

PROVISION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES
SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK RECEIVED

ANNEX 3

1. PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS

i) Aylesford Parish Council

- Public convenience valued greatly providing a much needed facility for village
- Local use but facility primarily used by wider public/visitors. Usage all year round with peak in summer months.
- Consider condition of the facility as generally very good.
- Parish Council keen to retain and happy to discuss potential transfer.

ii) East Malling & Larkfield Parish Council

- Awaiting feedback from relevant Parish Council Committee.
- Parish Council has stated it is unlikely to take on the extra responsibility of the toilets, and has requested further details on running costs.

iii) Borough Green Parish Council

- Parish Council has confirmed that it would be willing to enter into discussions over the potential transfer of facilities.

iv) East Peckham Parish Council

- Parish Council willing to enter into discussions regarding the potential transfer of the facilities subject to a number of conditions. Conditions include the condition of the facilities , transfer costs being met by TMBC, a funding package being in place and transfer of land from KCC to the Parish Council to enable further opportunities.

v) Hadlow Parish Council

- No response received.

vi) Snodland Town Council

- Public conveniences should remain open and free of charge.
- Existing facilities regularly used and no alternative facilities in town.
- Not interested in transfer of facilities as the Town Council does not have resources to attend to them.

vii) West Malling Parish Council

- Toilets are important and need to remain open.
- Toilets used regularly by visitors, bus and coach drivers and those enjoying nightlife.
- Closure may result in anti-social behaviour.
- Parish Council would be open to discussions of a potential transfer.
- Regular complaints received on condition of toilets.
- Encourage use of community toilet scheme.

viii) Wrotham Parish Council

- Toilets currently owned by Parish Council and managed by TMBC.
- Facility not widely used by residents apart from village events and not in particularly good condition.
- Parish Council open to a meeting to discuss future of facilities.

2. TONBRIDGE COUNCIL MEMBERS

i) Councillor Branson (Castle Ward)

- Concerned no public convenience at Tonbridge Farm Sportsground.
- Both public conveniences in Castle Ward (Tonbridge Castle & Racecourse Sportsground), well used, particularly by visitors to Tonbridge and well kept.
- Feels replacement with a community toilet scheme would be unwelcoming and embarrassing for some people.
- Highlights Castle ward as a tourist destination and supports retention of toilets.

ii) Councillor Cure (Judd Ward)

- Supports retention of Prior Road toilet.
- Toilet used by taxi drivers and bus drivers late into evening/night.
- States that Members of Tonbridge Seniors Forum rate provision of public toilets very highly.

iii) Councillor Lancaster (Medway)

- Concern over Council's ability to continue to meet cost of maintaining facilities.
- Supports retention of toilets at Racecourse Sportsground and provision of one other facility serving the urban centre of the town.

iv) Councillor Mrs Heslop (Vauxhall)

- Feels some of the public toilets in Tonbridge have a greater community value than others.
- Priory Road toilets crucial for serving taxi drivers and bus drivers.
- Potential to remove public toilets at Angel Centre and offer use of other toilets within the building.