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LYDD TOWN COUNCIL BRIEFING NOTE

September 2023

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

Kent County Council is consulting on its new draft Emerging Local Transport Plan.

The Local Transport Plan is the Council's statutory plan and this consultation concerns development of the fifth iteration of the plan for Kent. More information on this consultation, and how to respond on the draft plan and the supporting information including the Health Impact Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment is available at www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5

The Council had success securing delivery of over £400m of investment in the major transport scheme priorities that were set out in the current adopted plan called 'Growth without Gridlock'. The Council is seeking views on the overall ambition, associated policy proposals and objectives for the new draft Emerging Local Transport Plan.

There will then be a later second consultation on a full draft plan once priority scheme proposals for Kent have been determined across each District. The purpose of doing a two-stage consultation is so that views from stakeholders at this stage can then inform the remaining development of the plan, before a full draft is consulted on.



Tony Hills KCC member for the Romney Marsh Division, report for September 2023

Highways

I published last month this update. Part of a press release that came out from County on the 31st of July

“Key steps have been taken to ensure Kent County Council (KCC) can continue to keep the travelling public safe on our roads.

KCC received an additional £6 million in government funding to ensure potholes and safety critical defects can be repaired as soon as possible. This means the total investment in road and footway maintenance repairs and resurfacing this financial year is expected to be in the order of £50 million.”

This in my opinion is not enough to keep our Marsh roads safe. I know my KCC officers have been trying to find more resources to support the Marsh highways. I'm also looking to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) to help fund highways improvements as next year we expect to see a massive growth in heavy transport as the demolition of Station A accelerates.

As I say every month, here is the link to report 'potholes' online.

<https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/ReportAFault.aspx>
 x We must continue to report dangerous potholes, the more complaints we log the more chance of getting them fixed.

NHS

Work continues to bring a 'Primary Care' hub to New Romney for the benefit of the whole Marsh, this is still in 'the works', I will do my best to keep you up to date as things proceed. We are all agreed that the need is urgent, we must make it happen.

Climate Change, protecting the Marsh

I had a very good meeting with the Environment Agency down at Lydd Ranges/Jurys Gap on the 15th of August. Watching an immense amount of shingle being pumped ashore from the Van Ord dredger. This will give us better protection against the winter storms, we can expect more extreme weather.



Dungeness

As reported last month progress is continuing to be made in our drive to bring Small Modular Nuclear Reactors to Dungeness. We are now engaging with various companies alongside working with EDF. KCC has prioritised Dungeness to be considered as a perfect site for SMNR's. This site is unique in having quality connections to the National Grid. The Marsh needs the investment and jobs.

Tony

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CIVIC AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS 2023

July 2023

The Town Mayor
Cllr Bob Jones

2 nd	Folkestone – Sunday Service and Blessing of the Fisheries	TS
8 th	Walmer Castle Reception	TS
9 th	New Romney – Annual Civic Service	TS
16 th	Tenterden – Annual Civic Service (Robes and Chains)	TS
22 nd	Lydd – Dog Show Opening	TS
29 th	New Romney – Country Fayre	

Civic and Social Engagements July 2023