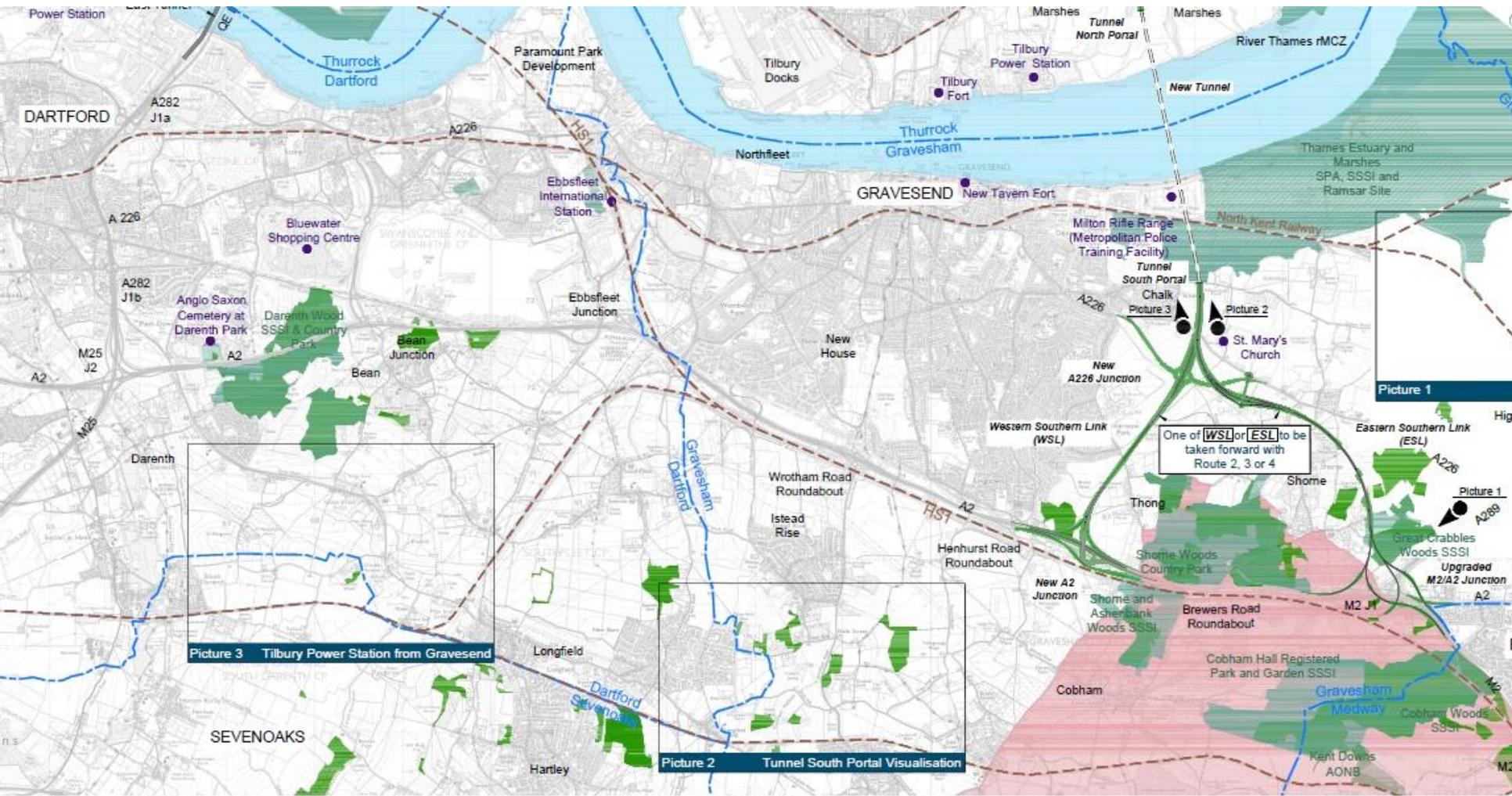


# Option C Overview South of the Thames



Thames Estuary and  
Marshes  
SPA, SSSI and  
Ramsar Site

**Focus on Chalk's  
Environmental  
Context**

