

PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday 17 October 2022
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Mrs Blackmore (Chairman), Mrs Grigg (Vice-Chairman), Clark, Kimmance, Munford, Spooner, Springett, Trzebinski and Young

The Chairman will assume that all Members will read the reports before attending the meeting. Officers are asked to assume the same when introducing reports.

AGENDA

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1. Apologies for Absence
2. Notification of Substitute Members
3. Urgent Items
4. Notification of Visiting Members
5. Disclosures by Members and Officers
6. Disclosures of Lobbying
7. To consider whether any items should be taken in private due to the possible disclosure of exempt information
8. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 15 August 2022
9. Deferred Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8 June 2022
10. Presentation of Petitions (if any)
11. Question and Answer session from Local Residents (if any)
12. Questions from Members to the Chairman (if any)
13. Forward Plan relating to the Committee's Terms of Reference
14. Financial Update & Performance Monitoring Report
15. Proposal for improvements to King Street Car Park
16. Design and Sustainability DPD Issues and Option

Issued on 14 October 2022

Continued Over/:

Alison Broom

Alison Broom, Chief Executive

17. Statements of Common Ground - Soft Sand and Lower Thames Crossing

- a) **Urgent Update to Item 17 - Statements of Common Ground - Soft Sand and Lower Thames Crossing** **127**

PART II

To move that the public be excluded for the items set out in Part II of the Agenda because of the likely disclosure of exempt information for the reasons specified having applied the Public Interest Test.

Head of Schedule 12A and Brief Description

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| 18. Exempt Appendices 1 and 2 (Item 17 - Statements of Common Ground - Lower Thames Crossing and Soft Sand) - Draft Statement of Common Ground between Maidstone Borough Council, Kent County Council, East Sussex County Council, Brighton and Hove City Council, West Sussex County Council, and the South Downs National Park Authority; and Draft Statement of Common Ground between Maidstone Borough Council & National Highways | Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the authority holding that information) | |
| 19. Urgent Update to Item 18 - Exempt Appendices 1 and 2 (Item 17 - Statements of Common Ground - Lower Thames Crossing and Soft Sand) | Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the authority holding that information) | 128 - 163 |

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Planning and Infrastructure Policy and Advisory Committee

17th October 2022

Urgent Update

Agenda Item 17

Statements of Common Ground – Soft Sand and Lower Thames Crossing

This urgent update comprises modifications to the Statement of Common Ground for the Lower Thames Crossing only. This is included as exempt Appendix 2: Draft Statement of Common Ground between Maidstone Borough Council & National Highways.

The modifications have been proposed by National Highways following the publication of the Planning and Infrastructure Policy and Advisory Committee reports.

The first set of modifications comprise minor amendments to Table 2.1 and the Glossary to improve the legibility and accuracy of the document. This includes:

- Factual updates to clarify that National Highways is the other signatory. In some instances, the draft document erroneously refers to the body as Highways England.
- The addition of acronyms for Strategic Road Network (SRN), Local Road Network (LRN) and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).
- The addition of a shorthand reference for the Lower Thames Crossing as ‘the Project’.
- The deletion of references to the Council’s previous formal consultation responses in the ‘Document Reference’ column of Table 2.1. This column is intended only for evidence base documents prepared by National Highways to support the application for the Development Consent Order.
- Factual update to state the correct name of the National Highways evidence base document referenced in Table 2.1, Matter 2.1.6.

The second modification comprises a minor amendment to the Council’s position statement on Matter 2.1.4, which is an informative to aid the explanation of the position.

Agenda Item 19

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