

Annex A : Report to JTB on the Swale Freight Transport Plan

Summary of potential actions from the report

1. Swale BC will review the Kent and Medway Air Quality Partnership Air Quality Planning Guidance to see whether to incorporate it formally into their planning decision making processes, after a suitable Local Plan parent policy has been adopted.
2. Swale BC will actively monitor compliance with air quality planning conditions and take action to remedy any failures identified.
3. The Borough will explore opportunities for using its purchasing power to reduce freight related emissions.
4. The Borough will seek discussion with KCC about the potential for using roadside information to reduce emissions from lorries and vans.
5. The Borough will actively support KCC and work with other Kent Boroughs in the work necessary to deliver night-time lorry parking bans and improved facilities for overnight lorry parking.
6. The Borough will continue to make its views known to Highways England, as necessary, as their plans for a lorry park near junction 11 of the M20 are implemented
7. The Borough will engage with Highways England and KCC in developing designs for junction 5 on the M2 to ensure that any scheme will have a beneficial effects for the longer term.
8. The Borough will continue to actively engage with the highway authorities and developers to achieve suitable mitigation schemes for the A249 corridor junctions with the non-trunk road network to support committed and planned development..
9. Swale BC would support a route study of the M2 in Swale by Highways England which includes looking at what improvements are needed at junction 7 of the M2 to cater for potential future developments in Swale and in districts further east, The Borough will cooperate in any such study.
10. While the Borough supports the principle of the HE scheme for a Lower Thames Crossing, it will need to be reassured that any possible adverse consequences of more traffic, and particularly lorry traffic, on the M2 will not add to congestion or resilience problems of the M2 resulting in potential diversions on to the A2.
11. The Borough will actively look for and support any initiatives to encourage more freight to be carried by sea or rail.
12. The Borough will work with KCC on non-infrastructure initiatives for reducing the impact of freight traffic.
13. The Borough will work with the County to investigate local traffic management options for addressing air quality problems.
14. The Borough will work with KCC to ensure that local views are made clear to the Traffic Commissioners when consultations take place on goods vehicle operator licences.