North Kent Railway

Chalk  
Picture 3

Picture 2

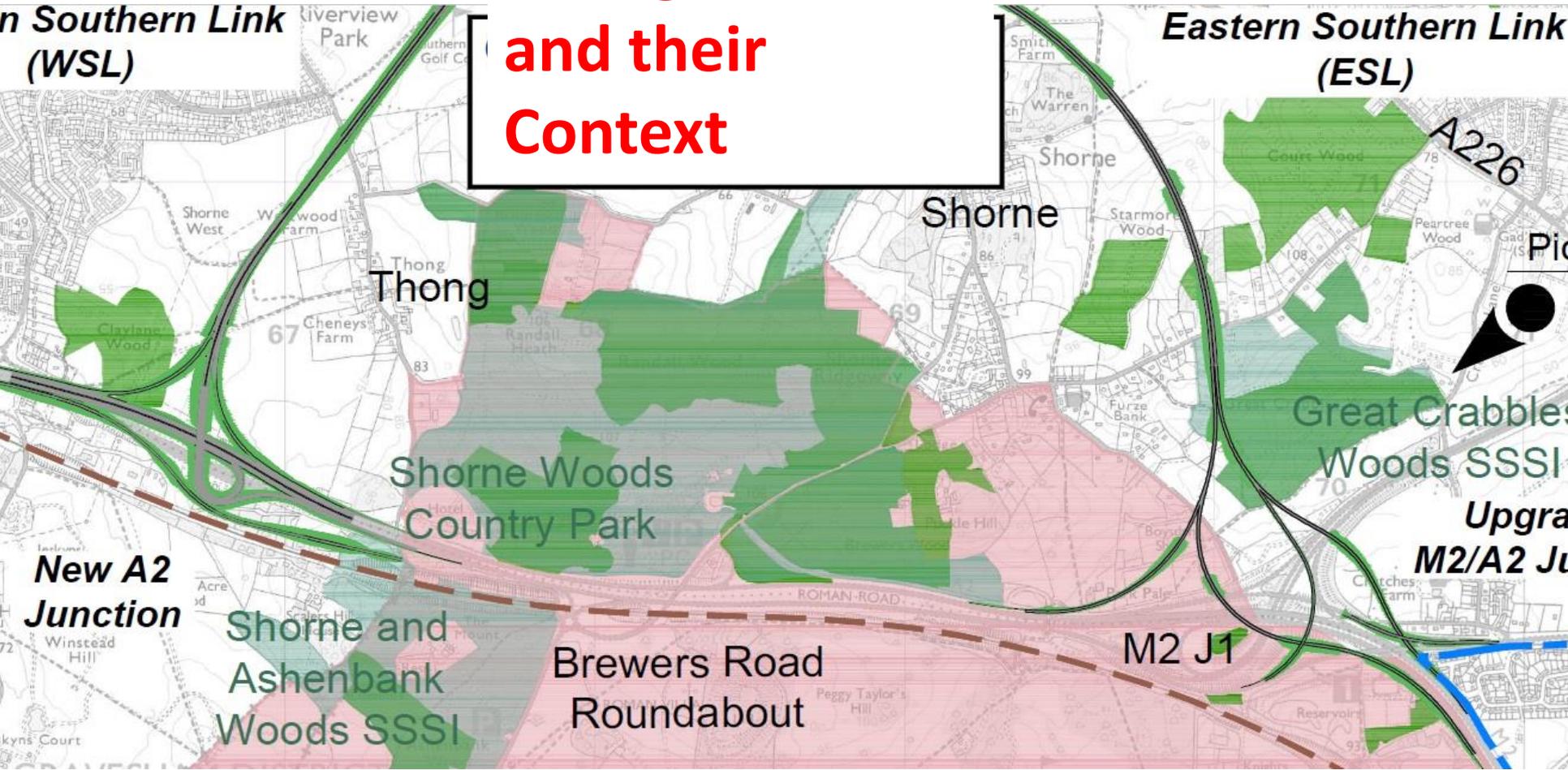
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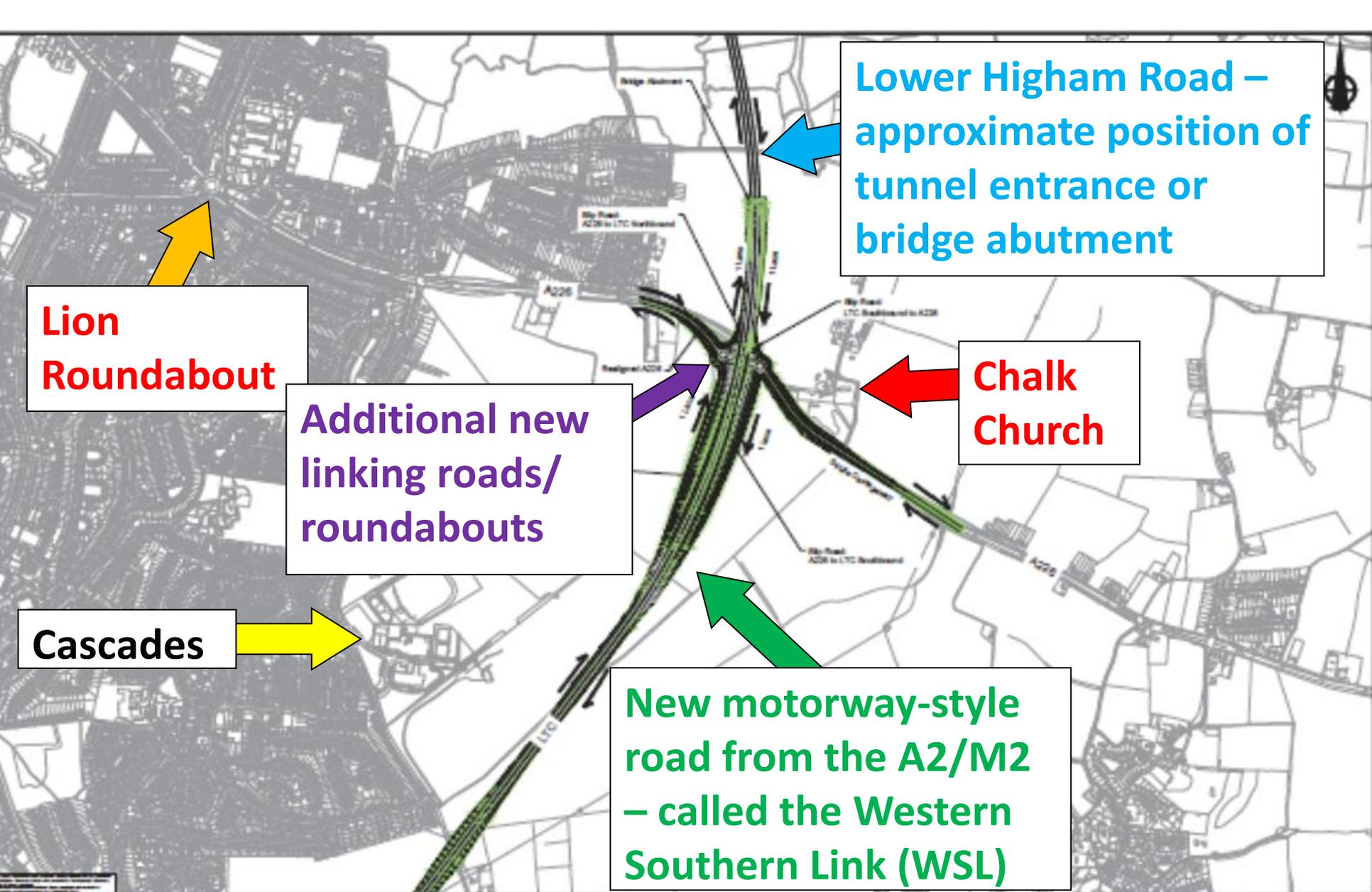
New  
A226 Junction



