents will be affected but Chalk and neighbouring areas more than any.

We, together with all Gravesham Borough Councillors, Kent County Councillors for Gravesham and Adam Holloway MP are opposed to 'Option C' and we strongly urge you to oppose all forms of Option C via the official Consultation which you can find at:

www.lower-thames-crossing.co.uk

We will endeavour to make printed copies of the questionnaire available to any who want them and to keep you up to date with what we are doing and what you can do. Information will be displayed in the window of the Parish Hall and on various websites including that of the church, www.chalkchurch.org.uk (which includes some informative TV clips and downloads).

A **Chalk community meeting** will be held on **3 March at 7pm in the church** - all are welcome.

Local information events have also been organised by Highways England. The Gravesend Messenger and other papers have the dates and venues as does the Parish Hall. Attending will help you understand the proposals better even if you (like us) do not agree with them.

Option C is the most costly and the most damaging to the environment and our community (including its church and adjacent field which we use for village events). It is also the worst solution for solving congestion at Dartford. Choosing between WSL and ESL is like asking us to choose between being eaten by a lion or a tiger! **Please use the Consultation** - which runs only until 24th March 2016 - to register your opposition to all versions of Option C. Thank you. **It's not only our future we're fighting for but the future of our children and grandchildren.**

**We need as many people as possible to respond INDIVIDUALLY
via the official questionnaire saying,**

'No' to 'Option C'.

(NB Petitions may help but will NOT be counted in the all-important Consultation.)