

Lower Thames Crossing

Walkers, cyclists and horse riders



For every 1 mile of new road, we are delivering almost 3 miles of new or improved pathways to encourage active travel and promote health and well-being across the region.

In Thurrock, Brentwood and Havering



In Thurrock, Brentwood and Havering we are proposing over 24 miles of new or improved pathways. Some of our proposals include:

- Two new footbridges for walkers, cyclists and horse riders over the A127 to create safe and easy crossing points and restore links severed by the road over 100 years ago.
- A new pedestrian, cycle and horse riding bridge over the M25 to complete a route between a new community woodland on Hole Farm, Thames Chase Forest Centre, the Mardyke and beyond.
- Replacing the Rectory Road bridge over the A13 with a wider bridge with a segregated horse track and pathway for walkers and cyclists.
- Four new green bridges to provide an easier and safer crossing for people, horses, and wildlife – seven in total along the proposed route.
- Improved connections between the local community and heritage sites such as Coalhouse Fort and East Tilbury Battery.
- A new foot and cycle path separated from road traffic, that will provide a safe and easy way to commute between East Tilbury, Linford and Chadwell St Mary.

We're also funding improvements to the wider public rights of way network, including:

- The restoration of a missing link along the popular Two Forts Way footpath between Tilbury Fort and Coalhouse Fort that would be delivered by Thurrock Council.
- Supporting the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) to improve the accessibility of the Coastal Path between Coalhouse Fort and Stanford-le-Hope.

In Kent

In Kent, we are proposing over 12 miles of new or improved pathways. Some of our proposals include:




- Three green bridges; one over the Lower Thames Crossing and two over the existing A2/M2 at Brewers Road and Thong Lane. These create safe routes for pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and wildlife – and include an 84m wide bridge, one of the widest green bridges in Europe.
- New and extended foot and cycle paths connecting the residential areas of Gravesend, Strood, and communities south of the A2, to the parks and woodlands between them.
- A new cycle route south of the A2 from Park Pale in the east to Hever Court Road in the west.
- Easy connections to and through Chalk Park; a new landscaped park we are proposing, that will offer views over the Thames estuary.
- A network of bridleways and permissive paths giving horse riders an uninterrupted route between woodlands such as Shorne Woods Country Park, Ashenbank Wood and Jeskyns Community Woodland.



In total, across the route of the Lower Thames Crossing we are creating almost 40 miles of new and enhanced pathways.

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Almost 40 miles of new or improved pathways for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

