

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Meeting Date	19 December 2016
Report Title	Update on the progress of the Swale Freight Transport Plan
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Classification	Open

Recommendations	Members are asked to note the contents of this report, and recommend that:- 1) The Freight Transport Plan is formally adopted by the JTB to enable it to be submitted to Defra. 2) The proposed actions in the plan are progressed during 2017 with Swale BC, the KCC and other partners
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of formal objections and support received in relation to the recently advertised Draft Freight Transport Plan

2. Background

- 2.1 The final version of the plan includes proposed amendments to the initial draft Freight Transport Plan to take account of the responses to the initial consultation. A copy of the summary of the recommended actions within the plan can be found in Annex A. A copy of the final plan taking account of the comments received can be found in Annex B.
- 2.2 The KCC were represented on the Swale Freight transport plan steering group and have also been consulting on a Kent County Transport Plan during 2016
- 2.3 The Swale Freight Plan can be used to assist the County Council with its work regarding freight Transport in Kent in the future and will enable the Council to fulfil its statutory duty of progressing with action plans to improve air pollution from traffic congestion by working with the freight sector.

3. Issue for Decision

Ratification of the Swale Freight Transport Action Plan

- 3.1 To create the actions within the plan expert consultants were employed to a formal consultation meeting took place with members of staff and external partners who were involved with local transport in August 2016. All departments and external partners were invited to send a representative. Nineteen people attended this meeting and their suggestions resulted in the draft action plan.
- 3.2 The results of the formal consultation meeting were reported to the Joint Transportation Board, and it was recommended that the proposed restrictions be implemented, but with a reduction in the length of lining on the north side of the road following a suggestion from Kent County Council, subject to the approval of both Parish Councils who are funding the works.
- 3.3 Account has been taken of the responses received and the draft freight plan amended. This consultation included external consultees some of whom had not been able to attend the initial meeting.
- 3.4 The comments from the consultation were passed to the consultants who the Council had appointed to write the plan and these were subsequently clarified on the telephone by the consultants and the consultees. Amendments were made to the plan to take account of these comments.. Once this plan is ratified it will be available on the website for wider consultation and implementation during 2017 onwards.
- 3.5 The Freight transport plan was paid for by a Defra grant and a progress report on its expenditure will be due to Defra in December.

4. Recommendation

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 - 2) The proposed actions in the plan are progressed during 2017 with Swale BC, the KCC and other partners

5. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer and healthier Highways in residential areas.
Financial,	Costs associated with Traffic Regulation Order, and necessary

Resource and Property	lining and signing.
Legal and Statutory	<p>Compliance with EU Air Quality Directive 2008/50.</p> <p>Compliance with statutory duties in The Environment Act 1995, LAQM Technical Guidance (England) 2016</p> <p>Work with partners in Public Health JSNA (http://www.kmpho.nhs.uk/commissioning/profiles)</p> <p>Objective 5: Create and Develop Healthy and Sustainable Places & Communities-Promoting wellbeing is at the heart of what local government is about: supporting a better life for its citizens and helping to build resilient communities, now and over the longer term.</p> <p>NICE guidelines consultation https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/GID-PHG92/documents/draft-guideline</p>
Crime and Disorder	None at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	<p>This will have a positive improvement on health and safety of the residents.</p> <p>There is a risk that obtaining additional finance for the implementation of the plan will delay the onset of the implementation stage of the plan.</p>
Equality and Diversity	There will be a positive impact on equality from the environmental improvements in residential areas of the Borough.
Sustainability	The plan will contribute positively to climate change and sustainable travel in Swale.

6. Appendices

6.1 A copy of the summary of the recommended actions within the plan can be found in Annex A. A copy of the final plan taking account of the comments received can be found in Annex B.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None