Picture

# Focus on Thong, Shorne and their Context





**Lion Roundabout**

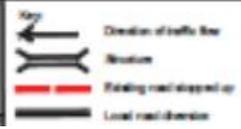
**Additional new linking roads/ roundabouts**

**Cascades**

**Lower Higham Road – approximate position of tunnel entrance or bridge abutment**

**Chalk Church**

**New motorway-style road from the A2/M2 – called the Western Southern Link (WSL)**



**NOTES**  
1. The design shown on these drawings is illustrative and may be subject to change in later stages of the scheme development.



**Western Southern Link  
Bridge  
A226 Grade Separated Junction**

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**Previous Page:** 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) starts much as above then goes through Shorne and is, if possible, even more damaging generally! However, all in the Gravesend area will suffer if any of the Option C ideas are taken up.

## **Possible ideas for your response**

**The check boxes are the essential thing if time is limited – “strongly oppose” all Highways England’s suggestions – they are all versions of Option C.**

**[Possible things to write...]**

- 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’s southern portal so far from the A2/M2 connection makes the suggested tunnel a non-starter.**
- 3. Option C will bring gridlock to Gravesham and surrounding villages. Connections to A226 are very unwelcome.**

## **Also may be worth a mention:**

- 1. Option A (Dartford) is cheaper** (especially when the obviously necessary upgrades to roads connecting the M2 and M20 are included in Option C, eg A249, A228 & A229), **more effective with normal congestion & less environmentally damaging.** A long tunnel would also add resilience, providing a separate route for local and M25 traffic.
- 2. More freight on rail would be an even more strategic solution as would use of northern ports.**
- 3. The Consultation is flawed.** It “sells” Option C with misleading & partial information and makes it virtually impossible to choose Option A – the most popular choice in the 2013 Consultation.

Various ideas on what we are doing and how to make a response are at:

Chalk Church's website      [www.chalkchurch.org.uk](http://www.chalkchurch.org.uk)

see also:                      [abridge2 far facebook page](#)

**The most important thing now is to respond to the consultation** (you can do this online – a link is on the church website page) **and get all your friends, family and neighbours to do the same.**

**This may only be the start of a long campaign.  
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