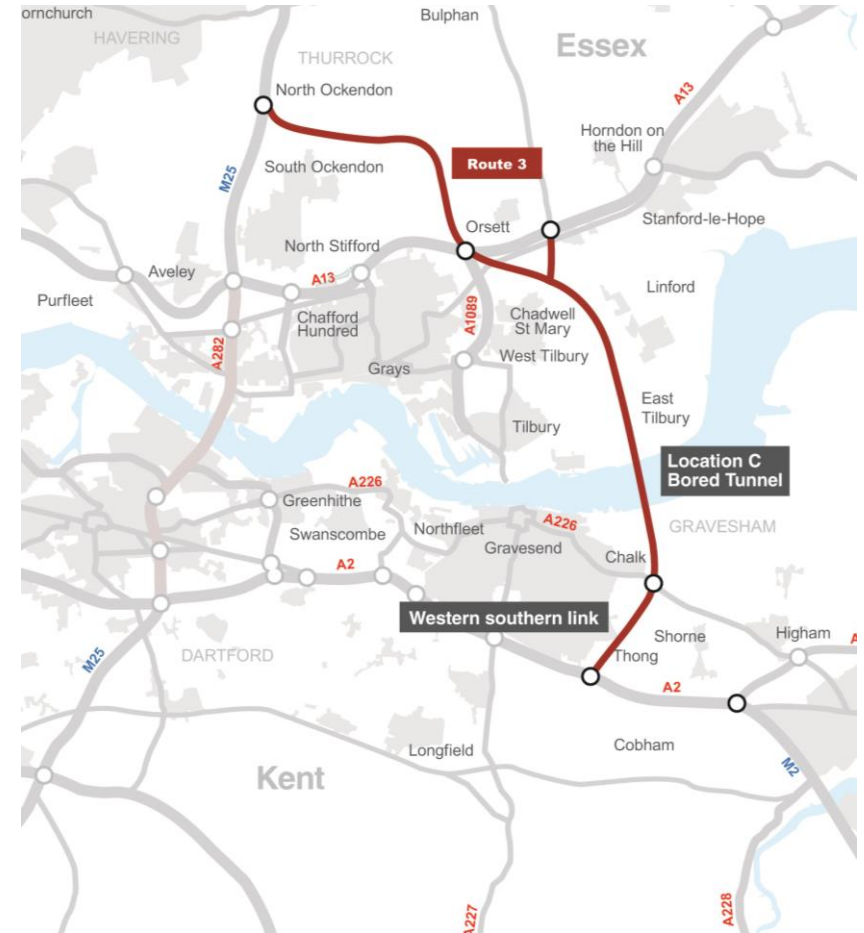
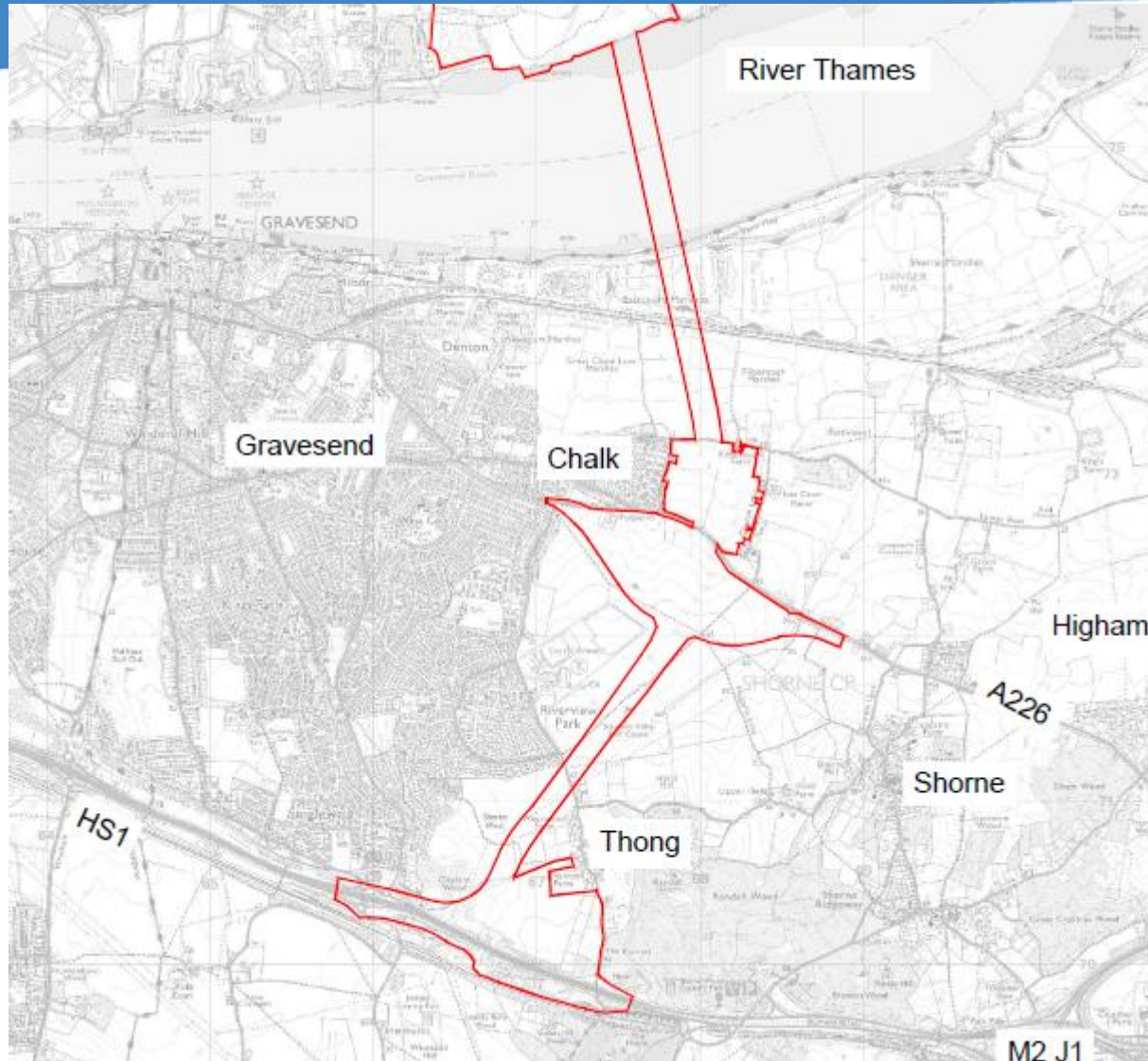


Department for Transport Decision

- Preferred Route Announcement by Government made on 12th April 2017:
 - a bored tunnel crossing under the River Thames east of Gravesend and Tilbury (Location C)
 - a new road north of the river which will join the M25 between junctions 29 and 30 (Route 3)
 - a new road south of the river which will join the A2 east of Gravesend (the Western Southern Link)
- Route chosen as one that ***“minimised community and environmental impacts as far as possible, whilst providing the transport and economic benefits of a modern, alternative crossing”***
 - This was the basis of KCC’s argument for the Western Southern Link



Key Concerns for Kent



- Extent of tunnelling
- Proposed A226 junction
- A2 junction design (70mph link)
- Capacity – three lane tunnels and connectors
- Property and compensation:
 - WSL will see 4 residential and 3 commercial properties demolished, including the service station on the A2

Next Steps for the Project



- Detailed design
- Environmental surveys
- Air quality assessment
- Noise impact assessment
- Traffic modelling
- Junction design (A226 and A2)
- Ecology surveys (currently being conducted)
- Contacting land and property owners

Further public consultation and opportunities to comment on the proposals



Illustrative image showing potential tunnel approach south of the river