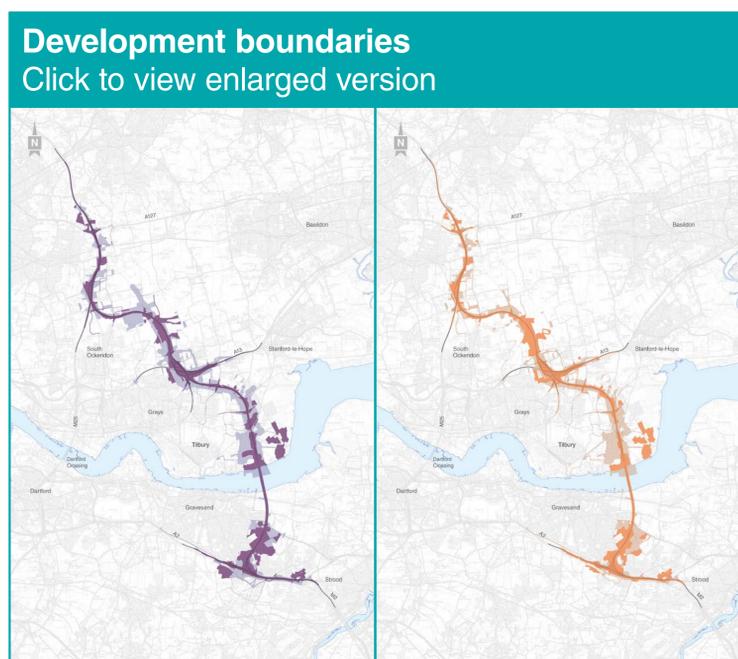


Property and landowners

Development boundary

We have revised our development boundary to reflect the changes that we are now proposing for this design refinement consultation.

At supplementary consultation, the development boundary comprised over 26km² of land. Allowing for the changes we are now consulting on, the land within the revised development boundary is now slightly below 23km². We have been able to reduce this by refining the design of utility diversions in some areas along the route.



Left: supplementary consultation boundary.

Right: revised design refinement boundary.

A comparison of the development boundary presented at supplementary consultation, and the revised boundary, is shown above. Within this revised development boundary, there is now some additional land along the Lower Thames Crossing route that would be required permanently.

At the time we submit our DCO application, the revised development boundary will be referred to as the Order Limits.

Property and landowners

There are approximately 150 residential and business properties within the revised development boundary. This has been reduced from approximately 270 properties presented at supplementary consultation.

Around 70 would only be affected by works to adjust existing electricity cables above the properties, so would not need to be purchased for the project. At supplementary consultation, this figure was around 190.

Of the other 80 properties, around 40 would require demolition and the remainder would be impacted by construction works or would need changes to how they are accessed.

Utility diversions

Where we are diverting utilities, such as power lines or gas pipelines, we would normally use the land temporarily but retain permanent rights over it to allow the utility owner to operate and maintain the utility infrastructure. This would allow ownership of the land to remain with the existing landowner. Other areas, for example construction sites, would also only be needed temporarily. When work is complete, any land would be reinstated and returned to its owner.

Special category land

In some locations, the Lower Thames Crossing is impacting existing areas of special category land. Due to this, our revised development boundary includes replacement land for some of the special category land, or rights over land, that we propose to compulsory purchase.