

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

24 September 2012

Supplementary Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure

Part 1- Public

Matters For Information

1 BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

This report provides an update to the main report which incorrectly refers to an earlier letter from the then Government Office for the South East.

1.1 A21 Dualling

- 1.1.1 To supplement the main report some additional research has been undertaken to clarify current progress with this scheme.
- 1.1.2 Following the May announcement by the then Roads Minister, Mike Penning, the Highways Agency has now re-appointed the Consultant Atkins to take the scheme forward (Atkins were their consultant prior to the scheme being previously deferred). Environmental surveys are in hand as the Environmental Statement will need to be updated. Similarly traffic surveys were carried out in June & July to allow the traffic and economic impact aspects to be updated.
- 1.1.3 The Highways Agency will carry out consultation on these updates which will be an addendum to the Environmental Statement and a Traffic & Economic Statement, but no new statutory Orders are proposed as the Orders published in 2009 remain valid. The intention is to hold the Public Inquiry during 2013. We don't know quite when this will now be but would anticipate a date in late summer/early autumn.

1.2 Legal Implications

- 1.2.1 None.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.3.1 None directly for the Borough Council.

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 Not required.

Background papers:

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Nil

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