

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

14 June 2010

Supplementary Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure

Part 1- Public

Matters For Information

1 A21 TONBRIDGE TO PEMBURY DUALLING SCHEME

Summary

Recently received information that indicates that the Public Inquiry has been postponed.

1.1 Latest Inquiry Information

1.1.1 The report on the Agenda for the meeting indicated that the Public Inquiry for the A21 Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling scheme was set to start on 13 July 2010.

1.1.2 On 10 June, the Secretary of State for Transport issued a Written Ministerial Statement concerning expenditure on the national programme of transportation schemes. Expenditure on a number of areas of the programme is now effectively in abeyance pending the results of the comprehensive spending review later this year.

1.1.3 The immediate impact on the A21 Dualling Scheme is that the Public Inquiry has been postponed. Future arrangements will not be known until after the results of the spending review are revealed. **[Annex 1]** reproduces the advisory letter from the Government Office for the South East giving notice of this change of circumstances.

Background papers:

contact: Mike McCulloch

Nil

Steve Humphrey
Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure