

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure

**Decision No:
D180071MEM**

Date: 13 November 2018

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Transportation Update

(Report of Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer)

The report provided an update on the current consultation process relating to the Lower Thames Crossing and Gatwick Airport and highlighted issues for inclusion in the respective responses.

Qualified support was expressed for the Lower Thames Crossing proposals although it was agreed to reiterate concerns regarding the implications for the A228 and A229 and the need for improvements to these routes to be prioritised to meet growing demand.

In respect of the Gatwick Airport consultation, there were significant concerns about any intensification of air traffic over West Kent, including night flights, the management of noise impacts and surface transport connectivity. Regarding the latter, emphasis was placed on continuing to lobby for a direct rail service between Gatwick and Tonbridge via Redhill.

Following consideration by the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure resolved that:

- (1) the content of the report be noted;
- (2) the issues raised in response to the Lower Thames Crossing consultation be approved for submission to Highways England; and
- (3) the issues raised in response to the Gatwick Master Plan consultation be approved for submission to Gatwick Airport Limited.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board of 13 November 2018.

Signed Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure H Rogers

Signed Leader: N Heslop

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

Date of publication: 16 November 2018

This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.