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Dear sirs.

I'm sorry but so far my views have been ignored.

I have lived in Thurrock for over 20 years. The A13 is at capacity despite the recent improvements. One single small incident on either carriageway at any point of the road, snarls both carriageways up for miles in both directions. By introducing a new road and tunnel that connects with the A13 will increase traffic that will use the A13 as a shortcut towards London in one direction and the container port in the other direction.

The A13 can't cope with the current traffic, particularly when it goes down to two lanes at Stanford le Hope. Unless this is also increased to three or more lanes to Basildon and Pitsea, then the increased levels of traffic caused by the Lower Thames Crossing, will cause havoc on the A13.

The Labour Government is trying to push this through regardless of the views of either the residents of Thurrock or even Thurrock

Council who have consistently opposed the scheme.

If you want to relieve the Dartford crossing, it would make far more sense to simply build more tunnels at Dartford instead. The M25 is far better designed to cope with more traffic than the A13.

Yours faithfully

Tony Silver