

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING and TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

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Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Summary

To report responses to consultation that have been dealt with at officer level since the last meeting.

1.1 Travelling Showpeople Circular

1.1.1 The draft Travelling Showpeople Circular proposed adopting an identical approach to that proposed for Gypsies and Travellers in Circular 1/06. Our view, as reflected in the attached response **Annex A**, was that that approach was not appropriate.

1.2 Dartford Crossing Consultation

1.2.1 During the first quarter of this year the Department for Transport conducted a consultation on proposed changes to the charging regime at the Dartford Crossing. The response contained at **Annex B** was forwarded to the DfT and it broadly questions the assumption implicit in the consultation that the toll plazas are not part of the capacity problem at this major strategic crossing. The DfT is currently considering the results of the consultation exercise and its emerging thoughts are contained in its latest position statement in **Annex C**.

1.3 Legal Implications

1.3.1 None

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.4.1 None

1.5 Risk Assessment

1.5.1 None

Background papers:

Nil

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